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THE SAINTE-ANNE-DE-BELLEVUE COUNCIL ADOPTS A RESOLUTION TOWARDS AN EQUITABLE DEPLOYMENT OF THE SPVM IN A HEALTH CRISIS SITUATION



At the Council Meeting of May 11th, the Municipal Council adopted a resolution requesting that the citizens of Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue be provided with an equal level of public security service to that received by the citizens of the City of Montreal and its boroughs.

This resolution follows repeated requests submitted to the SPVM's neighborhood police station (PDQ-1) to enforce social distancing directives imposed by the *Direction de la santé publique* on the territory of the city of Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue. Our requests have gone unanswered. We officially request that the Montreal Agglomeration Council, as well as the SPVM, intervene and review the police deployment plan.

This approach aims to permanently provide a fair level of service to the citizens of the city of Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue and to the equal to that received by the citizens of the city of Montreal and its boroughs.

We ask for a level of service equal to what we pay for

The Agglomeration of Montreal's demerged cities, including Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue, pay for agglomeration services. For the year 2020, the City of Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue's share of these costs is \$6.5 million, \$2.1 million of which is allocated to the SPVM.

Proportionally, the citizens of the Agglomeration's demerged cities pay 62% more per person for Agglomeration services, primarily for public transit and public security, than citizens of the City of Montreal and its boroughs, and this in return for a lower level of service.

"The residents of Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue are not second-class citizens, [...] This double standard can no longer be tolerated. We pay more than our share for security services and have the right to insist that the SPVM be present in Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue", concludes Mayor Hawa.

A press release was issued today and taken up by medias. In addition, letters were sent to the President of the Executive Committee and members of the Agglomeration council of Montreal, the *Ministre des Affaires municipales et de l'hébergement* and to the *Ministre responsable de la Métropole et de la région de Montréal*.

We care about the health and safety of our citizens. The current health crisis highlights the distressing observation of the inequities that have existed since 2006 between the level of service provided by the SPVM on the agglomeration's territory. It is time to review and correct the inequities that persist in our current structure.

[Read the Press Release and the Resolution](#)



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