

Finance and governance

In November 2021, I arrived in a city where financial management was lagging alarmingly by nearly two years. Auditors had not had their calls returned for months. **Hence, the recovery of city finances was added to my priorities.**

With the support of the general manager, **we quickly corrected the situation and maintained a balanced budget for 4 years.**

Because we know that this is important for all citizens, we have **maintained the general tax at 2.5% per year for the past 4 years.** We are proud to say that it is one of the lowest rates at \$0.4182 per \$100 of valuation among the 40 municipalities of the South Shore of Montreal in 2025.

Seizing this **new funding opportunity**, we have implemented the **growth royalty system (Redevances de croissance)** aimed at financing the expansion of municipal infrastructure and equipment to accommodate new residences such as:

- The urban boulevard
- A multifunctional center
- A bike path
- A reservoir and pressure boosting station
- An exit to L ry on Highway 30
- A riverside nature interpretation center

Beyond the **record unique and exceptional grant of \$51 million** that my colleagues counsellors, Ms. Liette Lamarre, Mr. Daniel Proulx, and I have obtained for the East Sector Infra project, Ms. Lamarre, accompanied by key volunteers, managed to acquire **grants of \$65,000** for the Age-Friendly Municipalities (Municipalit s Amies des A n s - **MADA**) initiatives.

Concerned with **improving efficiency and the work environment**, various improvements have been made, including:

- Online payment for suppliers
- Restructuring of departments
- Restoration of the town hall