

HIGHLIGHTS OF SAINT-LAURENT'S 2019 FINANCIAL REPORT



CONTEXT

The Ville de Montréal Charter stipulates that at a regular Council meeting held in June, the Borough Mayor must present to the citizens the highlights of the Borough's financial report and, if applicable, those of the General Auditor's report and those of the external auditor's report if items relating to the Borough are mentioned.

This report is distributed across the Saint-Laurent territory according to the distribution terms determined by the Borough.



In accordance with the law, I am hereby tabling the *Highlights of Saint-Laurent's 2019 Financial Report*.

The year 2019 was marked by several achievements relating to our strategic plan and several public actions and positions in favour of the environment and sustainable development. Accordingly, a new step was completed to extend beyond awareness and accompany the population through the transition to action.

Presented to Saint-Laurent Council by the Mayor, Alan DeSousa, FCPA, FCA, June 30, 2020.



2019 IN ACHIEVEMENTS

MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS AND THE ECONOMY

- The completion of more than 60% of the objectives of the *2017-2021 Strategic Plan*. These objectives are outlined in the six local plans adopted by Saint-Laurent in 2016 based on public consultations and impacting the main sectors of municipal life: social development, cultural development, sustainable development, transit, the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and municipal development.
- Progress in planning the Bois-Franc station area in preparation for the arrival of the Réseau express métropolitain (REM) with consultations and an ideation cart in the spring.
- Follow-up on the recommendations of the 2019 report by Montréal's auditor general. Like other boroughs, Saint-Laurent has made commitments relating to the management of its natural settings in addition to reserving an amount in its annual budget to help reach the target of 10% for their protection. Moreover, like other participating boroughs, Saint-Laurent is following a recommendation for the sale of a software application.

ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

- The adoption, in January, of a new sustainable development policy urging every member of the Saint-Laurent community to contribute to the sustainable development of the environment through actions classified under six main axes. It is backed by the "sustainable municipal territory" designation issued by Council and the invitation to the population to sign the Ecocitizen Pledge online.
- Also, in January, Saint-Laurent became the first Québec municipal entity of more than 100,000 residents to complete the final step of the Partner for Climate Protection (PCP) program and announced a 21% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions on the territory since 1990.
- The launch of a new environmental awareness campaign in July with respect to organic waste collection, specifically involving visits to 7478 housing units by the Organic Waste Patrol.
- The establishment of nine BIXI self-serve bicycle docks in April and self-serve Communauto FLEX cars in June.
- The announcement, in May, of the main orientations of the biodiversity corridor, which will improve and connect the existing biodiversity hubs in Saint-Laurent over a 20-year horizon.

- In May, the receipt of the "Bee-Friendly Municipality" certification from the Bee City Canada agency, and in September, of Silver status under the David Suzuki Foundation's "Monarch-Friendly City" program.
- In September, the first edition of the Fête des récoltes de Saint-Laurent was held, bringing together several major urban farming stakeholders in collaboration with VertCité.
- The organization of the first Eco-Citizens' Rendez-vous, hosting approximately 1000 businesses at the corporate edition on October 25 and 1200 visitors at the citizens' edition at the Complexe sportif on October 26. The latter expressed an event satisfaction rate of virtually 100%.

LEISURE AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

- The launch of the Bibliothèque du Vieux-Saint-Laurent renovation project in February with work treating users to a great new ambiance.
- Financial support in April totalling \$136,893 distributed among five agencies for the completion, in 2019, of eight projects under the Politique de l'enfant's 2019 Action Plan.
- The hosting of 1854 runners at the 27th edition of the Course Saint-Laurent on April 14. Its organizing entity, Saint-Laurent Sélect, was the first Saint-Laurent sports club to receive "Ecoresponsible certification" from the Borough.
- In August, the inauguration of the Cœurs combattants - Équanimité mural, which is the seventh on Saint-Laurent territory. Located at 900, boulevard Décarie, this work by Ankh One depicts living together and the environment.
- In September, the celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the Centre des loisirs de Saint-Laurent.
- In October, the inauguration in Chameran sector and in Parc Painter of the "ami des aînée" (senior-friendly) active trail network promoting safe physical activities during every season.
- In November, the opening of the Mixlab, a digital creation laboratory at the Bibliothèque du Boisé allowing users to advance their knowledge on robotics, photography, video game creation, virtual design and programming, in addition to recording their own music with specialized equipment.

