



THE DEMOCRACY FUND

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Church fire at St. Paul's Catholic Church, 1690 Avenue de l'Église, Montréal

Pursuant to the Act respecting Access to documents held by public bodies and the Protection of personal information,¹ I am writing to request access, in the normal course, to records relating to the intervention of the Service de sécurité incendie de Montréal at St. Paul's Catholic Church, 1690 Avenue de l'Église, Montréal (the "Church"), for the fire that occurred on or about February 23, 2026 (the "Fire").

Specifically, I request copies of the following documents:

- 1) Core Incident: The official intervention report, including incident number, date, time, responding units, actions taken, and any preliminary cause classification.
- 2) Fire Investigation Report: Any cause-and-origin analysis, technical findings, diagrams, and conclusions prepared by SIM investigators.
- 3) Dispatch and Communications Records: Dispatch (CAD) logs, unit arrival and departure times, and call history associated with the incident;
- 4) Any available radio communication transcripts related to the intervention;
- 5) Photographs and Video: Scene photographs, drone imagery, or other visual documentation created during or after the intervention; and,
- 6) Post-Incident Summaries or Public Briefing: Any official press releases, public situation reports, or internal summaries prepared for public communication.

If portions of the requested records are exempt from disclosure, I request that any reasonably severable, non-exempt portions be released. If any of these records are under the custody or control of the Service de police de la Ville de Montréal due to a parallel or ongoing investigation, I ask that this request be forwarded accordingly or that I be advised of the proper procedure to obtain those records.

¹RLRQ c A-2.1 (parfois citée comme 1982, c. 30)



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The Fire at the Church occurs in a broader national context in which more than 100 churches across Canada have been damaged or destroyed by fire in recent years. Given the significant public concern surrounding such incidents, transparency regarding the circumstances and findings of this intervention is essential to maintaining public confidence and informed civic dialogue.

Please confirm receipt of this request and advise of any applicable fees prior to processing. I would prefer to receive the records in electronic format.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your response within the statutory time period.

Sincerely,

Mark A. Joseph
Director of Litigation