

# Saint Patrick's Basilica

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Saint Patrick's has completed the sale of its excess land to HEC Montréal, specifically the upper parking lot continuing south and including the western part of the land on De La Gauchetière. Since 2011, when we were first approached by HEC, we have worked hard to make sure that this will be the best fit for our Parish, its parishioners, its patrimony and its environment. We have used the services of experts in law, real estate, architecture, evaluation and negotiation but have never lost sight throughout of the Parish and our sacred mission.

## **What will this mean for Saint Patrick's?**

### **Our Financial Security**

The proceeds from the sale will be segregated in a fund and money generated from that fund will be used to cover the deficit (over 50%) in our operating costs. We will need to do some catch up, having run up a substantial debt while waiting for the deal to close. We will use up all of our previous savings (1 million) to pay off the debt and support the Basilica's basic costs while allowing the sale money time to grow. We have to consider the long running property tax dispute with the City of Montreal and the possibility of a big tax bill should we lose. We will need to pay a percentage of the sale to the Archdiocese of Montreal and even a small percentage to the Vatican.

**Therefore we need your financial support as parishioners now more than ever.**

### **Partnership with the City of Montreal**

All the original land belonging to the Basilica, dating back to the 1840's will remain. We have formed a partnership with the City of Montreal with the intent of returning the original slope in front of the Basilica and improving all the surrounding landscape.

### **Parking**

When HEC's building is completed (September 2021) indoor parking for parishioners and visitors to the Basilica on weekends and Feast Days is provided at no cost. Once construction begins we will lose our parking lot. We hope that you will bear with us during this inconvenience. We are attempting to make parking available at a nearby lot and will keep you informed from the pulpit, Facebook and the Parish Bulletin.

Mary McGovern, Administrator Fabrique of the Parish of Saint Patrick

**If you have any questions please email me at [mcgovern@stpatricksmtl.ca](mailto:mcgovern@stpatricksmtl.ca)**

**For more information on HEC's building:** <https://www.hec.ca/en/downtown/index.html>

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