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## MoWest hockey heroes

by Trish Hewat



Provincial champions from MoWest (L to R) Audrey Robbins, Zoe Rochester, Emily Hamilton, Tabitha Sky Woo

The four girls sit lined up on the couch ready to be interviewed. It's like the starting lineup on the ice only a little bit different. It's not as familiar a scenario to them as I imagine the lineup at the start of a game would be, when they're geared up, muscles tense with anticipation, energy waiting to be unleashed the moment the whistle blows to signal the start of play. They are more relaxed. The tough part is behind them. They have beaten the best team in their league and have come from behind to win the provincial championships. They are the proud recipients of the Chevy Cup and in front of them on the coffee table are the medals to prove it.

They are the four Montreal West players on the 12-member team named Westluc Wings in the M12A division of girls' hockey for nine to eleven-year-old players. They are

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## Terrone: from Westminster to Bedbrook

by Christina Johnston

If you're catching a hockey game at our new arena, playing pickleball in the gym, or simply walking your dog down Bedbrook, you may have noticed the new hot spot in town.

Terrone opened their new location at the sports and recreation centre in mid-March, turning their Westminster Italian grocery store into a vibrant and inviting café. I spoke with **Patty**, co-owner of the café, along with **Francesca**, who talked me

through the transition. At first, Patty explained, she always felt her clientele on Westminster wanted more: "a place where they can sit and eat – people always asked if we had sandwiches".

When they heard that the sports and recreation centre was going to host a café, Patty and Francesca jumped at the opportunity. With their move, both owners wanted to cater to what they felt their clients on Westminster wanted.

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# What you told us: *Informer* survey results summary

by Joanna Duy

“Community” is a word that appeared 90 times in the comments received in the recent *Informer* survey. Responses suggest that – no matter the respondents’ age or how long they have lived in MoWest – residents appreciate the local, community-oriented coverage provided by *The Informer*. That is not to say that there aren’t some areas we can improve, however!

We received a total of 293 responses, which, if one looks at the number of households reported in the 2021 Census, gives us a respectable response rate of 14%; 91% of the responses were received via the online survey and 9% via the print form.

Here are other demographic highlights:

- **Gender:** 60% of respondents were women, 39% were men, and 1% preferred not to respond or left it blank.
- **Language:** 91% answered the survey in English, versus 9% in French; when asked what language is spoken at home, 84% said English, 13% said French, 3% said mix of English and French, and 3% said other languages (a long list!)
- **Age range:** Our highest representation in terms of age range was 55 to 70 (37%); second place was a tie for age 35 to 54 (29%) and 71+ (29%), 4% of responses were from the 18-34 age range and 1% did not answer
- **Number of years in MoWest:** The largest percentage of respondents had lived in the Town for 21+ years; however, among French respondents this was less pronounced and there was more diversity in terms of how long people had lived here.
- **Number of people in household:** The greatest number of respondents (53%,

for both languages combined) had 1-2 people living at home, while 39% had 3-4 people and 6% had 5 or 6.

## Key findings

- **Online vs print:** 92% of respondents read *The Informer* most often in print.
- **French content:** 84% of all respondents (86% English and 63% French respondents) described the amount of French content in *The Informer* as “about right”; however, one third (33%) of French respondents said it was “too little.”
- **Local advertisers:** 70% of respondents (both languages combined) said they would definitely or possibly be more likely to support business that advertise in *The Informer* over other businesses.
- **Importance:** 94% of respondents said *The Informer* is important or very important to the community. In addition, 93% of respondents (both languages) agreed or strongly agreed that *The Informer* plays a unique role in communicating with and about Montreal West that is not provided by any other medium.

## Comments

The survey received hundreds of comments, and we have read them all! Chat GPT was used to help us summarize popular themes in the comments.

### What are two or three things *The Informer* does well?

- Many comments indicate that *The Informer* is highly valued as a primary source for local municipal coverage, events and updates, as well as for building community through stories about local people and businesses and acting as a central hub for community events.

### What are two or three things *The Informer* could improve? What other types of content would you like to see?

- Many respondents want to see more timely news stories on topics like construction, businesses (opening, closing, ownership changes), projects and practical municipal information.
- There is also an interest in having more community voices: letters to the editor, opinion/editorial pieces as well as contributions from youth.
- Many suggestions were received for other types of content – from teen writing and artwork, community announcements and local history.

## Next steps...

Incorporating this feedback into our work long-term will be an ongoing project, and we plan to give updates about this in the coming months. Here are some things that we can report immediately:

- We received some responses to our call-out for volunteer proofreaders and writers – we are very excited to welcome them to the team!
- Royal West Academy will be submitting student-written content regularly
- Other than the *Communiqué* section, which is written by Town Council, **all content is written by volunteers.** This is a unique feature of our local “Viewspaper.” If there is content you want to see in *The Informer*, help us make it a reality! Please contact us at montrealwestinformer@gmail.com with story ideas – contributors of all ages welcome!

## Thank you to all our regular contributors!



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Rendering of Le 26WM - courtesy of Segal-Collins LP

## MoWest's newest apartments come with their very own *Tim's*

by Howard Simpkins

For almost a century, the *Royal Bank of Canada* operated a branch on the northwest corner of Westminster and Milner. With the tidal wave of clients shifting to online banking, *RBC* closed the branch in 2023. The facility has been shuttered since. But it won't be for much longer. In April 2025, **Matthew Segal** and **Josh Collins**, owners of *Segal Collins LP*, purchased the building from *RBC* and began the redevelopment of it into

a low-rise apartment complex. Occupancy is planned for July 1 of this year.

