

Ville de Brossard 2018 Budget Tax Freeze for Taxpayers

Brossard, December 19, 2017 - The Mayor of Brossard, Doreen Assaad, along with the Chair of the Finance Committee, Municipal Councillor Julie Bénard, presented the City's 2018 Operating Budget at an extraordinary public meeting on December 19. The \$166,069,672 budget adopted by the Municipal Council represents an increase of 2.9% compared to 2017's \$161.3 million. One of the highlights of this budget for Brossard ratepayers is a property tax freeze for 2018.

The increase in the budget is due mainly to an increased contribution of \$2.3 million paid to the Longueuil Urban Agglomeration, the signing of new collective agreements and the development of new sectors requiring services. The increased contribution is primarily due to higher costs for the new *Autorité régionale de transport métropolitain (ARTM)* and additional expenses in the area of water management. The newly elected City Council is very proud to present this budget, which is the result of concerted joint efforts with the administration to deliver a financial framework that meets residents' needs.

"We promised to respect taxpayers' capacity to pay and the content of this budget is obvious proof", pointed out Mayor Assaad. Our commitment to residents is based on trust and transparency, and they can count on their elected representatives, together with the administration, to deliver them the services they are entitled to expect," continued the Mayor.

Tax Rates Among the Lowest

"By freezing the municipal tax rate and various other tariffs, especially for water consumption and waste management, Brossard's taxation will remain among the lowest for comparable cities. For an average home valued at \$322,844, the tax bill will be held at \$2,556 for 2018. The City's debt level is well under control and is also lower than that of same size cities," said Finance Committee Chair Julie Bénard.

The Triennial Capital Investment Program

As for the triennial capital investment program (*Programme triennal d'immobilisations*), major development projects totalling \$233.8 million are planned, including \$151.1 million in 2018. Some of the capital projects funded for the next fiscal year include the construction of the aquatic centre (\$20M), the Du Quartier overpass (\$38M), infrastructures in the new TOD Quartier neighbourhood (\$20M) and the development of a parks upgrade program (\$9M). The widening of Boulevard Du Quartier (\$10M) and Grande Allée (\$10M) as well as upgrades to Brosseau sector infrastructures (\$10M) are also included.

“Brossard residents recently entrusted us with an extremely challenging four year mandate, and all their elected representatives will be working toward a common goal: to serve residents at the best possible cost and ensure they are proud of their city. Many new projects are coming and they will be carried out in complete transparency as the residents wish. The implementation of the ISO 37001 Anti-Bribery standard will certainly contribute to the seriousness and the integrity of our approach,” concluded Mayor Assaad.

The details of Brossard's 2018 budget are available at brossard.ca/budget2018.

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