



Ville de  
**MONT-TREMBLANT**

## **The Matte garage Mechanics in their genes**

The automobile was in the process of overtaking the railroad when, in 1946, Rosario Matte bought a garage with a gas pump from George Whittey. In the following years, the automobile overran the roads of Québec and the Mont-Tremblant business became an essential service provider, known throughout the region: cars had to be repaired, batteries recharged on cold mornings, customers' cars towed when they broke down and, with the muds of spring, cars pulled to safer ground. Rosario Matte also provided taxi services as well as selling cars for a few years. Former snowmobile champion and mechanic by training Carol Matte, son of the founder, took over the business in 1990.

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*Rosario Matte's first garage, photographed in 1947. Razed by fire in 1960, the building was rebuilt, and then renovated in 1998.  
Source: Matte family collection, photographer unknown.*