

2019

BUDGET AND MUNICIPAL TAXES
POINTE-CLAIRE

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A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



JOHN BELVEDERE
MAYOR

Dear citizens,

For 2019, the City will have a budget of \$144.5 million. It includes an increase of \$3.2 million for the services offered by the City of Pointe-Claire, but unfortunately also a significant additional increase of \$5.8 million imposed since last January by the Agglomeration of Montréal for regional services.

Once again this year, the contributions payable by the City of Pointe-Claire to the City of Montréal will be our main budget expenditure item. For the first time in our history, we will have to give 51% of our tax revenues to the City of Montréal in 2019.

Since the demerger from the City of Montréal in 2006, Pointe-Claire has been part of the Agglomeration of Montréal, which is responsible for managing regional services, such as the police, the fire department, public transit, drinking water production, waste water treatment, water and air quality, the municipal court, and property assessment.

This structure, which was imposed by the Government of Québec, leaves the City of Pointe-Claire with no power of influence. The City of Montréal alone holds 87.5% of voting rights, as opposed to 12.5% for the 15 demerged cities in the Agglomeration, including Pointe-Claire.

CONTRIBUTION PAYABLE TO THE AGGLOMERATION OF MONTRÉAL

In December 2017, the City of Pointe-Claire adopted its 2018 budget with an average tax bill increase of 1%. This increase took into consideration the anticipated increase of the contribution to Montréal for Agglomeration services, which was estimated to be 1.2% or \$723,000.

However, in January 2018, the new administration of the City of Montréal imposed an increase of 6.3%, or \$3.7 million, which is three million dollars more than initially anticipated, for Agglomeration of Montréal services.

We then decided not to impose a second municipal tax bill in 2018. To absorb this unexpected increase without reducing services or increasing taxes, we reviewed our expenditures, delayed projects, and drew from our reserve funds to respect our budget as it was adopted.

However, since the contributions payable to the City of Montréal are a recurring expenditure that increases every year, we have no choice but to carry them forward to our tax bills.

This past November, the City of Montréal once again imposed a new increase that is higher than the rate of inflation. For 2019, this increase will be 3.3%, which is equivalent to \$2.1 million.

Overall in 2019, we must give \$64.7 million, nearly 45% of our annual budget, to the City of Montréal for Agglomeration services without having any right to review, control, or influence the budget of Montréal in any way.

2019 BUDGET AND TAX BILL

In this context, we retooled our municipal budget in order to reduce the impact of these new increases as much as possible while maintaining the quality and variety of our own services.

In Pointe-Claire, as in all cities, substantial parts of our budget cannot be reduced, more specifically the parts related to collective agreements and the costs of goods and services.

Unfortunately, the combined effect of the increases imposed on us by the Agglomeration of Montréal represents a heavy burden on our budget that is nearly five times the rate of inflation.

We therefore have very few options to compensate for these increases, which will unfortunately affect our tax bills. In 2019, the tax bill increase for an average single-family home in Pointe-Claire, assessed at \$394,110, will be \$207.

\$70 of this tax increase will go to the City of Pointe-Claire's services, nearly equivalent to the rate of inflation (1.7%), while \$137 will go to the Agglomeration of Montréal.

In all fairness, we deemed it necessary to clearly state on our tax bill this year that the percentage of the municipal tax bill that will go to the services offered by the City of Pointe-Claire is 49%, whereas the percentage imposed by the City of Montréal represents 51% of our of tax bill.

THREE-YEAR CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAM

In addition to our normal operations, we must also maintain the quality of our infrastructure and facilities, as well as the variety of the services that define our quality of life in Pointe-Claire.

This year, we are planning projects that will benefit the entire community, such as repairs on six streets or street sections, the development of the new Tony-Proudfoot Park, the redevelopment of sports facilities at Valois and Cedar Parks, enhancing our actions related to sustainable development, and the continued implementation of the Pointe-Claire Village and Valois Village Special Planning Programs.

Other projects include the inauguration of the new skatepark, the creation of a major cultural project at Stewart Hall, a simplified process to obtain a planning permit, and improvements to public consultations in the community.

Our efficient administration allows us to focus on our priorities: our quality of life and the variety of public services we offer.

Our city's appeal for several major projects, such as the Réseau express métropolitain, continues to create an increase in new construction and renovation projects.

Our city has a bright future, and we will work hard to continue to make Pointe-Claire an exceptional place to live.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John Belvedere". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" and last name "Belvedere" clearly distinguishable.

