

ANNUAL REPORT 2024



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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Dear Fellow Citizens,

It is with pride and gratitude that I present this annual report, a true reflection of the actions taken by our municipality over the past year. This document demonstrates our ongoing commitment to advancing our community, strengthening everyone's quality of life, and preparing a sustainable future for our region.

I would like to acknowledge the remarkable work of our municipal teams, the commitment of our council members, and the invaluable collaboration of our local partners and volunteers. Thanks to this synergy, we have been able to meet challenges with determination and creativity.

Together, we will continue on this path of harmonious development, remaining attentive to your needs and aspirations. Your participation, ideas, and involvement are essential to the vitality of our community.

Thank you for your trust and commitment to our city.

With my sincere regards,

Normand Pelletier



FOREWORD

This report is prepared in accordance with section 105 of the Local Governance Act and Regulation 2018-54.

It contains general information about the municipality of Heron Bay, including its population, tax base, tax rate and user fees, detailed information about the municipal council, obtaining grants, and the type and cost of services provided.

The 2024 financial statements audited by Allen Paquet and Arseneau LPP are set out in Annexe A. (French copy only)

This document is public and can be reviewed at the municipal office during office hours or on our website.

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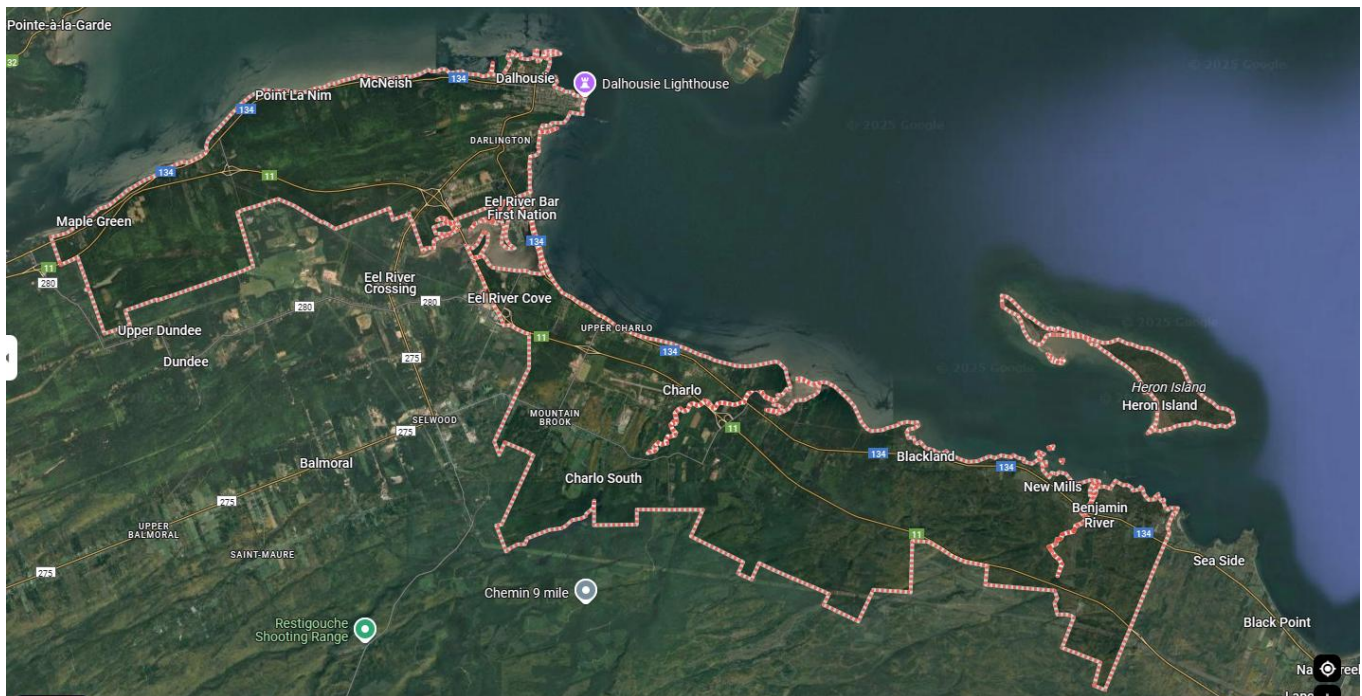


COMMUNITY PROFILE

The municipality of Heron Bay, located in Restigouche County, New Brunswick, is the northernmost municipality in the province. It was incorporated in 2023 following local governance reform, consolidating the Town of Dalhousie, the Village of Charlo, and several former local service districts such as Dalhousie Junction, Pointe-La-Nim, Blackland, New Mills, Benjamin River, and Seaside.

