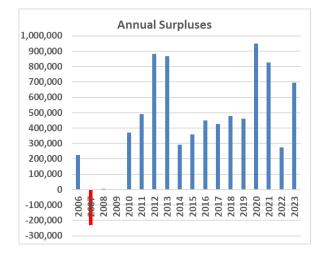
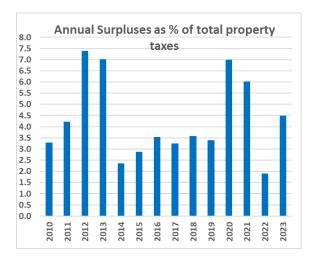
Annual Surpluses and the Accumulated Surplus

SUMMARY
(End of 2023)Surplus: \$695,345
Accumulated surplus: \$3,469,640

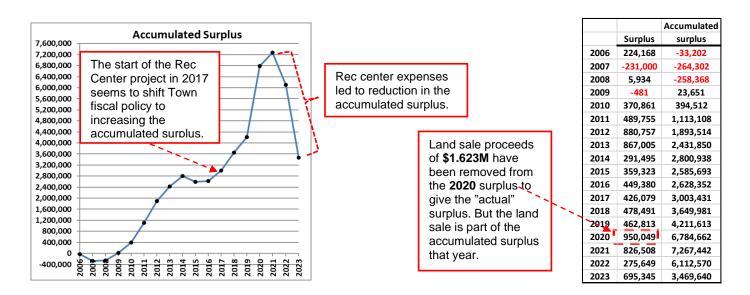
The annual operating surplus, generally referred to as the surplus, is money left over at the end of the year from the Town's every-day activities throughout the year. Notice that in 2007 due to the effects of demerger (chart, below left) the Town was in trouble with a negative surplus of \$231,000. In 2008 the surplus was a mere \$5,934 followed by a slight negative surplus of \$481 in 2009. There was 12.5% tax increase in the first year of demerger (2006) followed by increases of 6.9%, 6.2%, and 8.4% in 2008, 2009, and 2010 to restore our fiscal health. The right chart for 2010 onward gives each surplus as a percentage of total property taxes. Any value above, say 1.5%, for years after 2011 suggests the presence of over-taxation.





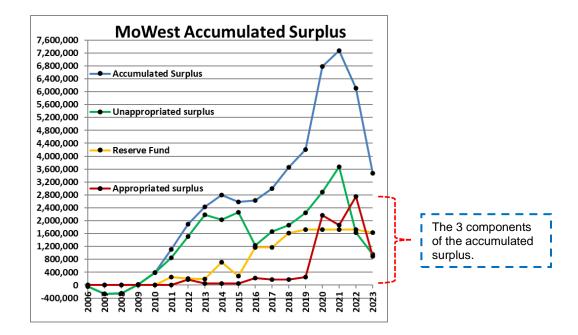
Average surplus 2020 to 2023: \$686,888; average 2017 to 2023: \$587,848.

Surpluses are transferred into the **accumulated surplus** which stood at **\$3,469,640** in **2023** down from a high of **\$7,267,442** in **2021** (left graph below). **63.1%** of the large jump in the accumulated surplus in **2020** was due to the sale of the land opposite the Town Hall for **\$1,623,000**. Once the rec center project received serious attention in 2016, Town fiscal policy appeared to change to allow the accumulated surplus to steadily grow from 2017 through 2021.



The 3 Components of the Accumulated Surplus

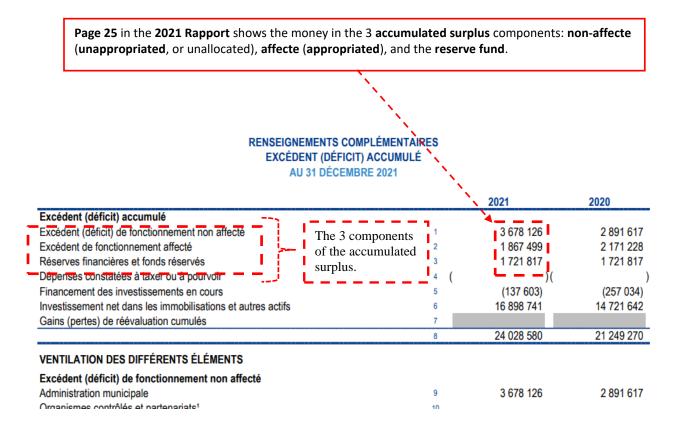
The accumulated surplus has 3 components: the unappropriated surplus, the appropriated surplus, and the reserve fund. Appropriated means that it has been earmarked, or committed, for some project(s), but not yet spent. ("Allocated" is sometimes used instead.) Annual surpluses are generally transferred into the unappropriated surplus, and later into either of the other two components when required.



(Notice that in 2020 the **\$1.623M** Easton project land sale proceeds were transferred into the appropriated surplus – lower brown line -- as it was earmarked for the new arena.)

Sources of data

All of the data can be found on the Town's website under the **Finance & Administration** menu item → **Budgets & Reports**. The screenshots below are from the **2021** Financial Report, "**Rapport Financier**". www.montreal-west.ca/en/finance-administration/finance/budget-reports/



Page 22 of the Rapport gives the surpluses in 2021 (\$826,508) and 2020 (\$2,573,049 – which includes the \$1.623M proceeds of the condo land sale).

Dépenses constatées à taxer ou à pourvoir	23			
Investissement net dans les immobilisations et autres actifs	24	1		
	25	260 000	(211 566)	(526 992)
	26	(729 191)	842 851	954 769
Excédent (déficit) de fonctionnement de l'exercice			·	
à des fins fiscales	27		826 508	2 573 049