A third floor was added and an extension was constructed on the Milner side. In total, the building will house 12 apartments: ten one-bedroom and two two-bedroom units (double doubles?). The entrance for ten of the apartments will be at 26 Westminster with additional entrances at 1 and 3 Milner for two townhouse-style apartments. The third-floor unit features a huge balcony facing Westminster Avenue. Perfect for hosting

Canada Day parade viewing parties. And, of course, for acknowledging the presence of the assembled participants and revelers with the perfect Royal wave.

The entire facility features ten-foot-high ceilings and will be air-conditioned. All units will be outfitted with a refrigerator, dishwasher range, microwave oven as well as a washer and dryer. Storage locker spaces are located in the basement. Fittingly, the building has been christened *Le 26 WM*.

Matthew and his partner have developed rental properties in Montreal's Sud Quest borough including in Verdun, St. Henri and Griffintown. Their decision to expand into Montreal West was heavily influenced by the town's inherent beauty, its scarcity of apartments and its demographics. Matthew believes that *Le 26 WM* will appeal to a wide range of tenants, particularly long-time MoWest residents who are thinking of selling their homes and who would very much like to continue living in the town. He also believes that their early-career adult children will be attracted by what the property has to offer, especially its location.

Then there's the icing on the doughnut. The ground floor will be occupied by a full-service *Tim Horton's* outlet. So, if during the morning rush you see any *Tim's* customers sporting their finest bedroom slippers, more likely than not they'll be *Le 26 WM* residents picking up their first coffee of the day. A double double maybe? No doubt the shop will be a go-to lunchtime and after-school destination for Royal West Academy students. And a convenient pit-stop for 162 bus passengers.

A second-floor model unit will be available for viewing by interested potential tenants well ahead of the building's grand opening. **Questions? Contact Matthew Segal at 554-6042.**

## Volunteer night in MoWest

On April 30, the sports and recreation centre was buzzing with activity as Montreal West celebrated its dedicated volunteers. Photos by **Julian Hung**. On the left, **Karen Johnstone** presents Scouter **Bob "Hawkeye" King** with flowers for the Volunteer Recognition award.





Members (and future members) of the Horticultural Society plant extra pollinator plants on the curbside bump out near St. Philip's Church



## Your yard might be the missing link

For several years, through my involvement with the *Environmental Action Committee* and community presentations on rewilding, I've had the privilege of speaking with many residents about the role our gardens can play in supporting biodiversity.

What has stayed with me most is a simple but powerful idea, often shared by scientist and writer **Douglas Tallamy**: conservation doesn't only happen in distant national parks, it can begin right in our own yards. As he points out, "everything in between those parks and protected areas is private property."

What Tallamy reminds us is that gardeners are no longer simply gardeners, they are land managers, stewards of biodiversity, and, collectively, they shape a significant portion of the landscape around us.

Montreal West sits in a uniquely meaningful position between two important natural spaces: the Falaise St-Jacques and Meadowbrook. What if, together, we could help reconnect them?

This is the dream: a living corridor of biodiversity, woven not only through our parks and boulevards, but through our own backyards.

We often think of green space as grass. But a lawn, on its own, offers very little to pollinators, birds, or the broader ecosystem. By contrast, even a modest area of native plants can provide food, shelter, and habitat, helping restore the ecological relationships that sustain life around us.

This is not about transforming entire yards overnight. It's about small, meaningful shifts. A portion of lawn replaced with native plants. A corner left a little wilder. A garden designed not only for beauty, but for life.

Across our neighborhoods lie thousands of private yards, spaces with the quiet power to restore habitat, support pollinators, cool our city and reconnect us with the liv-



ing world. Montreal West already has the foundation: our tree-lined streets, our parks, and our proximity to larger natural areas. But the missing link, the connective tissue, could be us.

### Our yards

Not sure where to begin? Start small. Consider adding native plants such as milkweed, coneflower, black-eyed Susan, or wild bergamot. These species are well adapted to our climate, require minimal maintenance once established, and provide essential habitat for pollinators.

The path between the Falaise and Meadowbrook begins right here, in our own yards, one yard at a time.

*from Tagrid Akl*

After St. Philip's Church put a call out for community members to help maintain some of their gardens, the Horticultural Society offered help with the pollinator garden. Wyatt is helping out at the work day on May 9.



On May 11, NDG resident Al Hayek talked about transforming his yard with indigenous plants to a packed house at Town Hall. The seedling sale was popular too!



## CANADA DAY CELEBRATION

With summer right around the corner, we are gearing up for another fantastic Canada Day celebration. The MoWest Canada Day parade will take place on Wednesday, July 1. The festivities will start with a parade contest at 3 pm at Paula Cordeau Park. Please bring your Blinged-up Bikes, Snazzy Strollers, Wild and Whimsical Wheelchairs or Primped Pets — there will be lots of prizes up for grabs! The parade will start at 3:30 pm from the park and end at Strathearn Park where the Canada Day celebrations and BBQ will take place!

## Want to participate?

If you are part of a MoWest community group or business, please let us know if you would like to participate! To make this parade a success, we also need volunteers! We are also looking for clowns, skateboarders, a unicyclist and community dogs who would like to walk in the parade!

Looking forward to seeing you there! Let's make this the biggest and best MoWest Canada Day ever!

