

### **Word from the mayor**

By running for mayor of Abercorn, I wanted to propose a new choice to the citizens of the Municipality; In return, I was entrusted with the task of ensuring the transparency, efficiency and relevance of the governance of our municipality. In particular, I am committed to meeting certain objectives: sound management in accordance with municipal finance standards and good practices, as well as environmental responsibility and the harmonious development of our local economy. To achieve these objectives, the municipal team relies on a strategy of partnership with multiple local and regional actors and especially on the know-how of its citizens, You.

It is the commitment of citizens that fuels the vitality of our community. We want to be able to count on a community that wants to express itself and participate in the affairs of the community, thus contributing to the evolution of municipal services.

The adoption of the City's budget, the result of reconciliation efforts and the reorganization of recording and analysis methods, notably through a systemic approach to the allocation of expenses related to the various budget items, is currently being finalized and should be tabled early in the year. By improving planning, the Municipality will be in a better position to inform citizens about the various services available to them as well as projects that will take place in their area.

For the future, the Municipality relies on strategic planning and a vision of sustainable development that is based on the balance between a prosperous economy, a healthy environment and a supportive community. The five-year plan, which is already more than ten years old, needs to be reviewed and updated. The various committees: economic development, Advisory Committee on Planning, heritage etc. all need to be reset. We invite you to send us your suggestions and comments in order to make our municipality better adapted to your needs.

At the beginning of last December, we had the great pleasure of welcoming to the City Hall, the new general manager who brings with him a new breath and a great experience to the municipality. I would therefore like to take this opportunity to welcome Mr. Pierre Dionne, who is Director General and Clerk-Treasurer. He will be assisted by our new infrastructure maintenance manager Antoine Galipeau. We also present our two new experienced counsellors, Mrs Bernard Carrey and Roger Labrecque and the third in a youthful tone Axel Palomares. These three new councillors and I are grateful for the tenacity of the three councillors Margaret Lefebvre-Macey, Eric Bissonnette (Pro-Mayor) and Bernard Guilbault, their experience and commitment is a valuable asset to the team.

To complement this collective, we are looking for employees to fill the positions of receptionist secretary and archivist, any interest or suggestion from you would be greatly appreciated.

Me and our new team are excited about the challenges of this new year, which will provide many opportunities to celebrate with you.

In the meantime, we wish you a very happy 2023.

**Guy Favreau, mayor**