

## **RAPPORT SIÈGE 2 / REPORT FROM SEAT 2: MARTHA SLOCOMBE**

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I'll start with a quick update on the PAC.

Applications are picking up at the PAC. Thus far in 2026, the PAC has met five times and has reviewed a total of 34 files. Fourteen of those were approved as presented, 13.5 were approved with conditions, four were deferred, and only 2.5 were rejected.

Les prochaines réunions du PAC auront lieu les 6 et 20 mai. Veuillez soumettre vos dossiers au moins deux semaines à l'avance et consulter le site web pour plus d'information.

And I just want to say that we truly appreciate our residents' commitment to maintaining the beauty, cohesiveness, and character of our Town.

On tient vraiment à remercier les résidents pour leur engagement envers la qualité et le caractère de notre communauté.

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I've been noticing a lot of discussion about the upcoming changes to our fireplace by-laws.

Je veux simplement préciser ces deux points.

Fireplaces can be used after three hours of a power outage, and fireplaces that meet EPA or CSA emission standards are allowed—or you can retrofit an existing fireplace with a low-emission insert.

I think one of the most challenging aspects of environmental legislation is that it can feel very intangible and abstract. When facing something as major as the environment, how can our actions really make a difference?

But in reality, the environment is what surrounds us every day.

And the fireplace issue is actually a really good example of that—it's close to home, and it directly affects the air we breathe.

C'est un enjeu local qui a un impact direct sur la qualité de l'air.

Fireplace smoke has a direct effect on public health, especially for children and seniors. Estimates based on Canadian research suggest that residential wood burning is associated with approximately 2,300 premature deaths per year, largely due to fine particulate exposure.

C'est donc un enjeu très concret, avec des effets réels sur la santé.

So this is one of those areas where local action really does matter, and where we can have a meaningful impact on health and well-being.

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On another note, Council held its first Discussion with Council event on April 15.

We were thrilled with the attendance and really appreciated the opportunity to speak directly with residents regarding their concerns and ideas.

On a beaucoup apprécié ces échanges directs avec les citoyens.

The next event is May 6 at 8 p.m. right here at Town Hall. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

La prochaine rencontre aura lieu le 6 mai à 20 h, ici même à l'hôtel de ville.

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Thursday marks the end of Volunteer Appreciation Month.

The response to our call for applications to the Town's citizen committees has been incredibly strong, and it really speaks to the culture of volunteerism in our community.

Ça démontre à quel point l'engagement citoyen fait partie de l'ADN de notre Ville.

We're very fortunate, as a Council, to have so many residents willing to step up and put in the work to keep things moving forward.

As we build these committees and continue the work already underway, we also want to express our gratitude to past volunteers.

Nous tenons aussi à remercier sincèrement les bénévoles des années passées.

Our Town would not be what it is today without your engagement and hard work.

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And as we look to continue that tradition, I want to remind residents that there's a very direct way to get involved through the Caring Neighbourhood initiative.

This spring, we're encouraging Montreal West families to sign up to give three hours to help seniors with outdoor chores. We are still looking for families to volunteer their time.

Nous sommes toujours à la recherche de familles prêtes à donner un peu de leur temps.

Contact the Recreation Department either to volunteer your time or to request assistance.

Vous pouvez contacter le service des loisirs pour offrir votre aide ou pour en faire la demande.

It's a wonderful way to build connections between neighbours and across generations. My own family will be volunteering, and I hope to see many of you out there.  
C'est une belle façon de renforcer les liens dans notre communauté.

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Lastly, I just want to promote an event very dear to my heart.

The Montreal West Horticultural Society is holding a talk on creating an indigenous garden on May 19 here at Town Hall.

La Montreal West Horticultural Society tiendra une conférence sur les jardins de plantes indigènes le 19 mai, ici même.

Why not attend and get some inspiration for your own garden? As someone who has slowly been converting my garden to indigenous plants, I can't wait for this event. Then, why not stop by the pop-up event at Paula Cordeau Park on May 24, where the Horticultural Society will be selling indigenous seedlings to help you get started. While you're there, you'll find many other interesting booths to browse.

J'ai très hâte d'y assister moi-même.

I hope to see many of you there.