*The MoWest Canada Day Committee  
mowestcanadaday@gmail.com*

## In memoriam

### Esther Katharine Peirce Scriver

1931-2026

On May 2, **Esther ("Zipper") Scriver (née Peirce)** died peacefully in her sleep.

She was 94. While a weakening heart and related health issues had begun to sap her legendary "zip" and stamina in her final two years, her mind and spirit never diminished. Each additional day she was blessed to live, she remained present, engaged and full of gratitude for the love and care of those around her.

Esther met her future husband, **Charles**, at age 15. They enjoyed 67 years together. She is

survived by her four children: **Do-Ellen, Peter, Julie, Paul** and their spouses as well as seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. A trained nurse, Zipper had a special relationship with grandson **Matthew Poplawski-Scriver**, whose profound illness and death in infancy was deeply felt.

In her early nursing career in the 1950s, Esther witnessed the near eradication of polio, smallpox and tuberculosis, as well as the advent of human genetics. Decades later — after raising her four children in parallel with community service — she applied her nursing skills and compassion in palliative care.

Esther/Zipper had an exceptional record of volunteer service

and leadership in many organizations including the Montreal Children's Hospital, the Royal Victoria Hospital, local schools and MoWest churches.

Zipper will be remembered for her spark, vitality and beautiful smile: warm and life-affirming. Her generous spirit nurtured and sustained her family, friends and community. Traveller, gardener, carer, quilter, artist and puzzler, her joy in life and living was a perennial inspiration.

The support of two devoted caregivers, teams from St. Mary's Hospital, friends and neighbours enabled her to continue living happily and securely in her home of 65 years until her very last days.



In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to *Montreal Children's Hospital Foundation* or *Dans la rue*.

## Mailbox



### Volunteers

The Town Council's response to **Barbara Brzezinski's** letter isn't just disappointing — it's dismissive.

Her concern was straightforward: long-serving volunteers were removed from committees without notice and then invited to reapply for their own roles. That is not "refreshment." It is disregard.

Town Council's reply only made matters worse. It wrapped this decision in polished language about valuing volunteers while offering explanations that don't hold up. Calling committees "old" or pointing to shifting Council portfolios does not excuse the lack of communication, courtesy or respect.

This town has a long and proud tradition of volunteerism. Residents don't just participate — they create the sense of community that makes this place special. That doesn't happen by accident, and it doesn't survive being taken for granted.

When experienced volunteers are dismissed without notice and then told to submit resumes if they wish to continue serving, the message is clear: you are not valued. That message is not only discouraging — it is damaging.

If Council wants to repair the damage, it should start by acknowledging it: admit the process was mishandled, commit to engaging volunteers before decisions are made and show the respect that was clearly missing here. It is up to Council to show the vol-

unteers in this community that they understand what our community wants. We are waiting to hear from you.

*from Randi Weitzner*

### Council's response

Council has heard clearly that some volunteers felt hurt and disappointed by how the committee transition unfolded. Regardless of how the process was understood administratively, we recognize that many residents experienced it as abrupt and impersonal, particularly after years of dedicated service to the Town.

This Council is largely new, following a period of very little turnover in municipal government, and we are continuing to learn and refine our processes as we move forward. One thing that has been reinforced through this discussion is the importance of communication, continuity and recognition when working with volunteers who contribute so much to our community.

We remain deeply appreciative of everyone who has served on Town committees, past and present, and we are committed to building a collaborative and respectful relationship with all residents who choose to volunteer their time and expertise.

We look forward to working with both experienced and new volunteers going forward.

## Terrone

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At their new location, not only do they now serve more food to go options, their space is also filled with natural light, various seating options, and electrical outlets everywhere. It's the perfect spot for those who want to come and work, chill with friends and even hockey parents who want to pick up a quick something for their hungry kids to eat in the car post-game.

As for their summer plans, there is a lot to be excited about. With the new pool finally opening, the rec centre is expected to host quite the buzz. Patty tells me that they plan on riding the wave and adjusting their opening hours based on activities and events going on in and around the centre (including swim meets!). More than that, the café will serve gelato as of mid-May – the perfect

post-swimming treat for your little ones.

Finally, Patty explains that, because this is a family business, she wants the café to be a community space. In fact, since opening, they've seen amazing support from the community: folks of all ages are taking advantage of the new space to eat and gather. The addition of comfortable seating accom-

Come enjoy *Terrone's* new location this summer!



modates clients with restricted mobility while the TV accommodates clients who want to catch a Habs game. Speaking of community, don't be surprised if you recognize the employees behind the counter making your coffee, they're probably your neighbours!

From welcoming excited clients to hiring employees from our community, *Terrone* already seems to successfully foster a multigenerational community space. In Patty's words: "we want *Terrone* to be a space where we know everyone and everyone knows everyone." I mean, what's more Montreal West than that?

*Born and raised in Montreal West, guest writer Christina is a student in the Concordia University Communication Studies Program. She is actively involved in community events and loves to make art and write on her own time!*

## Hockey heroes

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**Zoe Rochester**, Westluc forward who scored the third period equalizer against the Huskies in the provincial finals, forcing them into overtime; **Audrey Robbins** on defence, who scored the winning goal in OT to give them the 2-1 win; **Tabitha Skye Woo**, goalie, the stalwart in nets; and **Emily Hamilton**, killer defence player, guarding the zone. This team is impressive. Their season stats were 15W-4T-2L and in both the regionals and provincials they had a perfect 5W-0T-0L record.

