



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

January 20, 2020

Dear fellow citizens,

The members of the city council and the employees of the Ville de Sainte-Agathe-des-Monts join me in wishing you a great year in 2020, one filled with joy, happiness and good health.

The 2020 budget was adopted on December 17 during special municipal and agglomeration council meetings. The expense budget for the Ville de Sainte-Agathe-des-Monts is \$29,556,100 and for the agglomeration, \$6,734,600, an increase overall of 4.2% compared to 2019.

This year, in keeping with our DESTINATION 2030 plans, we will focus on consolidating services for residents to ensure their quality. We will continue working on renewing our downtown and investing in the refurbishment of our community spaces. The renovation of the Alouette wharf and the shoreline strip will be complemented with new urban furnishings in Parc Lagny and by beautification of Laroque Street where it fronts on Lac des Sables. Parc Demers will be updated and will meet the Age-friendly Communities standards.

We will also make progress on renewing our infrastructures and our municipal assets to ensure that they will be able to serve our needs for many more years. A variety of public works will be undertaken, and others are in the planning stage, with the goal of improving the quality of our services.

To meet these goals requires an increase in municipal taxes. This means that the average house evaluated at \$230,000 (2019) will see an annual tax increase in the central and south sectors of \$96.16 (3.07%) and of \$56.19 (2.38%) in the north sector. For all sectors, this increase includes the tax applicable to the agglomeration.

The city council has been careful to respect the ability of its residents to pay and that's why we have limited the average annual increase to less than \$100 per household; the increase for homes served by the aqueduct and sewer is higher due to the aging of the infrastructures.

We are proud to note that in 2019 the total value of permits issued for residential, commercial and industrial projects was more than \$55 million, an increase of \$8 million compared to 2018. On the residential side, more

than \$21 million of permits were issued, representing some 110 new residential units built in our beautiful city.

The city council is confident that the continued efforts to renew downtown, consolidate the business parks, attract new residents and improve municipal infrastructures will rally both residents and employees of Sainte-Agathe-des-Monts. Our city and agglomeration are and will continue to be the prime location for living in the Laurentians.

To learn more about our key initiatives for the coming year, please consult the budget presentation on our website at www.vsadm.ca.

Sincerely,



Denis Chalifoux, Mayor

The entire Sainte-Agathe-des-Monts territory is currently undergoing cadastral reform. **This will cause the great majority of properties to have their identification (matricule/dossier) number changed.**

When paying your taxes, whether by cheque or through electronic or preauthorized payments, it is important to double-check your identification number. Otherwise, payments risk being incorrectly applied to your account. Among other things, this could cause you to lose the privilege of paying your bill in several instalments. **Please pay special attention to this.**