Baie-des-Hérons stretches 15 kilometers along the Restigouche River and 30 kilometers along Chaleur Bay. The region is characterized by its lush mountain scenery and sparkling blue water, providing a serene atmosphere conducive to outdoor activities.

The municipality's population is nearly 50% bilingual, composed of Indigenous, Acadian, Anglophone, Scottish, and Irish descent. This diversity is reflected in places of worship, such as St. John Bosco and St. John the Baptist Catholic Churches, as well as St. John's United Church and St. John Presbyterian Church.



MUNICIPALE COUNCIL

The Heron Bay municipal council is made up of seven elected members, including one mayor and six councillors, elected every four years. The current council was elected in November 2022.

Board 1

Normand Pelletier Maire	Denis McIntyre Maire Adjoint	Jean Robert Haché Conseiller	Leigh Walsh Conseiller	Lisa Pelletier Conseillère	Cynthia Good Cormier Conseillère	Ken Chartrand Conseiller
	Protective Services	Parks, Recreation and Culture	Community Development Plan/ Tourism	Personnel & By-laws	Finance and General Government	Public Works
	Personnel & By-laws alternate	Finance and General Gov. alternate	Public Works Alternate	Protective Services alternate	Parks, Recreation & Culture alternate	Community Development Plan/ Tourism



REMUNERATION OF THE COUNCIL

Board 2

	Honoraires	Relevé de dépense
Mayor, Normand Pelletier	42 550 \$	
Deputy Mayor, Denis McIntyre	20 850\$	
Councillor, Jean Robert Hachey	18 725 \$	
Councillor, Leigh Walsh	18 725 \$	
Councillor, Lisa Pelletier	18 725 \$	
Councillor, Cynthia Good Cormier	18 725\$	
Councillor, Ken Chartrand	18 725\$	

In addition, the council and employees are reimbursed a minimum of \$20 for breakfast, \$25 for lunch and \$35 for dinner or \$80 per day for meals when on duty away from the municipality and personal vehicle expenses are reimbursed at a rate of \$0.55/km.



COUNCIL MEETINGS

All council meetings are held at City Hall at 111 Hall St. Dalhousie. All committee and public meetings are open to the public. The monthly committee meeting is held on the second Monday of the month and regular meetings are held on the third Monday of the month.

DATE OF BOARD MEETINGS IN 2024 WITH ATTENDANCE

Board 3

DATES	Meeting	Mayor Normand Pelletier	Deputy Mayor Denis McIntyre	Councillor Jean Robert Haché	Councillor Leigh Walsh	Councillor Lisa Pelletier	Councillor Cynthia Good- Cormier	Councillor Ken Chartrand
8 January	Committee							
15 January	Regular							
12 February	Committee							
20 February	Regular							
11 March	Committee							
18 March	Regular							
8 April	Committee							
15 April	Regular							
13 May	Committee							
21 May	Regular							
10 June	Committee							
17 June	Regular							
12 August	Committee							
19 August	Regular							
9 September	Committee							
16 September	Regular							
15 October	Committee							
21 October	Regular							
12 November	Committee							
18 November	Regular							
9 December	Committee							
16 December	Regular							

ABSENT	
PRESENT	

PROPERTY TAX RATES AND USER FEES

In 2024, Heron Bay tax base was \$450,253,589 and the residential property tax rate was:

Charlo – 1.4986

Dalhousie – 1.7249

LSD Chaleur – 0.9239

LSD Pointe La Nim – 0.8554

LSD Dalhousie Junction – 0.9149

In addition, the municipality provides water and sewer services. The annual residential fees in 2024 for Dalhousie were \$703 and for Charlo, \$645.

Annual Budget

In 2024, Council adopted a general operating budget of \$9,308,193. The 2024 budget resulted in a surplus of \$130,775 in the general operating budget. The Municipality also has an operating budget for water and wastewater services, which resulted in a deficit of \$50,840. The electricity fund resulted in a surplus of \$56,495.

General operating fund total expenditures

General Operating Fund Total Expenditures

General Government Services: \$1,536,091

Protective Services: \$1,758,103

Transportation Services: \$3,931,397

Environmental Development Services \$499,699

Environmental Health Services \$500,073

Recreational and Cultural Services \$1,661,433

Water and Sewer Services \$2,009,467

Debentures

Water & Sewer

	Montant	Durée	Fin
Hygiene environnementale	\$536,000	15 ans	2036
Hygiene environnementale	\$300,000	20 ans	2039
Hygiene environnementale	\$577,000	10 ans	2031
Hygiene environnementale	\$585,000	10 ans	2031
Hygiene environnementale	\$100,000	10 ans	2026
Hygiene environnementale	\$1,259,000	10 ans	2028
Total	\$3,357,000		