An impressive team needs players with impressive credentials and that is what these four girls possess. Goalie Tabitha has 18 season and playoff shutouts to her credit and was named Player of the Game in the Chevy Cup finals in Québec City. She was also awarded Westmount Player of the Month

Goalie Tabitha Sky Woo was a formidable goaltender this season



last December by Westmount, one of the Westluc partnership associations. Audrey, a defensive player equally comfortable playing offence, was Player of the Game in game two of the Chevy Cup provincials. She was instrumental during the season in the win against the MRO (Mount Royal/Outremont) Banshees in the Verdun Tournament scoring the lone goal in a 1-0 shootout and repeating the feat with a game-winning goal for the season in the 1-0 shootout in the regionals that gained them their spot in the provincials. Forward Zoe was named Player of the Game in the semi-finals of Chevy Cup provincials and received Most Improved Player Award by the Westmount association for the 2025-26 season. Emily on defence received the Sportsmanship Award from Westmount for the 2025-26 season.

"This is the first year we have been able to field two girls' teams at this level," said **Jennifer MacMillan**, manager of the Wings. "We were able to do this because our Montreal West/Hampstead association merged with two other associations, Côte Saint-Luc and Westmount, giving us enough players to have a second team. That allowed us to place the girls at their appropriate developmental level."

And it paid off. This was the first time in any association's history when any team, either girls or boys, won a provincial championship. And Westluc were the ones who did it. You can feel a strength and confidence behind the girls' quiet smiles. They have earned it. But it wasn't always easy.

"We had a road trip to Boston and the team we played against were big 13- and 14-year-olds. It was scary," Emily said. It was a category mismatch and they lost both games, getting beaten up a bit in the process. "In a couple of tournaments they



Westluc Wings' Emily Hamilton in action on the ice

were punching above their weight," Assistant Coach **Lloyd Rochester** said. But taking a loss and learning to grow from it was good experience for them."

To get to the provincials, they had to win the regionals and that meant beating the best team in the league, the MRO Banshees. That was a true test of skill. But by that time they were up to it.

"Winning the regionals," said Emily, touching one of the two tournament medals in front of her, "meant more to me than winning the provincials. The Banshees were tough but when we did it, well, that was an accomplishment. After that we knew we could move on."

The girls nodded their heads in agreement. They are very much a team and more than that they regard each other as hockey sisters. Hockey, after all, is a family affair. It's parents who get the girls to the games and drive them on their road trips. Hockey is more than a game, it's a bonding experience. Head Coach **Roberto Piccioni** had a t-shirt printed for the girls that has FAMILY printed on it, and that reflects the team's spirit.

## Edinburgh School

### Team-building breakthrough efforts

One of Edinburgh's greatest strengths as a school is the sense of family and cohesiveness that exists between students, staff and our community. During a conversation at the beginning of the year between a small group of teachers, a great idea surfaced that we wanted to explore further. The discussion resulted in this year's first team-building initiative, involving the entire school. Students from each grade were put into randomized groups led by our wonderful Grade 6 leaders.

Halloween bingo was the first icebreaker activity for students to get to know each other. Then, throughout the year, each group was able to experience an opportunity to work together through four different modalities. For outdoor movement, students partnered up and used their fine motor skills to move objects using different sides of a tennis racquet. They then got

to test their collective strength with a giant tug-of-war. In art, students painted their bodies on black canvasses which were then displayed around the school. For board games, the older students taught the younger students how to play different types of games as well as card games and worked on puzzles together. Finally, in literacy, the older students were paired with younger students, and they read books that were donated by various families and our always helpful Home and School Association.

The final activity to mark the end of the school year will be the famous annual Field Day on June 8 where students cheer so hard they temporarily lose their voices and find their team spirit, working together to accumulate points at various activities and cheering on their fellow students.

Special thanks to **Ms. Helen, Mr. Cho, Mme Genevieve, and Mme Catherine** who organized this endeavour. We received lots of positive feedback from both our student population and staff members about how well our students worked together and played together to make this ini-

tiative a great success. We look forward to continuing this team-building initiative to strengthen our bonds in the years to come. Let's go Edinburgh!

*from William Cho,  
Physical Education Teacher*

Edinburgh teachers (L to R) Mr. Cho, Mme Genevieve, Mme Catherine, Ms. Helen



## West End Quilters

### Quilts, blankets, slippers and more!

The *West End Quilters Guild* has been around for almost forty years. In 2009, **Sandra** decided we should have a mission statement and it became "Share our passion, expand our horizons, and serve our community!" One way we serve our community is by donating quilts.

This year has been an incredible one for quilt donations. Most years, our guild (which has 25-30 members) has donated 30-40 quilts. Last fall, **Kathryn**, a new member, suggested we make quilts for the *Peter Hall School* for students with disabilities. These quilts would be for children in both elementary and high school, so various sizes would be needed, but narrow enough to work with a wheelchair. She asked who would be willing to help and received a good response. When Kathryn spoke with the school, they also suggested waterproof blankets so the kids could be outside in the rain and the snow. She obtained a donation of many bolts of fleece and waterproof fabric from **Jimmy Falconi**, president of *Beau-fab* in Montreal.

The proposed three-year project was completed in seven months. Kathryn's husband was home recovering from surgery, so he was put to work making blankets. Some

members gathered on Fridays and sewed blankets. Other guild members made more blankets. Then the *Lennoxville Quilters* guild offered to help and 47 more blankets were sewn. In the end, 217 blankets were made. The donation didn't end there, as 38 quilts and eight knitted blankets were also given to the *Peter Hall School*. So, our three-year project of 80-90 quilts became 263 blankets and quilts in just one year!

