# Rural Municipality of Montcalm

2018 Financial Plan Presentation March 21, 2018

## Objectives of the Hearing

- Welcome to the 2018 Financial Plan hearing and thank you for taking the time to attend.
- This hearing provides residents with the opportunity to hear and see what plans are in store for 2018 and beyond.

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- This presentation will be a general overview of the 2018 Financial Plan.
- If a more detailed explanation on any part of this presentation is required, this option is available by contacting the municipal office.
- There will also be an opportunity for questions following the presentation.

## Changes for 2017

- Red River Valley School Division
  - Mill rate decreases from 14.068 to 13.847.
  - Dollars collected increases from \$910,656 to \$990,648.
- Borderland School Division
  - Mill rate decreases from 16.909 to 14.415.
  - Dollars collected decreases from \$1,896,754 to \$1,739,701
- Education Support Levy
  - Not on residential or farm.
  - Mill rate decreases from 10.500 to 9.770
  - Dollars collected decreases from \$486,016 to \$467,137.

## Changes for 2017

- Municipal Mill Rates
  - Dollars collected from taxes for municipal increases 7.44% from \$2,246,139 to \$2,413,256
  - For LUD of St. Jean charges are:
    - Mill rate goes from 14.947 to 15.728
    - \$130 recreation per residential unit
    - \$157 or more for waste where available
    - \$127.96 per parcel with structure for fire protection service
  - For St. Jean rural area charges are:
    - Mill rate goes from 9.536 to 9.320
    - \$130 recreation per residential unit
    - \$157 or more for waste where available
    - \$127.96 per parcel with structure for fire protection service

## Changes for 2017

- Municipal Mill Rates
  - For St. Joseph area charges are:
    - Mill rate goes from 9.953 to 9.718
    - \$130 recreation per residential unit
    - \$157 or more for waste where available
    - \$127.96 per parcel with structure for fire protection service
  - For Letellier area charges are:
    - Mill rate goes from 10.065 to 9.8017
    - \$130 recreation per residential unit
    - \$157 or more for waste where available
    - \$127.96 per parcel with structure for fire protection service

## General Government Services

#### \$42,820 increase

- Increase is due to salary costs; increase in council members; legal fees; election costs
- Professional development costs increased to reflect new volunteer fire fighters obtaining level 1 training

#### **Protective Services**

#### \$3,200 decrease

- Lower amounts budgeted for flood control
- Building inspection costs lowered based on prior year amount

## **Transportation Services**

#### \$105,980 increase

- **\$38,338.22** increase in wages
  - PW assistant manager position new in 2018
  - Union increase in wages of 2.5%
- \$25,000 increase in ditching
  - Costs for additional drainage projects requested by land owners
- \$50,000 increase in gravel budget
  - New contract in 2018
- Other notable expenses for 2018
  - New man doors;
  - overhead door repairs;
  - insurance cost increases;
- Minor decreases and increases are spread over various expense accounts

## Environmental Health Services

#### **\$4,200** decrease

- Included in this category are garbage and recycling and nuisance ground costs
- Minimal change from prior year

### Public Health and Welfare

#### \$300 decrease

Included in this category is Paradis administrator costs; Altona Health Clinic contribution and social assistance payment due to province annually

## Environmental Development Services

\$2,500 decrease

Minimal costs associated with development plan in 2018

## **Economic Development Services**

#### **\$3,800** decrease

- \$5,800 decrease in rural weed control; amounts set by Valley Weed Services
- \$2,000 budgeted for PW Week to increase public awareness

### Recreational & Cultural Services

#### No change

Funding amounts to reporting entities and non-reporting organizations remains the same in 2018

## Fiscal Services

#### \$376,171 increase

Minimal LUD operating increase (see LUD section for details)

\$370,500 increase in capital purchases

## **Transfers**

#### \$459,195 increase

- Reserve transfers by by-law
  - \$155,000 to machinery
  - \$100,000 to fire
  - \$8,000 to technology
  - \$24,996 to human resource
  - \$74,060 to gas tax
- Additional transfers
  - \$100,000 from fire reserve to machinery reserve
  - \$210,000 from general to machinery reserve
  - \$23,907 to fire reserve 2017 budget surplus
- Many of the transfers are between reserve funds and are offset by a revenue amount
- Actual change in reserve fund balance is a decrease of \$246,481(not including LUD or utility reserves)

## St. Jean Utility

## \$1,951,450 decrease in revenue and expenses

- 2017 included a large amount for the lagoon project; in 2018
  \$365,000 is remaining for the project
- \$35,000 to replace the water plant header \$20,000 of the expense will be funding by gas tax reserve funds
- Excluding the lagoon project and water plant header replacement the utility operating budget is \$156,550 which is comparable to previous years

## Letellier Utility

#### \$4,750 increase in revenue and expenses

- There are no funds being transferred from the reserve for operating expenses as done in prior years
- \$35,000 from the reserve for a deposit on land for the lagoon expansion and engineering costs
- Operating expenses were reduced overall

## Montcalm Utility

#### \$29,450 decrease in revenue and expenses

- There are no funds being transferred from the reserve for operating expenses as done in prior years
- No capital purchases in 2018

## St. Joseph Utility

#### \$2,000 decrease in revenue and expenses

- Decrease due to reduction in operating expenses
- 2018 budgeted amounts are based primarily on prior year actual amounts

## LUD of St. Jean Baptiste

#### \$5,212 tax levy increase

- Mill rate for the LUD remains the same at 11.752
- \$47,565 prior year surplus included of which \$36,730 will be transferred to the LUD reserve fund
- Additional funds for Christmast lights, garbage cans and extra curb work are included in the budget for 2018
- LUD projected reserve fund balance of \$207,000 at the end of 2018

## 2018 Grants

#### Significant grants being provided for 2018 are:

0	St. Joseph Museum Tourism Grant	\$2	25,000
0	Montcalm Library	\$1	0,000
0	Ste. Elizabeth Church	\$	3,000
0	Emerson & District Handi-Van	\$	1,000
0	St. Jean Collegiate (grad bursary)	\$	500
0	RM Festival	\$	500
0	St. Jean HOK	\$	400
0	Letellier Snowcrusher 100	\$	400

## 2018 Significant Purchases

▶ The significant purchases for 2018 are:

0	Grader B	\$ 265,000
0	Tires for Grader A	\$ 15,000
0	Excavator	\$ 135,000
0	Public Works shop renovation	\$ 250,000
0	4 SCBA's for St. Jean Fire	\$ 35,000
0	Computers and networking	\$ 23,500
0	St. Jean Lagoon	\$ 365,000
0	St. Jean water plant header	\$ 35,000
0	Letellier lagoon land deposit	\$ 25,000

## 2018 Other Items of Note

- St. Jean Parks and Rec is working on a splash pad
- New 3 year gravel contract in 2018
- FCM grant is being applied for to assist with asset management expenses
- Brais Blvd in St. Joseph will be upgraded and widened in 2018

## 2018 Other Items of Note

- Election is on October 24, 2018
- The RM changed to 2 wards/5 councillors
  - Ward 1 north of Hwy 14; 3 councillors
  - Ward 2 south of Hwy 14; 2 councillors

## **Future Challenges**

- Utility amalgamations delayed by the Public Utilities Board, hopefully complete by January 2019
- Population reduction Council will be working with the communities to develop a plan and strategy to maintain and increase the population of the RM

## Conclusion

Council has been very supportive and involved in the asset management initiative, the long term planning and developing future goals for the RM. 2017 was a very productive year and 2018 promises to be the same.

**QUESTIONS???**