

**MAYOR'S REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL POSITION OF
THE TOWN OF MONTREAL WEST**

I am pleased, as Mayor, to report on the financial position of the Town of Montreal West.

This report is a summary of the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016, evaluation of the current fiscal year and orientation of the municipality with regard to subsequent years.

1. THE LATEST FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

a) Operating Activities

The 2016 fiscal year of the Town of Montreal West ended with a surplus of \$449,380. This surplus was due to additional revenues not budgeted for.

b) Investing Activities

Investment expenses for the fiscal year 2016 totalled \$1,294,770.

It should be highlighted that an investment of \$809,230 in the project on Strathearn Street was made. Following discussions with government officials, a grant of \$578,991 from the Gas Tax Fund and Quebec contribution program was assigned to this project. We are estimated the financial aid will cover about 60% of the final costs.

In the year 2016, the Town also invested in the purchase of park equipment for \$129,724, office and security equipment \$149,911, the buildings maintenance for \$114,933, purchase of tools and equipment for \$48,458, vehicle fleet for an amount of \$42,515. Everything was paid without borrowing and no additional debt arises from those expenditures.

In the course of 2017, while continuing to pursue its population's best interest, the Town of Montreal West continued its long-term emphasis on investing in its infrastructures on Ballantyne North and Brock Nord (between Sherbrooke and Curzon). This investment was possible due to the financial aid granted from the government via the Water and Wastewater Fund (FEPTEU) contribution of up to \$1,442,700. This financial aid will cover about 50% of the 2017 costs.

2. THE AUDITOR'S LATEST REPORT

The auditor's latest report for the 2016 fiscal year was filed with no qualified opinion and considers the good management practices regarding the Town's financials and administration.

3. THE REMUNERATION OF ELECTED MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

With respect to *An Act Respecting the Remuneration of Elected Municipal Officers*, the Mayor of a municipality must include in his annual report a description of the salaries and expense allocations received from the municipality by each member of Council. The amounts are as follows:

	<u>MAYOR</u>	<u>COUNCIL MEMBERS</u>
1. Base salary	\$23,899	\$9,561
2. Expense allocation	\$11,949	\$4,781

4. THE LAST THREE-YEAR PROGRAMME OF CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

The 2016 capital expenditures were spent and the major investments were Infrastructure works on Strathearn Street.

5. PRELIMINARY INFORMATION REGARDING THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR

Notwithstanding any major unexpected events, as far as net results are concerned we expect to end the current fiscal year with a slight surplus. We still continue to closely monitor our operations and to exercise a rigorous control over our projected expenses.

6. GENERAL ORIENTATIONS OF THE NEXT BUDGET AND THREE-YEAR PROGRAMME OF CAPITAL EXPENDITURES FOR 2018 – 2019 – 2020.

The work priorities will be established according to the different grants and various financial aids available. The objective remains the same and is to share the cost with the government authorities for each major project.

In March 2017 the provincial government committed to subsidize the infrastructure work (paving, water, sewers) on Percival Street (from Nelson north to CP rails). The work will start in 2018.

For the year 2019, according to the population's demands and discussions with the government, I hope to be able to continue to invest in infrastructure.

Finally, I would like to remind you that the three-year programme of capital expenditures is a planning tool based on general orientations. The decision to invest, or not invest in any given project is conditional upon the Town's capacity to fund it, and on the availability of grants.

Montreal-West, October 2th, 2017

Beny Masella, Mayor