

**All the Elected Officials of the Opposition Propose to Postpone the Payment of Property Taxes for One Month**

Longueuil, January 18, 2021 - The seven elected officials of Longueuil Citoyen, Xavier Léger, Peter Doonan, Colette Éthier, Michel Lanctôt, Benoit L'Écuyer, Robert Myles and Wade Wilson as well as the five independent elected officials, namely Jean-François Boivin, Steve Gagnon, Jacques Lemire, Jacques E. Poitras and Jonathan Tabarah, propose to postpone by one month the payments of all property taxes for the year 2021, a concrete measure to support our fellow citizens in the context of COVID-19.

“The next few months will be particularly difficult for our fellow citizens, as the second wave of COVID-19 continues to weaken the social and economic fabric of Longueuil. For the elected officials of Longueuil Citoyen, the postponement of all property taxes payments for one month in 2021, a measure from which taxpayers were able to benefit last year, is a sensitive choice that is justified in the context, and whose impact on revenues remains limited considering the city's good financial health”, said Xavier Léger, leader of the official opposition.

“The arrival of a vaccine against COVID-19 obviously gives hope that life will return to its normal course soon, but the pandemic is not over yet. As a local government, the City of Longueuil must continue to support citizens who are going through difficult times, as it did last year. For the five (5) independent elected officials, the postponement of all property taxes payments for one month in 2021 still makes sense this year”, said the spokesperson for the independent elected officials, Jonathan Tabarah, councillor of the Parc-Michel-Chartrand district.

Let us recall that in October 2020, the City of Longueuil was awarded a financial assistance of \$26,996,455.00, funded equally by the Quebec and Canada governments. That aid was supposed to prevent municipal tax increases for citizens and businesses, and to protect the services offered to them.