### We weren't finished!

*La Ruelle d'Hochelaga*, a specialized social pediatric centre in Hochelaga Maisonneuve, was the appreciative recipient of 28 quilts, five knitted blankets, 30 knitted hats, 20 pairs of children's slippers, one baby sweater, two Luv Bug pillows, a few knitted bears and 50 friendship bracelets.

Still not finished, five quilts were given to *Jewish Eldercare*, 16 baby quilts to the *MUHC Children's Hospital* and six quilts to *Quilts of Valour*, for a grand total of 426 items.

Most likely, we will never surpass this number, but this group of quilters will continue to share their passion and serve their community all the while having fun.

Have a great summer. We will continue to quilt!

*from Mary Sutherland*



One of Monique's ten quilts (top) and Sandra's quilt (bottom)

## Des Amis-du-Monde



Avril : Les élèves ont participé à un spectacle de percussions avec « Saya Percussion ». Un moment mémorable pour les jeunes qui ont pu jouer du djembé!



Mai : Félicitations à notre nouvelle brigade verte! Ces jeunes ont eu comme missions d'inspecter les bacs de recyclage et de peser les poubelles de chaque classe pour promouvoir la réduction et la bonne gestion des déchets.

## Elizabeth Ballantyne School

### Skating at the Steve and Rob Michelin Rink

Classes have been enjoying skating sessions at the Steve and Rob Michelin Rink as part of their school activities. We extend our sincere thanks to the parent volunteers whose support has made these outings possible. EBS has also provided helmets and skates for students who did not have their own, ensuring everyone could participate safely. It has been wonderful to see older students offering help to younger ones, as well as students experiencing skating for the first time and developing this new skill.

Elizabeth Ballantyne students at the Halo Road Race on Mount Royal



### La Semaine du français

During la Semaine du français, our students enjoyed a variety of engaging cultural activities that brought the French language to life.

On Tuesday, the students got together with a “buddy class” for fun, collaborative activities that encouraged communication and teamwork. Wednesday featured a cozy “Tire & Carreauté” day, where students embraced French-Canadian culture by dressing in plaid and learning about traditions. On Thursday, students explored a “Mot du jour” (word of the day) and enjoyed a delicious French-inspired breakfast, sampling foods like croissants and cheese. The croissants were generously donated by *Les Delices Lafrenaie*. Kosher treats were also generously donated by *Nosherz Bakery*, in Côte Saint-Luc. We wrapped up the week on Friday with a film viewing in class, giving students the chance to experience French through cinema.

In order to further immerse students in the language, the morning message was delivered in French each day. Overall, French Week was a lively and enriching experience that celebrated language, culture and community.

### Halo Road Race

On May 13, students in grades 3 to 6 participated in the annual Halo Road Race at Beaver Lake. In preparation for the event, students trained for a month during their physical education classes, building up to their 1 km and 2 km races. They ran through Mount Royal alongside hundreds of elementary students from across the city and demonstrated great effort, determination,



and school spirit while taking part in this longstanding annual tradition.

### Jump into Reading fundraiser

EBS is launching its Jump into Reading fundraiser in support of the Montreal West Children’s Library.

Students will be learning and practising jump rope skills in their phys ed. class, bringing a fun and active twist to promoting literacy. By pairing movement with reading, the project encourages students to build healthy habits while fostering a love of books. Community members are invited to support the cause by making an online donation at [canadahelps.org/en/dn/18490](http://canadahelps.org/en/dn/18490). Your donations will help provide students with greater access to books and enriching reading opportunities.

from Stefanie Karaminas  
Physical & health education teacher

## Royal West Academy

### Why Royal West Academy is more than just a high school

When people think about high school, they usually imagine stress, homework and waking up way too early. While Royal West Academy definitely has its fair share of those things, it is also a place that offers opportunities, friendships and experiences that make the hard work worth it. For students trying to choose a school, Royal West Academy stands out for reasons beyond just academics.

One of the biggest reasons someone should attend Royal West Academy is the strong sense of community. Whether it is sports teams, clubs, performances or school events, there is always something happening that brings students together. Even if someone is shy at first, it does not take long to find people with similar interests. From the Student Life Association to athletics and music programs, students have countless

ways to get involved and actually enjoy coming to school.

“Royal West Academy gives students opportunities to discover what they are passionate about,” said one student involved in extracurricular activities. “There is something for everyone if you are willing to put yourself out there.”

Another reason Royal West Academy stands out is its balance between academics and personal growth. Yes, classes can be challenging, and students are expected to work hard, but the school pushes students to succeed without making success feel impossible. Teachers often go out of their way to help students improve, like **Miss Fogel**, who offers after school remediation for students who need some extra help. Teachers answer questions and support them when things become overwhelming. That support

can make a huge difference during stressful moments, especially during exam season.

Of course, no school is perfect. There are busy days, difficult assignments and moments when students wonder why they signed up for so much homework. However, Royal West Academy teaches students discipline, responsibility and how to manage challenges, which are skills that matter long after graduation.

At the end of the day, Royal West Academy is not just a place to attend classes. It is a place where students can grow, meet lifelong friends, and become part of a community that encourages them to aim higher. For anyone thinking about where to spend their high school years, Royal West Academy is a choice worth considering.

*from Samuel Berardinelli  
RWA student*

## MW Tennis Club

### Tennis lessons and clinics at MWTC:

learn, improve and have fun on the court!