2019 IN NUMBERS

MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS AND THE ECONOMY

- 102,684 residents according to the 2019 population census published in the Gazette officielle du Québec
- 79,322 requests processed by the Bureau du citoyen
- 7929 interventions by the Urban Security Patrol
- 896 housing units approved by the Advisory Committee on Planning, all striving for Silver LEED certification
- \$318.6 million in total value of building permits issued, including \$123.3 million for the residential component
- \$2.3 million invested in road, sidewalk and curb repairs by the City and the Borough
- \$842 million invested by Saint-Laurent businesses
- 108,071 jobs and 4576 businesses, including 125 new businesses, on the territory

ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

- 816 trees planted on public property, including 61 trees under the *One child, one tree* program
- 1163 ash trees on public property treated for the emerald ash borer
- 6751 tons of recyclable materials and 4324 tons of organic waste collected from citizens
- 720 litres of trash and 540 litres of recyclable materials collected during the cleaning blitz in the Parc Marcel-Laurin woodlands
- 105 tons of compost distributed to the population
- 0.8 km of new bicycle trails

LEISURE AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

- 648,001 loans and renewals and 5811 new members at the two libraries
- 18,609 spectators for the cultural program
- 6239 visitors to the Centre d'exposition Lethbridge
- 13,232 activity participations using the Spring Break Passport for Children and Teens



2019 FINANCIAL RESULTS

Now let's take a look at the key financial data for last year. Accordingly, the budget allocation for 2019 was \$70,967,100 for expenses. This corresponded to a budgetary envelope of \$52,682,400 allocated by the City plus local tax totalling \$13,204,200 and \$5,080,500 in income.

Tight expense management and the reimbursement by the central of a \$1.7 million bad debt provision, preventatively set aside by the Borough, resulted in a \$4,054,500 surplus before central adjustments.

The following table displays the variations between the amended original budget and the actual results for 2019 by activity:

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Fiscal year ended December 31, 2019

	Original Budget	Amended Budget	Actual
REVENUES AND BUDGET ALLOCATION			
Budgetary envelope from the City	\$52,682,400	\$51,914,000	\$51,914,200
Local tax	\$13,204,200	\$13,204,200	\$13,204,200
Income from local sources	\$5,080,500	\$5,178,900	\$4,536,200
Surplus allocation	\$0	\$445,100	\$445,100
Total allotment and local income	\$70,967,100	\$70,742,200	\$70,099,700
EXPENSES			
General administration	\$11,132,500	\$10,067,200	\$7,831,000
Public security	\$1,205,900	\$1,162,800	\$1,106,500
Transport	\$16,783,500	\$17,136,400	\$16,818,800
Sanitation	\$5,445,300	\$5,550,400	\$5,283,100
Health and well-being	\$1,395,600	\$1,647,800	\$1,532,800
Landscaping, urban planning and development	\$5,343,500	\$5,564,000	\$4,927,300
Leisure and culture	\$29,660,800	\$29,613,600	\$28,545,700
Total expenses	\$70,967,100	\$70,742,200	\$66,045,200
SURPLUS OF EXPENSES OVER INCOME			\$4,054,500
Central adjustments			
Various salary adjustments			– \$487,500
Various adjustments - Other expenses categories			\$401,400
Various adjustments - Income			\$985,900
Refund after five snow loads			\$799,600
2019 management surplus			\$5,753,900



2019, 2020 AND 2021 THREE-YEAR CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROGRAM

Under the 2019, 2020 and 2021 Three-Year Capital Expenditures Program, gross investments of \$13.8 million were made in 2019. Here are a few examples:

2019 Three-Year Capital Expenditure Program	Budget
Street infrastructure development in the new Jean-Gascon neighbourhood	\$5.3 million
Continued development of the Éco-campus Hubert-Reeves	\$0.5 million
Repairs to electromechanical equipment at the Mairie d'arrondissement	\$0.8 million
Renovation of the Bibliothèque du Vieux-Saint-Laurent and the Aréna Raymond-Bourque	\$2.7 million
Repairs to the baseball diamond in Parc Saint-Laurent, renovation of the play area in Parc Bourbonnière and various projects in Parc Guillaume-Bruneau and Parc Urgel-Archambault	\$1.0 million
Repairs to the pumping stations at Brunante basin and landscaping around the basin and along the neighbouring trails in Parc Marcel-Laurin	\$0.6 million
Repairs to residential sidewalks and streets	\$1.2 million
Continued transition to LED lighting on the Hydro-Québec poles and start of work on the light standards in Parc Harris and Parc L'Archevêque	\$0.6 million