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Tax freeze for 2021

Châteauguay, December 7, 2020 – During the special meeting of Monday, December 7, Ville de Châteauguay’s municipal council adopted its 2021 budget without tax increases for Châteauguay owners. This work exercise took into account the difficult socio-economic context of 2020 and what we can expect for 2021.

Decrease in income and control of expenses

As a result, the city’s 2021 revenue budget is down \$3M compared to last year, standing at \$97M. “Despite the decline in our revenues, it was essential for us to give our citizens a financial break, given the many challenges we had to face this year. This is why all of the city’s departments got involved and, in the end, we arrived at a very satisfactory result for the entire population,” explains Pierre-Paul Routhier, Mayor of Châteauguay.

Fees

Despite the increase in operating costs, the “City” fee, which includes drinking water treatment, wastewater treatment and Régie Beau-Château, remains unchanged. In addition, the fees imposed by the Municipalité régionale de comté (MRC) de Roussillon (garbage, organic matter, recycling and bulky waste collections) have resulted in a net decrease.

More transparency in tax rates

New for the 2021 fiscal year: the city is taking advantage of the provisions of the *Act respecting the Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal* and the *Act respecting the Autorité régionale de transport métropolitain* to detail its tax rates to make them more transparent for citizens. The tax rates are now broken down into three parts: the municipality rate, the share of the Autorité régionale de transport métropolitain (ARTM) and the share of the Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal (CMM). The city reminds citizens that these shares are determined by regional authorities, not municipal administration.

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