

CITY OF LONGUEUIL'S BUDGET

"A tax freeze made possible thanks to the exceptional assistance of the governments of Canada and Quebec" - Xavier Léger

Longueuil, December 1, 2019 - The elected officials of Longueuil Citoyen voted in favor of the 2021 Budget of the City of Longueuil during the Extraordinary City Council meeting. While saluting the work of the people who participated in the budget process, the Leader of the Opposition, Xavier Léger, did not fail to recall that without the exceptional financial contribution from the governments of Canada and Quebec, the City of Longueuil would be found in a much different financial situation.

"The objective of having a budget with a 0% tax increase for 2021 has been a priority that has been reiterated many times since last February by all the elected officials of Longueuil Citoyen, when the Mayor was considering the prospect of a tax increase. In the exceptional context of COVID-19, a property tax freeze still remains the most responsible thing to support the local economy and the families of Longueuil today", said opposition leader Xavier Léger.

The latter goes on to recall that without the exceptional financial contribution of \$26,996,455.00 for 2020 and 2021, an amount funded equally by the provincial and the federal governments, the Mayor would have been unable to maintain a high level of service to the population, while granting a tax freeze to building owners.

Let us recall that on September 25, 2020, the Quebec government announced that an envelope of \$800 million would be made available to municipalities in order to mitigate the impact of the pandemic on their finances: "an assistance which should make it possible to avoid municipal tax increases for citizens and businesses, and protect the services offered to them". Of this amount, the City of Longueuil obtained nearly \$27M.

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