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TRANSFER OF SAINTE ANNE'S HOSPITAL:

THE MONTREAL AGGLOMERATION COUNCIL ADOPTS A BY-LAW ON THE SHARING OF EXPENSES BY DEMERGED MUNICIPALITIES

SAINTE-ANNE-DE-BELLEVUE, September 15th, 2017 – During the last assembly held on August 24, 2017, the Montreal Agglomeration Council adopted a final amendment that modified the by-law setting out the terms and conditions for payment of the contributions by demerged municipalities, which include Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue. The by-law will be in effect for three years, until the City of Montreal's assessment roll is updated in 2019.

The final adoption of the by-law by the Montreal Agglomeration Council is the culmination of a long process initiated primarily by Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue in order to avoid imposing a substantial tax increase on its citizens. The by-law ensures an equitable sharing of expenses resulting from the transfer of Sainte Anne's Hospital from federal to provincial jurisdiction. The new calculation will allow Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue to save \$3.44M per year by 2019. For 2017 and 2018, the City will be saving \$1.148M and \$2.296M, respectively.

"I am pleased with the final decision of the Agglomeration Council. I would like to thank the city of Montreal, the municipalities involved and the Government of Quebec for supporting Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue on this issue. Everyone's efforts resulted in a fair and reasonable share distribution based on the land wealth of each of the municipalities and the City of Montreal," said Paola Hawa, Mayor of Sainte-Anne-de Bellevue.

Further, Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue is working with the West Island's health and social services administrative centre, the Ouest-de-l'Île CIUSSS, and the Ministère de la Santé et des Services Sociaux du Québec to finalize the transfer of surplus land belonging to Sainte Anne's Hospital. This last phase will allow the city of Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue to increase its tax base and will complete the Government of Quebec's commitment to the City in terms of fiscal measures it would take following the transfer of the Hospital.

"Now that the issue of contributions is resolved, I look forward to putting the final touches on the last of this docket, which are the measures put in place to transition the Hospital and transfer the land. I am convinced that this issue will be resolved in the coming weeks," concluded Mayor Hawa.

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