



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

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Ville de Saint-Bruno-de-Montarville

2019 Budget: An Average Residential Tax Increase of 1.96%

Budget Highlights

A tax increase of 1.96% or \$62 for the average house (\$419,759), which breaks down as follows:

- Payroll +0,55 % (+ \$18)
- Debt service. +0,45 % (+ \$14)
- Agglomeration, CMM and wastewater treatment contributions +0,50 % (+ \$16)
- Other expenditures +0,45 % (+ \$14)

The increase in the tax bill allows the City to meet all its financial needs, which for 2019 will be \$68,580,000, an increase of 3.89% or \$2,567,500 over the previous budget. Details of the increase are as follows:

- Debt service \$721 300
- Payroll \$612 700
- Contributions \$649 500
- Other expenditures \$584 000

For 2019, local operating costs are \$39,050,800, and those related to the contributions paid to the Longueuil agglomeration, to the Régie intermunicipale d'assainissement des eaux usées de Saint-Bruno-de-Montarville et de Saint-Basile-le-Grand (RIAEU) and to the Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal (CMM) are \$29,529,200, for a total of \$68,580,000.

Locally, the main expense is payroll at 45.8% (\$17,888,700) of expenses, up 3.55% over last year. However, payroll compared to overall local expenditures is down. It constituted 47.8% in 2016, 47.1% in 2017 and 46.5% in 2018. Debt service (principle and interest) comes in second, at 22.7% (\$8,851,200) of expenditures. These two categories constitute nearly 68.5% of the City's operating expenses.

Investing in the future of our community

Saint-Bruno's town centre is expected to undergo a major transformation in the coming years. Various infrastructure projects are slated to be officially announced in 2019. To ensure that this transformation is carried out in a harmonious manner and on a human scale, the City has adopted an architectural guide.

Also planned is the completely refurbishment of Montarville Street, between Beaumont Street and Clairevue Boulevard, by the end of 2021. A first section, between Beaumont Street and Des Peupliers Street, was completed in the summer of 2018, and a second section will follow next summer.

A new funding policy for organizations will be adopted shortly. We will provide our organizations with better financial support so that they can fully participate in our community. A public consultation policy is also planned for next spring to better inform and listen to the residents of Saint-Bruno.

In February 2017, the municipal council adopted a tree policy. We are now at the stage of implementing the action plan. An amount of \$250,000 will be earmarked for this in 2019. In response to the urgent need to address climate change, a similar amount will be set aside for the City to adopt a climate change plan. These are just some of the measures your municipal administration has put in place to improve our quality of life.

Digital innovations

The citizens of Saint-Bruno now have their own personalized resident's file and have access to all the municipal information they need, thanks to the new Voilà! citizen communication platform, developed by PG Solutions. If you have not already done so you can register with Voilà! – Taxation to receive your tax bill online. Other services will be added in the coming months. Residents can create their profile on the Voilà! Web portal. You are invited to download the mobile app to benefit from all the advantages of the platform. For more information, visit www.appvoila.com.

Registration for recreational and cultural activities will also take place online starting in the summer of 2019. Residents will be able to go directly to the City's website to create their profile to register for activities.

Pre-authorized debit

Residents may pay their annual tax bill by pre-authorized debit. Two types of payments are available: 4 instalments (according to a timetable) or 12 equal monthly instalments (interest charges based on the rate in effect).

Four Installments

Your tax bill may be paid in four (4) instalments at 60-day intervals. To know the instalment dates and for more information on the budget, consult the City's website at: www.stbruno.ca.

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