General

Services protection	\$700,000	15 ans	2039
Services protection	\$170,000	10 ans	2028
Total	\$870,000		

Services recreatifs	\$150,000	7 ans	2029
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services transports	\$50,000	10 ans	2028
services transports	\$500,000	15 ans	2039
services transports	\$400,000	10 ans	2033
Services transports	\$100,000	10 ans	2029
services transports	\$50,000	10 ans	2028
services transports	\$200,000	10 ans	2029
services transports	\$169,000	5 ans	2025
services transports	\$450,000	10 ans	2025
Total	\$1,919,000		

Electricity turbine	\$700,000	1 ans	2032
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PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Police services are provided through a contract with the Government of New Brunswick for RCMP services. RCMP costs are allocated across the region based on population and tax base.

The Charlo Fire Brigade is composed of 24 paid on-call firefighters under the direction of Fire Chief Eric Robichaud.

The Dalhousie Fire Department is comprised of 25 paid on-call firefighters under the direction of Fire Chief Roger Smith.

The members of the Emergency Measures Committee have received Basic Emergency Measures (EMO) training, and some have received training in Disaster Management, Emergency Measures Operations Center (EMOC), and Emergency Media Information Management.

Members of the Emergency Measures Committee received Basic Emergency Preparedness Training (EMT) and some received Disaster Site Management Training from the Emergency Measures Operations Centre and Emergency Media Information Management.

The animal control in the village is carried out in collaboration with the SPCA, under a contract payable monthly.

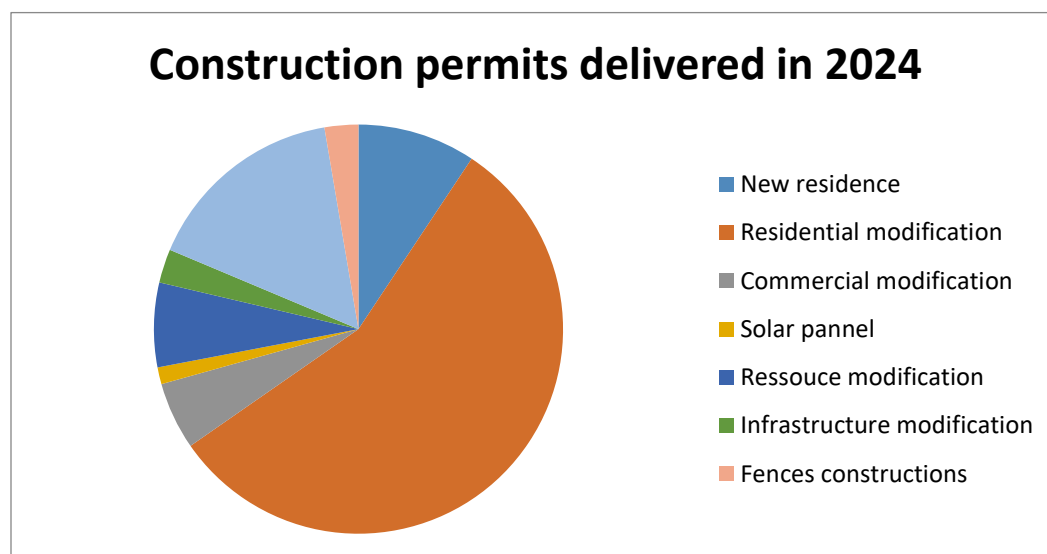
GRANTS

The municipality awarded a \$200,000 grant to the Récréaplex and a \$42,299 grant to the Charlo Regional Airport.

PLAN AND DEVELOP

The municipality of Charlo issued 61 building permits in 2024.

Board 4



SOLID WASTE COLLECTION AND RECYCLING

Residents of Dalhousie, Pointe La Nim, Dalhousie Junction, Blackland in Seaside (Ch. McNeil) the garbage collection service is done at the interval of one week garbage and one week recycling except in the summer we have the summer schedule which is 2 weeks garbage and one week recycling from June to September inclusive.

Residents of Charlo, the garbage collection service is once a week, on Thursdays. One week garbage and one week recycling, except in the summer schedule we have garbage collection every week and recycling every 2 weeks, so one week that the two bins will be placed at the side of the road, this is from June to September inclusive.

The three municipalities of Charlo, Balmoral, and Atholville acquired a garbage truck and hired a full-time employee to collect waste in each municipality. The waste/recycling is then transported to the Regional Service Commission transfer station in Campbellton.

We hold a spring cleaning of household items once a year in the spring.



Recycle Restigouche
Restigouche Regional Service Commission

TOURISM

The tourism industry in the Municipality of Heron Bay continues to play an important role in the economy in terms of revenue of businesses in the region as well as job creation.

