

# TMR residents vote in favour of \$48.6 million sports complex

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MONTREAL -- Residents in the Town of Mount Royal (TMR) voted in favour of building a \$48.6 million sports complex Sunday night.

The referendum was announced [after 938 residents signed a registry](#) last November opposing the possibility of borrowing \$27.8 million to pay for the project.

"It's more than a sports centre. As a community, we want to build something for seniors and young families," insisted Mayor Philippe Roy earlier this month.

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He has long defended the plan, saying consultations held in 2016 "found initial support for the new complex to be 88 per cent."

The sports complex, which is expected to get a subsidy from the provincial government, includes three pools, a gym, several multi-purpose rooms and spaces for community groups to gather.

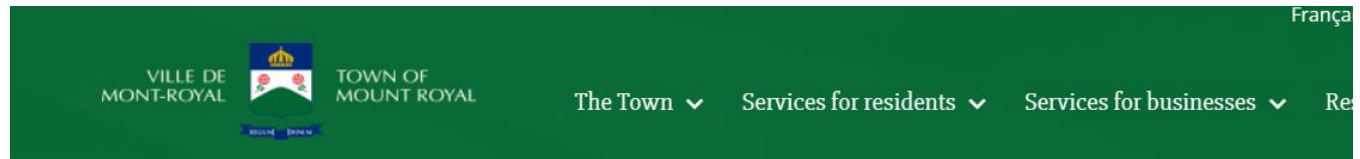
Town officials say they are also planning to raise an additional \$2 million to \$3 million from the private sector.

The sports centre is expected to open in the fall of 2022.

Notice that 938 residents were sufficient to force a referendum, but their population is 4 times ours, so by their rules,  $938/4 = 235$  signatories should have been sufficient, not 391. But the outcome in our town was largely irrelevant.

**TMR estimated \$48.6M, and received bids of \$88-94M !!**

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## Community Projects in Motion

### *QUARTIER SPORTIF ET COMMUNAUTAIRE* (INCLUDING MODERN SPORTS AND RECREATION FACILITIES.)

The Sport Centre, as originally conceived and proposed by the previous administration, received bids at \$88-94M, far exceeding the project budget allotted by the Town.

However, the new Town Council is committed to assuring new sports facilities for the Town, including the promised indoor swimming pool.

The Council will proceed with a strategic and fiscally sound approach that meets the needs of residents and preserves the town's precious green space.

This is the majority priority of Council and updates to residents will be forthcoming.

Here is the link to their latest proposal.

[presentation\\_quartier\\_sportif\\_communautaire\\_2023\\_eng.pdf \(mont-royal.qc.ca\)](#)

Note the activities on page 23, and the tax implications on page 33 with a \$200 tax increase for operations. Screenshots are on the next two pages.

These average tax increases look small. But remember that based on population alone, their 20,276 is four times our 5,050, so the tax increases would have to be multiplied by four. Further, their huge commercial and industrial tax base makes ours look like a mosquito, and mops up a large portion of their rec center cost.

# BUDGET

ANNUAL IMPACT OF VARIOUS LOAN AMOUNTS FOR TAXPAYERS – REC					
LOAN	\$25M	\$35M	\$45M	\$55M	\$65M
AVERAGE TAX BILL (single family home of \$1 941 400)	\$141	\$198	\$255	\$312	\$368

- Costs based on current TMR taxation model
- 40-year financing term / 5% interest rate
- Excluding annual operating costs estimated at approximately \$200 for the average tax bill



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