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New parity committees

## **The mayors of the 15 suburban cities to collaborate on the Agglomeration budget process**

**Montreal, September 20, 2018** – The mayors of the 15 suburban cities that form the Agglomeration on the Island of Montreal are pleased to be integrated into the Agglomeration budget process thanks to the creation of four working parity committees created in collaboration with the Plante-Dorais administration.

“This is the first time in 12 years that City of Montreal elected officials – our principal partner – have accepted to work directly with us to define orientations to be used in the preparation of the budget to which our citizens contribute more than \$400 million per year,” stated Beny Masella, president of the Association of Suburban Municipalities (ASM) and Mayor of Montreal West.

Together with the administration of Mayor Valérie Plante and Benoit Dorais, chair of the Executive Committee, four administrative committees have been created to work on developing orientations for the agglomeration budget, establish the cities’ aliquot shares, known as quote-parts, mixed expenditures, and governance. The 15 mayors of the suburban cities obtained the creation of these four working committees after having denounced the inflationary increases in the budget and taxes in 2018 imposed by the City of Montreal for the agglomeration.

“These committees constitute a tangible action by the Plante-Dorais administration to make the 15 suburban cities true partners in the agglomeration,” mentioned Mr. Masella. “This participation will allow us to better make known our orientations and suggestions for the agglomeration budget,”

“The discussions will allow our cities to prepare themselves appropriately for the creation of their own budgets. The ASM has been asking for such increased participation in the budget process for several years, in order to have a real influence on budgetary orientations and decisions,” added Mr. Masella.

“We are disciplined mayors and are careful to manage the tax dollars we collect. We look forward to working with Montreal to achieve the best outcomes possible and will support the next budget if it limits tax increases to the Conference Board of Canada's inflation rate,”

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specified Georges Bourelle, mayor of Beaconsfield and vice president of the Agglomeration Finance Committee.

In addition, by spring 2019, the four working committees will have to identify solutions to budgetary issues, the quote-parts for each city, mixed expenditures as well as governance.

With 246,000 inhabitants, the suburban cities on the Island of Montreal represent the sixth-largest population in Quebec and its second-largest economy. They include the cities of Baie-D'Urfé, Beaconsfield, Côte-Saint-Luc, Dollard-des-Ormeaux, Dorval, Dorval Island, Hampstead, Kirkland, Mount Royal, Montréal-Est, Montreal West, Pointe-Claire, Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue, Senneville and Westmount.

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