

Pontiac Council - 2021 budget

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Pontiac municipal council unanimously passed the 2021 budget at a special meeting held on 3 December 2020 at 7 pm, by teleconference. The tax rate is determined after year end and is the subject of a second resolution to be adopted at the January 8 regular meeting. However the draft bylaw was passed at the regular meeting on December 8, 2020 and may be consulted on the municipal website, and comments sent to your councillor or the municipality before January 8. The total expenses have increased 4.1% to \$9,631,820. Pontiac's share of MRC des Collines expenses (police etc) is \$2.2 million.

Projects for 2021 listed in the three year program of capital expenditures include:

Public security:

Bringing the Breckenridge fire station up to standard by providing a shower for firefighters after attending an incident, \$30,000.

Replacing a fire truck, \$375,000.

Public works, the largest category:

Replacing a dump truck and a back hoe, \$300,000.

Resurfacing ch Tremblay for \$1 million. This has been on the list for many years. The Flextech system trialled on ch Pères Dominicains will be used.

Starting to repair Murray and du Clarendon, \$100,000 in 2021, much more later.

Starting to repair Steele and Hammond, \$100,000 in 2021, more later.

Planning for Bronson-Bryant repair, \$200,000, with hope for 75% grant from MSP for the repair, later.

Guard rails and adding gravel, \$200,000.

Switching street lights to LED that last longer and use less energy, \$65,000.

Environmental hygiene:

Bringing drinking water to the town hall, library and community centre in Luskville, \$300,000, to be paid by a gas tax grant.

Leisure and community life (the pandemic has shown the need for neighbourhood leisure activities, but many of these items were delayed by floods and austerity):

Splash pad in Quyon, to be located behind the library, \$112,000, partly paid by government grant.

Luskville ball park lighting, \$230,000 (Blue Jays and government grants).

Tremblay boat ramp, \$500,000.

Sports infrastructure in neighbourhood parks, \$70,000.

Improvement of parks and neighbourhoods, \$10,000.

Washrooms in the Luskville community centre, \$25,000.

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