Looking to sharpen your tennis skills, build confidence on the court, or simply enjoy more time playing this summer? The Montreal West Tennis Club is excited to offer a fantastic lineup of tennis lessons and clinics for the 2026 season, led by our energetic and talented coaching team!

Whether you are picking up a racquet for the very first time or looking to fine-tune your competitive game, our coaches are here to help players of all ages and levels improve in a welcoming, supportive, and fun environment. Lessons and clinics are open to MWTC members and are designed to combine skill development, strategy, fitness, and plenty of enjoyment on the court.

Leading the team once again this year is Head Coach **Julia Vrentas**. Now entering her fourth season at MWTC, Julia has been playing tennis since age 4 and brings nearly a

decade of coaching experience to the club. Many members already know Julia for her positive attitude, organized clinics, and ability to make every player feel comfortable while still challenging them to improve. A certified Tennis Canada instructor and former college tennis player, Julia focuses on both technical skills and smart game tactics to help players reach their goals.

Joining Julia is **Amir Tavakol**, whose impressive competitive background includes representing Iran at the national level after ranking among the country's top junior players. Amir brings a calm, creative coaching style that adapts to each player's individual needs and goals. Whether you want to improve your consistency, refine your technique or simply gain

confidence during matches, Amir's simple and effective approach makes learning enjoyable.

We are also thrilled to welcome back **Gabrielle Brideau**,

whose enthusiasm and love for the game are contagious! Gabrielle currently competes in New York on a tennis scholarship and has quickly become a favourite among players for her upbeat energy and encouraging coaching style. She enjoys helping players improve all aspects of their game, from technique and strategy to mental toughness and confidence on the court.

This season promises to be full of learning, laughter, and great tennis. Whether you join a clinic, book a private lesson, or simply come out to meet fellow members, our coaching team is ready to help make your summer tennis experience the best yet.

Members can view lesson and clinic schedules and registration details on the club website ([mwtclub.com/](http://mwtclub.com/)). Spaces can fill quickly, so be sure to sign up early to reserve your spot on the court. We look forward to seeing everyone out for another fantastic summer of tennis at MWTC!

Head coach Julia Vrentas



## Anick Lamothe: Founder of *La Mère Poule Inc.* to cookbook author

by Trish Hewat

Montreal West resident **Anick Lamothe**, LL.B., D.D.N., cookbook author, freelance translator, content creator, blogger. She's done it all. If you google her blog, you'll find a thousand recipes she's created and, as you scroll through them, your mouth can't help but water, at least that's what mine did. There's the recipe for gâteau à l'orange et au chocolat, a bundt styled chocolate-orange cake drizzled with thick chocolate icing; and compote de pommes, rhubarbe et sirop d'érable, a luscious dessert with its mix of apples, rhubarb and maple syrup.

Then there's her new cookbook entitled *En solo, à deux ou en famille* that recently hit the shelves. A best seller at *Indigo*, it has all its recipes conveniently customized into



portions sized for one, two or four servings so if you are having a quiet meal at home by yourself or entertaining a few people for dinner on the weekend there is no guesswork as far as the quantities of ingredients involved are concerned. What caught my eye was the salade de crevettes, fenouil et oranges confites, a scrumptious-looking salad of fennel and candied orange slices topped with a generous portion of shrimp. But from breakfasts in a bowl to muffins to mains to desserts it's all in there and it promises to be both delicious and nutritious.

She started out in law, obtaining her LL.B. from *Université de Montréal*, followed by her *diplôme de droit notarial*. When she became pregnant three years later with her oldest child, she sold her law practice and began a different journey. She turned to her kitchen and started creating her own baby food. It was homemade, healthy fare. That was the impetus that led her to opening her own baby food company, *Les Aliments Mère Poule Inc.* She started it in 1994 with her mother as her partner. No surprise really. She had learned to cook as a toddler at her mother's side.

Her mother first taught her to roll out dough. She put the three-year-old Anick at a small table with a rolling pin, teaching her to form the dough into a pie crust shape for the pies she was making. And Anick loved it. She and her mom cooked together as Anick grew. They in turn had learned their skills from Grandma. It was a generational thing.

It was not all clear sailing. Five years after they started the company, her mother contracted cancer and, not willing to do it alone, Anick sold the business. From there she turned to pharmaceuticals, becoming a sales representative and then promoted to sales manager. Wanting more, she went back to school to get a degree in translation, working in medical and legal fields. Her

heart, though, was really in cooking and she yearned to get back to it. Cooking was her creative outlet.

She went back to her Montreal West kitchen and began creating new recipes. It was ten years ago that she launched her blog *unemerepoule.com* posting her newly developed recipes on the site. After that she approached a publisher, *Les Éditions Goélette*, and secured a publishing deal for her first cookbook. Then she got down to work, using the kitchen at her cottage to invent new recipes for the book. It took her six months to put together the recipes, developing then testing them as well as taking pictures for the book. It was hard work but worth it. Her first cookbook, *Cuisine au gré des saisons*, was launched in 2019.

The second cookbook was easier, as she had the support of her new publisher *Practico Édition Cuisine* to do the design, photography and testing of the recipes she had developed. Their professional chef tested the recipes in their Québec City test kitchen. The publisher took the pictures. All she had to do was create the recipes and, after all, that's what she really loves to do.

"Cooking gives you independence," Anick said. "You can transform what's in your refrigerator into delicious dishes rather than letting food go to waste and then having to throw it out because you're not sure what to do with it. And not wasting food is also good ecology. Additionally, you know that what you are eating is healthy, not junk food. And because you are conserving, you are saving money. With the price of food today that's an important consideration. It's all win-win."

