



Word from the Mayor

I feel very great pride that in the elections of November 5th I was entrusted with the role of first citizen of the City. My Municipal Council and I are honoured by the trust placed in us by the people of L'Île-Perrot. We wish to work actively to solve the various challenges that we face.

To start with, I will mention the issue of safety in our territory and its neighbourhoods, which has been raised on many occasions and is of paramount importance. It's a fact that motorists often drive too fast, given the pace of life today. However, it's not only up to the police to bring order, but each of us as a community must become aware of the situation. In this respect, we need residents to feel involved and responsible, in the way that we encourage and promote. The municipal traffic committee is already busy and looking for solutions.

Municipal Council will reopen the debate over the redevelopment of Autoroute du Souvenir, an urban boulevard with traffic lights, which is the main source of congestion in our local road network. However, the Municipality has very little leeway in terms of improving the morning or evening rush hour, which is a major irritant for all. Concerted political action with neighbouring cities will be needed in order to make public decision makers understand the importance of immediate action.

On the subject of traffic congestion, Municipal Council has decided to exercise caution with respect to any new residential development. We will take the necessary time to make a full analysis of projects currently under review and measure their impact on traffic, so as not to aggravate a situation that's already a problem. However, we must understand that a balance has to be found in order to have a city that also enjoys good financial health. Some real estate projects are desirable and beneficial, as they increase our collective wealth and stabilize public finances.

Funding for certain projects will be reviewed and re-examined by Municipal Council, such as in the case of infrastructures on 23rd Avenue. Other major projects will be carried out, such as the reconstruction of the municipal pool building and the replacement of the pool's water treatment equipment, subject to financial assistance sought from the Quebec Government. This is also the case for the RELIP aquatic complex, as well as the upgrading of the municipal wastewater treatment plant. The rebuilding of the Pointe-de-Brucy launching ramp on 10th Avenue should finally start in 2018.

I am proud to announce that there will be no property tax increases in 2018. The only cost increases will be attributable to the new services to be priced. This is the case for the collection of organic materials, which is a regional obligation in accordance with the MRC's Residual Materials Management Plan.

In closing, I would like to wish all of you a very Happy New Year in 2018, by restating my commitment and that of the members of Municipal Council to make our city a place to live a good life and a safe one.

Pierre Séguin, Mayor