



Arundel, 25 September 2026

A Message from the Mayor

Dear residents,

The councillors and I are proud to announce the **adoption of Zoning By-law No. 111.1-2026**, which came into force on 21 September, following several meetings with you, the residents of our beautiful municipality. This bylaw will, in certain circumstances, allow for greater flexibility in zoning rules, in particular to facilitate the subdivision of plots in the areas concerned and to offer more flexibility regarding architectural styles during new builds and renovations.

We invite you to contact the municipal inspector (urbanisme@arundel.ca or 819-681-3390, ext. 5603) if you are planning a construction or subdivision project, to check whether the new by-law might affect it.

This decision forms part of a broader vision: to promote harmonious development, support families and property owners, and ensure sound management of the council's finances.

This approach is in line with the **annual budget adopted in December 2025**. This budget reflects our commitment to maintaining high-quality council services whilst preparing for Arundel's future in a responsible manner. This year, planned expenditure for 2026 totals \$1,916,621, representing a 14.7 per cent increase compared with 2025. This rise is due in particular to investments in and funding for the road network, as well as increased debt repayments. Expenditure on the Sûreté du Québec, fire safety and waste management has also increased.

In order to balance the **budget adopted in December 2025**, the general tax rate has risen to \$0.5210 per \$100 of assessed value. However, waste management charges have remained unchanged.

Our three-year capital expenditure plan provides for investments totalling \$2,869,200. It includes, in particular, roadworks, the replacement of municipal vehicles, and work on our parks and municipal facilities, including the town hall. In addition, the council has just authorised the purchase of a backhoe loader for \$211,721, financed through a five-year lease. Significant investments in the road network were made during the previous council's term of office, and further investments will be announced in the coming months.

The town council is preparing the budget for 2027. We expect its adoption in December.

We are aware that any increase places a burden on taxpayers. Each decision is therefore taken with a view to safeguarding the municipality's and its taxpayers' financial capacity, meeting current needs and investing in sustainable infrastructure.

I would like to thank the members of the municipal council and our administrative team for their hard work.
I would also like to thank the residents of Arundel for their trust and their involvement in the life of our community.

Together, we will continue to build a welcoming, safe and resolutely forward-looking municipality.

Yours sincerely,

Marc Poirier, Mayor



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