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## Anick Lamothe : de fondatrice de *La mère poule inc.* à autrice de livre de recettes

Par Trish Hewat,  
traduction par Anick Lamothe

**Anick Lamothe**, LL.B., D.D.N., résidente de Montréal-Ouest, autrice de livre de recettes, traductrice à la pige, créatrice de contenu, blogueuse. Elle a fait tout ça. En googlant son blogue, vous trouverez plus de mille recettes qu'elle a créées, et, en défilant vers le bas, vous ne pourrez pas vous empêcher de saliver, en fait, c'est ce qui m'est arrivé. On y trouve une recette pour un gâteau à l'orange et au chocolat, une sorte de gâteau Bundt nappé d'une riche ganache au chocolat, ou une compote de pommes, rhubarbe et sirop d'érable. Ce dernier dessert est composé d'un mélange alléchant de pommes, de rhubarbe et de sirop d'érable.

Puis, il y a son nouveau livre de recettes *En solo, à deux ou en famille*, vendu depuis peu en librairies. Livre à succès chez *Indigo*, toutes les recettes sont adaptées en portions pour une, deux ou quatre personnes pour convenir que vous mangiez seule à la maison ou que vous receviez quelques personnes pour un souper la fin de semaine. Aucun besoin de deviner les quantités d'ingrédients nécessaires. La salade de crevettes, fenouil et oranges confites a accroché mon regard, c'est une salade de fenouil et de tranches d'orange confites couronnée d'une généreuse portion de crevettes qui semble succulente. D'un déjeuner en bol aux muffins, jusqu'aux plats principaux et aux desserts, tout y est, et cela promet d'être délicieux et nutritif.

Elle a commencé sa carrière en droit, après avoir obtenu son baccalauréat et son diplôme de droit notarial à l'*Université de Montréal*. Trois ans plus tard, alors qu'elle était enceinte de son premier enfant, elle a vendu sa pratique. Ce fut le début d'une

nouvelle voie. Elle s'est tournée vers sa cuisine, et a conçu ses propres aliments pour bébé. Plus sains et faits maison. Ce fut l'élan qui lui a fait créer en 1994, avec sa mère comme partenaire, son entreprise d'aliments pour bébé, *Les Aliments la mère poule inc.* Aucune surprise là. Alors une toute-petite, elle avait appris à cuisiner aux côtés de sa mère.

Elle lui a d'abord enseigné à rouler la pâte. Elle mettait Anick, qui n'avait que trois ans, à une petite table avec un rouleau à pâte et la laissait préparer la croûte pour les tartes qu'elle faisait. Et Anick adorait cela. Elle a continué à cuisiner avec sa mère en grandissant. Et c'est de sa grand-mère que sa mère avait appris à cuisiner. C'est une affaire générationnelle.

Mais cette histoire n'a pas été sans heurts. Cinq ans après la création de l'entreprise, sa mère fut atteinte de cancer, et, Anick, ne souhaitant pas poursuivre seule, a dû se résoudre à vendre. De là, elle s'est tournée vers l'industrie pharmaceutique, devenant représentante, puis directrice commerciale. Mais, souhaitant une vie différente, elle est retournée à l'école pour obtenir un diplôme en traduction, travaillant désormais en traduction juridique et médicale. Cuisiner était toutefois ce qu'elle aimait, elle rêvait de s'y consacrer à nouveau. C'était son exutoire créatif.

Elle a repris le chemin de sa cuisine et commencé à concevoir les recettes. Elle a lancé son blogue [www.unemerepoule.com](http://www.unemerepoule.com) il y a dix ans, publiant ses nouvelles créations culinaires sur son site Web. Anick a ensuite approché un éditeur, *Les Éditions*

*Goélette*, et a conclu un contrat pour son premier livre de recettes. Elle s'est mise au travail, en utilisant la cuisine de son chalet pour inventer de nouvelles recettes pour le livre. Cela lui demanda six mois pour créer les recettes, les tester et prendre les photos. Ce fut un dur labeur qui en valait la peine. Son premier livre *Cuisine au gré des saisons* a été lancé en 2019.

Ce fut plus facile pour le deuxième. Elle avait le soutien de sa nouvelle maison d'édition, *Pratico Édition Cuisine*, pour faire le design, prendre les photos et tester les recettes qu'elle avait élaborées dans sa maison de Mo-Ouest. Un chef professionnel testait les recettes dans leur cuisine de Québec. Un photographe de l'éditeur prenait les photos. Cette fois, Anick n'avait qu'à concevoir les recettes, et, après tout, c'est ce qu'elle aime faire.

«Cuisiner donne une indépendance», dit-elle. «Il est possible de transformer ce que l'on a dans le frigo en plats délicieux plutôt que de gaspiller la nourriture et de devoir la jeter parce que l'on ignore quoi faire avec. Ne pas gaspiller est aussi

mieux pour l'environnement. De plus, on sait ce que l'on mange, que c'est sain, que ce n'est pas de la malbouffe. Et parce que l'on utilise, on économise. Avec le prix des aliments aujourd'hui, c'est un élément important. C'est gagnant-gagnant».

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Left: Joan Foster with Ann Smith and Deb Marcogliese at the library during her recent talk. As expressed by appreciative audience member Carol Foster: "Thank you for hosting this event! I always wanted to know how to get old!!"

