

RAPPORT SIÈGE 2 / REPORT FROM SEAT 2: MARTHA SLOCOMBE

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Bonsoir everyone,

I'll start with a quick update from the planning advisory committee. So far this year, PAC has reviewed 43 files. Of those, 19 were approved, 17.5 approved with conditions, 4 were deferred for further consideration, and 2.5 were rejected. I want to thank both residents and committee members for their time and engagement in maintaining the character and quality of our town. PAC is meeting June 3 and 17. Please see the Town website for information on whether you need a permit and submit PAC files at least two weeks before the meeting. There will be some vacancies on PAC coming up and the application process will begin shortly.

I want to highlight our Volunteer Appreciation Evening, which was a tremendous success. We welcomed around 160 participants representing more than 25 organizations. That's a true testament to all the people who quietly give their time, energy, and compassion to make things happen behind the scenes. I also want to recognize our employees who helped organize the evening and made sure our volunteers felt truly appreciated. The food was an especially big hit — toujours important lors d'une soirée comme celle-là!

I also wanted to mention the Pop-Up event yesterday. The weather definitely did not cooperate, and plans had to change quickly, but thanks to the incredible flexibility of our staff, the event was successfully moved indoors to Town Hall at the last minute. I stopped by and was impressed by all the interesting booths and the people who came out malgré la pluie. Un grand merci to all the employees and organizers who made that pivot happen so smoothly.

On a more practical note, residents should be aware that the Ville de Montréal is no longer offering its mobile household hazardous waste collection service. Going forward, residents will need to bring hazardous waste directly to eco-centres. I know this may be an adjustment for some people, so please help spread the word to neighbours and friends who may not yet be aware of the change.

I also want to mention that stump removal operations will be getting underway shortly. More information will be shared soon, but I know many residents have been waiting patiently for this work to begin, and I'm glad we're moving ahead.

I'd also like to speak about the Caring Neighbourhood Initiative. At least 15 seniors received assistance, which is wonderful. At the same time, it's important to acknowledge that a relatively small number of residents carried a very large part of the workload — in some cases helping four or five different households themselves. We're incredibly grateful

to those individuals, but ideally we would love to see even broader participation next time so the responsibility is shared more evenly across the community.

The next opportunity to get involved will come this fall, and I strongly encourage residents to consider participating. And if it helps, think of it as your way to get an invite to the next Volunteer Appreciation Evening — j'entends que la nourriture est fantastique.

With warmer weather arriving, I also want to remind everyone to take heat waves seriously. Please check in on vulnerable neighbours, older residents, and anyone who may be isolated during periods of extreme heat. And remember, the Recreation Centre is available as a cooling place for residents who need relief from the heat.

I'm excited to hold the first meetings of the Age-Friendly Municipality Committee and the Ecological Transition committees over the next couple of weeks. I look forward to working with residents on those committees to get their input on issues that affect our town.

One initiative I'm personally very excited about is our upcoming Youth Focus Group, taking place on June 15 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Recreation Centre. We're inviting youth between the ages of 12 and 19 to come speak openly about the issues that matter most to them.

Registration is through the Recreation Department by June 10, and I'd really appreciate everyone's help in spreading the word. If you know a young person who might be interested, please encourage them to participate. Leur voix compte.

Our Discussions with Council gatherings also continued this spring. The final gathering before the summer break will take place on Saturday, June 20 at 9 a.m. in Rugby Park. I hope many of you will come by and chat with us as we head into the summer season. Venez nous voir.

And finally, I want to end talking about a party. Our Fête nationale celebration will take place on June 23 at the Recreation Centre, with music, performances, food, and a few surprises as well. It's a great way to kick off the start of summer. J'espère vous y voir en grand nombre.

Thank you very much.