JOHN BELVEDERE
Mayor of Pointe-Claire

2019 BUDGET

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Pointe-Claire budget growth limited to \$3.2M**
 - Agglomeration of Montréal: growth of \$5.8M since January 2018
- **Two major increases in the contributions imposed by the Agglomeration of Montréal**
 - 6.3% in January and 3.3% in November 2018
- **Constant improvements to services offered and new sustainable development commitments**

INCOME

Taxes	\$131,212,800
Services provided	\$5,347,800
Imposition of duties	\$3,350,300
Payments in lieu of taxes	\$1,580,900
Transfers	\$1,230,300
Interest and penalties	\$1,000,000
Fines	\$767,100
Other income	\$28,700
Total income	\$144,517,900

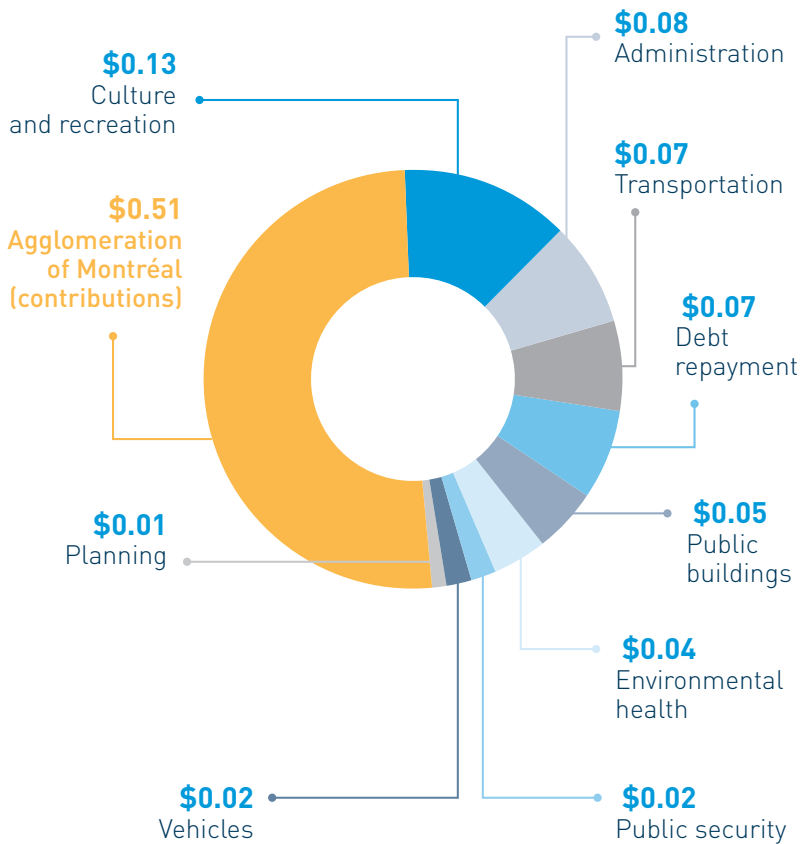
THREE-YEAR CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAM

	2019	2020	2021
Buildings	\$8,331,000	\$13,213,000	\$16,975,000
Infrastructure	\$11,975,000	\$26,725,000	\$44,045,000
Parks and green spaces	\$4,658,000	\$10,970,800	\$9,365,000
Equipment	\$2,879,000	\$2,476,000	\$2,182,000
Information technology	\$1,386,700	\$889,000	\$810,000
Total	\$29,229,700	\$54,273,800	\$73,377,000

The amounts for 2020 and 2021 represent municipal projects currently being considered and will be prioritized according to the taxpayers’ ability to pay and the potential for these projects to be completed.



HOW IS YOUR TAX DOLLAR SPENT?



AGGLOMERATION OF MONTRÉAL

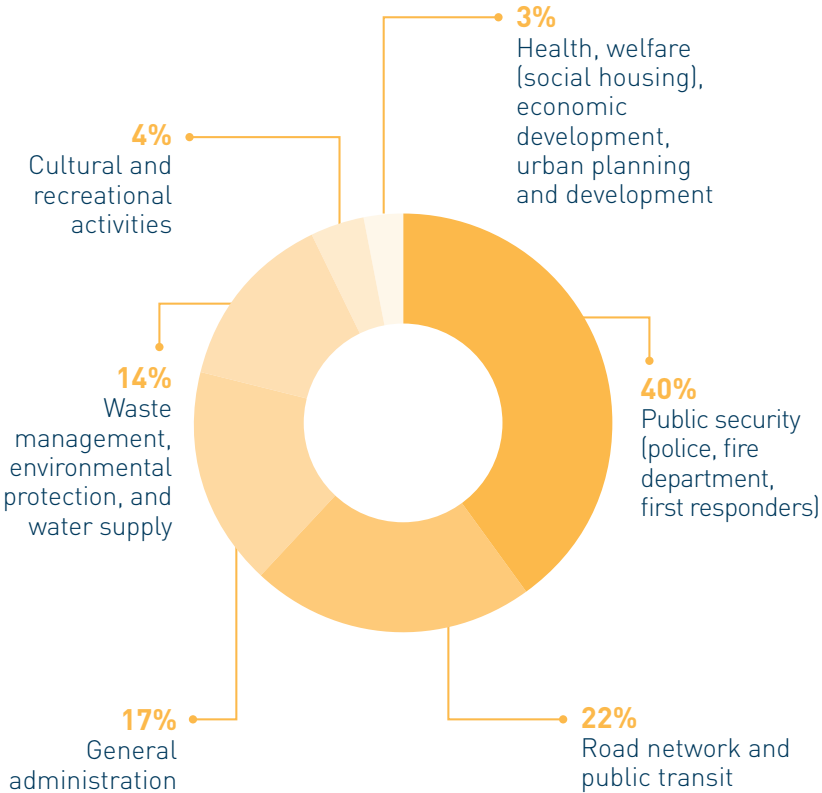
HISTORY

Some municipalities were fused by the Government of Québec in 2000 and then were reconstituted in 2006, including the City of Pointe-Claire.

