

## NOTICE TO THE POPULATION

The Municipality would like to inform its population that citizens of Grosse-Ile are not eligible to receive the *Remboursement de certaines taxes de services pour les aînés et pour un deuxième logement intergénérationnel* (**Reimbursement of certain service taxes for seniors and for intergenerational lodgings**) outlined in bylaw n° 2019-05 of the Municipalité des Iles-de-la-Madeleine.

The Municipality of Grosse-Ile has taken the appropriate steps in requesting information concerning the bylaw and has been informed by the Municipalité des Iles-de-la-Madeleine, that:

- The Municipalité des Iles-de-la-Madeleine is not providing a reimbursement of the Agglomeration service taxes but has budgeted \$70, 000 from their accumulated surplus within their local budget to absorb the costs associated with this program.
- Though it was outlined in the action plan of the POLITIQUE MUNICIPALITÉ AMIE DES AÎNÉS (MADA) that “Faire des démarches pour bonifier les programmes de soutien financier aux aînés auprès des instances concernées” would be treated regionally, it was decided by the Municipalité des Iles-de-la-Madeleine to fulfill this action locally.
- There is no willingness from the Communauté Maritime (Maritime Community) to offer this program through the agglomeration because the waste treatment budget cannot absorb the cost associated with reimbursing the fees collected for the waste treatment service.

The Municipality of Grosse-Ile would additionally like to clarify that, as a local municipality, we do not have the jurisdiction to provide our citizens with a reimbursement of their service fees, as these fees are paid to the agglomeration. The Municipality of Grosse-Ile has analysed the possibility of providing the senior population of Grosse-Ile with a similar financial assistance as to that offered by the Municipalité des Iles-de-la-Madeleine to their seniors, but our calculations have estimated that this would incur a cost of \$25, 000 to our tax payers and we did not foresee this expense in our 2019 budget.

If you would like more information about their program, we invite you to contact the Municipalité des Iles-de-la-Madeleine. If you have further questions or concerns, you are also invited to contact the Municipality of Grosse-Ile.