

January 2025

**Dear Fellow Citizens,**

Enclosed is your 2025 tax bill, which reflects a tax increase limited to 2.52% for all taxpayers.

At the December 2024 Town Council meeting, your council adopted its 2025 operating budget. This year, the Town's administrative team and your Council prioritized efficient day-to-day operations without introducing new programs, ensuring residents remain at the heart of our efforts. We have diligently balanced a \$136.1 million budget—a modest 4.61% increase over last year—while maintaining high-quality services and mitigating the financial impact on residents.

### **Key factors beyond our control**

A significant portion of your taxes—65.4%—is allocated to the Agglomération de Montréal. Additionally, ongoing inflation continues to drive up the costs of goods and services required to keep the Town running smoothly.

### **Your 2025 tax bill**

To keep the tax increase aligned with inflation, the Town plans to use \$3.6 million from its accumulated surplus. This decision underscores our commitment to maintaining quality services while addressing the challenges of a demanding economic and environmental context.

### **Your tax bill is divided into two components:**

- Contributions to the Agglomération de Montréal;
- Local taxes dedicated to Mount Royal's services.

*For more details, please visit the Taxation section of our website or scan this QR code.*



### **Our priorities for 2025**

Key priorities for the year include:

- Developing sustainable solutions for the sewer system to reduce flood risks caused by heavy rainfall;
- Breaking ground on two transformative community projects: the **Community and Sports Centre** and the new **30/40 Roosevelt** building;
- Maintaining quality services while adopting a **Special Planning Program (PPU)** for the Beaumont sector;
- Expanding the bicycle network with an emphasis on greening initiatives;
- Modernizing zoning bylaws to address contemporary urban planning needs.

With the opening of the REM (Réseau express métropolitain), scheduled for this fall, we will also focus on enhancing road safety across the Town, including improving the coordination of downtown traffic lights.

### **For sustainable financial management**

The 2025 operating budget reflects a strategic approach that prioritizes residents' quality of life and sustainable development. By balancing socio-economic and environmental challenges, the Town seeks to meet the community's growing needs responsibly while driving essential improvements in infrastructure, safety, mobility, and urban development.

*We encourage you to review the **2025 Operating Budget Report** and the **2025-2026-2027 Three-Year Capital Program (PTI)** available on our website. These documents provide detailed insights into our financial strategies and commitments for the coming years.*

Thank you for your continued trust as we work together to build a thriving and sustainable Town of Mount Royal.

Yours sincerely,

Mayor Peter J. Malouf