



MAYOR'S SPEECH ON THE FINANCIAL SITUATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY AND ITS ORIENTATIONS

In accordance with articles 955 of the *Municipal Code* and 11 of the *Act respecting salaries of members of Council*, it is my duty to inform you of the financial situation of the municipality. I would also like to take this opportunity, as your new Mayor, to make you aware of some innovative ideas on how we plan to give you a stronger and more direct voice in our village and with the Municipal Council.

The year 2008 ends with a surplus of 211 095 \$. The total revenues were 1 647 926 \$ and the total expenses were 1 379 112 \$, the accumulated surplus affected is of 488 703 \$. In 2009, the forecasted revenues and expenses are of 1 634 354 \$. The remuneration for the elected representatives is set, in 2009, at 6 206 \$ for the mayor, with an expense allowance of 3 103 \$ and of 2 069 \$ for the councillors with an expense allowance of 1 034 \$. In virtue of by-law 2005-03 of the Municipality of the Village of Ayer's Cliff, the remuneration of the elected representatives is indexed at 5% per year.

This is the list of contracts comprising expenses of more than 25 000 \$ or of more than 2 000 \$ when the total of the contracts in its whole comprise of an expense surpassing 25 000 \$ as of the 31st of October, 2009:

Construction Yves Lessard Inc.	330 075,28 \$	Renovation Town Hall
Envir'Eau Puits Inc.	70 825,47 \$	Hydrogeologist – drinking water
Excavation Patrick Molony	66 791,59 \$	Snow removal, asphalt, etc.
Excavation Robert Hutchins Inc.	52 261,14 \$	Manholes Main and Tyler St.
Groupe GPI – 9091-9144 QC	26 514,58 \$	Fire prevention visits
Groupe Poly-Tech	78 434,15 \$	Fees – drinking water
Hydro Québec	67 466,43 \$	Electricity
Mutuelle des Municipalités	25 449,00 \$	Insurances
M.R.C. Memphrémagog	56 663,85 \$	Portion, CLD, evaluation
Marinindustriel Enr.	71 426,17 \$	Generators
Ministry of Finances	169 987,00 \$	Suret� du Qu�bec, (police)
Productions Wild Time Enr.	41 862,50 \$	Centennial activity (rodeo)
R�gie inter. gestion d�chets Coaticook	47 875,46 \$	Disposal garbage, sludge, compost
Sani-Estrie Inc.	28 323,60 \$	Recycling contract
SCU Serge C�t� Urbaniste	33 371,92 \$	Fees - urbanism
S. & D. Taylor Transport Inc.	37 720,50 \$	Garbage and compost contract

2009 is fast coming to an end – with 2010 in our grasp. It is my privilege to “take the helm” of our village with a team voted into office by you. I can assure you that based on the preliminary meetings we have had as a Municipal Council – each one of us will assume our roles and responsibilities in guiding and overseeing the well-being of our village. On behalf of the Municipal Council, and myself of course, – I would simply like to reiterate that which you've likely already heard, “thank you for your confidence”.

The potable water matter has now been resolved and is awaiting ratification by La Commission de la Protection du Territoire Agricole du Qu bec (CPTAQ). With this ratification in-hand, the implementation phase will begin in the near future. During the campaign period – it became abundantly clear that common goals exist throughout the constituency – namely around such matters as our young people, services for our senior citizens, community centric activities, sustainable and controlled development and the list goes on... All this to say – short term opportunities abound and it will be our pleasure to consider them all as we develop long term strategies.

The Municipal Council's first task will be to prepare the budget for the coming year and a subsequent three year capital-expenditure program.

Having discussed at some length with your councillors the opportunity and desire before us to involve a greater number of citizens in the future of our village – it is with pleasure that I share with you a forward looking structure whereby your voices will be more readily heard. All of us would heartily encourage your participation in the new-way-forward; be it the direct involvement in sub-committees, participation in general break-out meetings or perhaps contributing your input at the monthly Town Council Meetings.

In no particular order or priority:

URBANISME & LAKE DEVELOPMENT

Chairperson	John Batrie
Vice-chair	Roger Dumouchel
Volunteer Citizens	3 people (2 year term)

LEISURE – CULTURE & TOURISM

Chairperson	Peter McHarg
Vice-chair	André Martel
Volunteer Citizens	3 people (2 year term)

**FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION
(incl. capital expenditure – buildings)**

Chairperson	André Martel
Vice-chair	France Coulombe
Volunteer Citizens	3 people (2 year term)

PROTECTION (Fire & Civil)

Chairperson	Patrick Proulx
Vice-chair	Peter McHarg
Volunteer Citizens	3 people (2 year term)

ENVIRONMENT & HYGIENE

Chairperson	Roger Dumouchel
Vice-chair	Patrick Proulx
Volunteer Citizens	3 people (2 year term)

TRANSPORT & VEHICLES

Chairperson	France Coulombe
Vice-chair	John Batrie
Volunteer Citizens	3 people (2 year term)

Well, there you have it; an initial introduction with the hope that I have given you not only the chance to get involved but the desire as well. I know I am looking forward to my new mandate and am confident that with your involvement, with the guidance and direction of my esteemed and experienced council members and just plain old “sheer common sense” – the next four years will prove to be years of optimism and satisfaction for all.