The same year, the Agglomeration of Montréal was created by the Government of Québec to manage certain regional services. On the Agglomeration council, the City of Montréal holds 87.5% of voting rights, as opposed to 12.5% for the 15 demerged cities.

CONTRIBUTIONS PAYABLE TO THE AGGLOMERATION OF MONTRÉAL

The contributions, which are imposed by the Agglomeration on our taxes and correspond to common services, amount to \$64.7M for 2019 and are divided as follows:



2019 TAXES

2019 property tax rates per \$100 evaluation

CATEGORY	RATE
Residential building	0.9434
Building with 6 or more dwellings	0.9434
Commercial building	3.8367
Industrial building	4.2754
Vacant lot	1.8868

Water tax rate

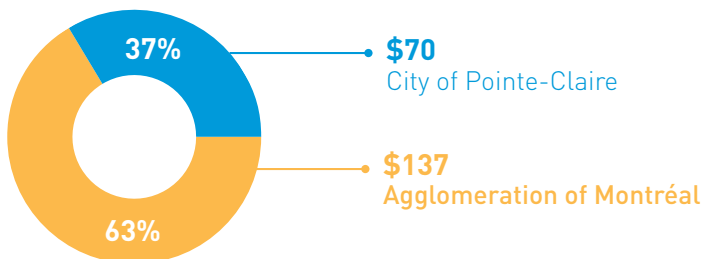


\$0.7957/m³

TAX BILL

Evolution of the municipal tax bill for an average single-family home.

YEAR	AVERAGE RESIDENTIAL VALUE	TAX RATE	TAX BILL
2018	\$394,110	0.8908	\$3,511
2019	\$394,110	0.9434	\$3,718
Variation	–	5.9%	\$207



PAYMENT METHODS

YOU CAN MAKE YOUR PAYMENTS IN ONE OF FOUR WAYS:

1 PAY THROUGH YOUR FINANCIAL INSTITUTION (either in person or by Internet or ATM)

Allow two working days for your payment to be processed.

2 SIGN UP FOR THE CITY'S PRE-AUTHORIZED PAYMENT (PAP) offered by the City with two options:

a. Two payments on due dates

The amount indicated on your tax bill is withdrawn from your account on the dates indicated on your bill.

b. Monthly payments

You can make your payments in 12 equal instalments (if your tax bill is \$300 or more).

Interest and a penalty will be charged on the unpaid balance after the two legal due dates, February 4 and June 3, 2019.

The amount of your monthly payment is indicated on your tax bill, and withdrawals will take place from February 4, 2019, to January 4, 2020.

At any time, you can make an additional payment that will reduce the total amount of the interest you pay. As soon as your outstanding balance is at zero, withdrawals are automatically stopped until the following year.

3 SEND A CHEQUE OR MONEY ORDER THROUGH THE MAIL

Allow **three working days** for delivery. Cheques and money orders payable to the City of Pointe-Claire should be accompanied by the appropriate return coupon.

4 PAY IN PERSON AT THE MULTISERVICE COUNTER (451 Saint-Jean Boulevard)

(by direct payment (Interac), by cheque, or in cash)

All cheques deposited in the City Hall mailbox will be sent to the City's financial institution. Please allow **three working days** before the deadline for the payment to be processed.

ACCESS YOUR TAX ACCOUNT ONLINE

SIGN UP AND YOU WILL:

- **Be notified by email** when a tax bill, water tax bill or statement of account is available in your file;
- Be able to access **statements of account and bills**;
- **Receive a reminder** when a due date approaches;
- Receive a **\$5 credit** on your next tax bill.

Go to www.pointe-claire.ca.

PAYMENT DEADLINES

FEBRUARY 4 AND JUNE 3, 2019

A receipt can be issued on request after the payment. Deadline reminders will not be mailed.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:



514-630-1300, extension 1829



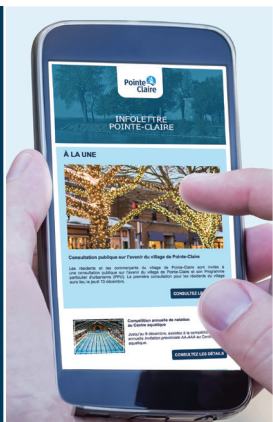
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