

We have only a few days left!

Help us fight for changes to
Bill 75 that legislates our
future after de-merger.

Did you know ...

- That under Bill 75, Montreal will be responsible for snow removal in Westmount on all arterial roads: The Boulevard, Sherbrooke and Ste-Catherine?
- That any Westmount services such as Recreation and the Library that open their doors to non-residents may become central services of Montreal?
- And that before mid-December, the Government of Quebec is planning to adopt Bill 75 **without public consultation** to impose a new island-wide government, the *Conseil d'agglomération* (Agglomeration Council), on Montreal's de-merging and remaining boroughs? This legislation is **undemocratic, flawed and will lead to confusion and higher taxes.**

**It's unfair
to all citizens**

What's at stake under Bill 75 ...

The proposed *Conseil d'agglomération* (Agglomeration Council) will control 60 per cent of Westmount's tax dollars for central services. At the same time, voting power will reside in the hands of City of Montreal representatives handpicked by the Mayor of Montreal which precludes even members of the Opposition on Montreal City Council.

Here are key changes urgently required:

1. **Eliminate the Executive Committee** selected by the Mayor of Montreal
2. **Create a clear and separate accounting system** from that of the City of Montreal to provide easy tracking of costs related to central services
3. **Return the responsibility for arterial roads** (repairs and snow operations) to reconstituted cities. What confusion will result when the City of Montreal undertakes the salting and snow removal of The Boulevard, Sherbrooke and Ste-Catherine, while the Westmount does the same operations on cross streets and other smaller roads? And will we pay twice for these services?
4. **Return the responsibility for fire prevention**
5. **Return revenues** from the Welcome Tax and tickets issued on arterial roads
6. Stipulate clearly that **operating surpluses** (since 2002) remain with reconstituted cities
7. **Tax by population** rather than property evaluation for central services provided by the Agglomeration Council
8. **Eliminate the re-designation of services provided to another borough as central services.**

Act now: Please ask our MNA Jacques Chagnon, Minister of Public Security, to intervene on behalf of Westmount and all Montreal Island citizens to delay adoption of Bill 75 allowing for public consultation and changes.

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Let's ensure we have a democratic Agglomeration Council that will provide cost-efficient central services after the reconstitution of cities.