



**MAYOR'S REPORT
ON THE 2023 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

Dear fellow citizens,

I am pleased to present the Town of Sutton's financial report for the year ending on December 31, 2023, including the independent auditor's report prepared by Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton.

First and foremost, I would like to mention that the auditor has issued an expert opinion with reservation due to non-compliance with a new accounting standard that has recently been put into effect. This standard requires the evaluation of liabilities related to town assets that would eventually be released. This is a mandatory accounting requirement that many municipalities are contesting, as it is financially prohibitive to comply with. The auditor's report, and their reservation, does in no way put in doubt the assurance that the financial statements present, in all significant aspects, a true and fair overview of the Town's financial position as of December 31, 2023.

You will note that revenues for 2023 have increased to 15 649 745\$, representing a growth of 6,4% over the adopted budget. This growth is mainly due to an increase in transfer duties of 380 741\$, revenues received from RECYC-QUÉBEC of 69 565\$ higher than expected, the use of 73 384\$ of the sums collected for connection fees to the mountain sector aqueduct network, other interest income and services rendered totalling 160 894\$ higher than expected. Expenses totalled 15 516 485\$, a 2,1% decrease compared to the budget, while elements of reconciliation for tax purposes totalled 915 323\$, leaving a surplus of 1 048 583\$ for the 2023 financial year.

The total surplus amounts to 2 997 050\$ which allowed the creation of two new reserves, one being for the Cultural Policy (200 000\$) and the other for the Family and Seniors Policy (150 000\$).

| Revenues 2023 | Amount in \$ |
|---|---------------------|
| Property value taxes | 10 662 228\$ |
| Taxes on another basis (municipal services and 9-1-1) | 1 825 954\$ |
| Imposition of duties, fines, and penalties | 1 456 690\$ |
| Transfers (RECYC-QUÉBEC grants, police, etc.) | 984 465\$ |
| Services provided | 451 913\$ |
| Other revenues | 214 546\$ |
| Compensation in lieu of taxes | 53 949\$ |
| Total revenues 2023 | 15 649 745\$ |
| Expenses 2023 | |
| General administration | 1 926 432\$ |
| Public safety | 2 520 410\$ |
| Road network | 4 055 367\$ |
| Local hygiene | 2 085 388\$ |
| Health and wellness | 44 421\$ |
| Urban and Land-Use Planning | 691 166\$ |
| Economic development | 358 468\$ |
| Recreational activities | 709 546\$ |
| Cultural activities | 528 751\$ |
| Financing costs | 444 965\$ |
| Depreciation | 2 151 571\$ |
| Total expenses 2023 | 15 516 485\$ |
| Reconciliation for tax purposes 2023 | -915 323\$ |