### Farewell, Joan!

It has been a very busy spring for us here at the Montreal West Public Library. This past month, we hosted **Joan Foster** for her talk, *Managing Detours in the Road of Living as We Gently Age*. It was a very special event: not only is Joan a knowledgeable source of information, but it was also her last talk here at the library before moving to British Columbia. If you missed it, we have copies of her handouts. We wish Joan all the best as she embarks on her next chapter.

We also hosted a very special MoWest edition of Canada Reads. Our volunteers were **Mary Sanner**, defending *The Cure for Drowning*; **Claire Godin**, defending *Searching for Terry Punchout*; **Carolyn Ringe-Aide**, defending *A Minor Chorus*; and **Ellen Moore**, defending *It's Different This Time*. Our volunteers did an amazing job, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed listening to their defences. Like the *CBC*, our local voters chose *The Cure for Drowning*. Have you read it?

And finally, we all had a great time at our recipe exchange. This time, we exchanged

green-themed recipes. What are green-themed recipes? Well, that was up to each participant to decide.

This librarian chose to present a Green Goddess dressing, served with roasted potatoes. Here is the recipe if you would like to try it at home:

### Green Goddess Dressing (from Melissa Clark)

- 1 1/2 cups of plain yogurt
- 1 cup packed basil leaves
- 1/4 cup packed chives
- 2 cloves garlic peeled
- 2 anchovy fillets (optional)
- 1 scallion, green and white parts
- Finely grated zest and juice of 1 lime
- 2 teaspoons kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon black pepper

Put all ingredients in a blender and blend until smooth.

Use it to marinate chicken and serve the unused sauce with dinner. You can also use it on trout fillets and salmon. Enjoy!

### Seed library is back!

Thanks to *West Coast Seeds* as well as our members who donated seeds, we are able to offer seeds again this year at the library. Come in and check out our collection and hopefully you will bring back seeds in the fall or spring to share with your neighbours. We look forward to hearing all about your gardening experiences.

### Puzzle exchange is continuing

Do you have a stack of puzzles lying around the house? Tired of doing the same ones over and over again? The MWPL has the solution for you: our first puzzle swap! From Saturday, March 21 to Saturday, August 29, bring along puzzles of any size, for any age, in their original boxes, no missing pieces – and trade them for new-to-you puzzles.

Avez-vous des piles de casse-têtes qui traînent chez vous? Êtes-vous pris à refaire les mêmes casse-têtes encore et encore? La BPMP a la solution pour vous : notre premier échange de casse-têtes! Du samedi 21 mars au samedi 29 août, apportez vos casse-têtes de toute grandeur et pour tout âge dans leurs boîtes d'origine – sans pièces manquantes – et échangez-les contre de nouveaux casse-têtes à découvrir!

### Tea and Books

This June, we are pleased to welcome author **Anna Brychey** for a discussion of her book *The Soldier, The Spy, and The Orphan*.

In the book, Anna shares the stories of three people she met while working in a Montreal CHSLD. Many residents of the long-term care facility were Polish immigrants whose lives had been shaped by the war, and their firsthand accounts inspired her to preserve their memories.

Join us on June 17 at 2 pm to hear these compelling stories. To register, email info@mwpl.ca.



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## Montreal West Children's Library



Some of the participants in the contest at the awards ceremony with author Dara Murphy and Joan Foster

### Bill Foster writing contest awards ceremony

When we first launched the Bill Foster Reading Contest we were hoping for success. Now, we are convinced that we took the right decision to implement this exciting initiative. For the fifth consecutive year, children are demonstrating writing skills that enchant and pull us into the worlds they create on paper.

In 2026, the theme of the Contest was "Friendship". The jury: author **Dara Murphy**, teaching assistant **Kate Marien** and school librarian **Rennie Macleod** were charmed by the originality and imagination of the young writers. The winners in both categories received monetary awards.

We are pleased to announce their names: Category 6-8 years old: 1<sup>st</sup> place **Hattie Gaskell** for *Zarie's Zoo*; 2<sup>nd</sup> place **Nico Juniper Clemenzi** for *We All Have a Circle of Friends*; 3<sup>rd</sup> place **Sam and Alex Sommer** for *The Hockey Player*. Category 9-12 years old: 1<sup>st</sup> place **Geneviève Marchand Keilman** for *A Portal to Bloboa*; 2<sup>nd</sup> place **Ronan Hunt-Douglas** for

*True Friendship*; 3<sup>rd</sup> place **Felix Kuchinsky** for the poem *Tweety the Third*. The reveal of the winners took place at an awards ceremony, attended by Dara Murphy and **Joan Foster**.

We would like to express our gratitude to Joan for all her support and encouragement over the years and wish her all the best for the new chapter of her life.

Do you know that all the submissions for the 2026 contest have been collected in a book? You are welcome to borrow it from the library and enjoy reading it at home.

### TD Summer Reading Club

Preparations at the library are under way for the summer reading program. Every year, we put together an enticing list of activities aiming to keep children busy reading, which – in turn – is a guarantee for the prevention of the summer slide, a term encompassing the loss of acquired knowledge during the summer months.

The theme of the TD Summer Reading Club this year is "Dive In". Mark your agendas:

the launch party will take place on Monday, June 22, 4 pm, when you will be able to sign up for the program, all by attending the musical concert of the beloved children's musician **Shawny**, and the inauguration of the TD Summer Reading Club Storywalk®. The full list of activities for the Summer Reading Program will soon be available on our website.

### Canadian Children's Book Week

For one week, every year in May, we celebrate the creators of children's books. Canadian authors and illustrators tour the country and meet with young audiences in libraries and schools.

Our library hosted the acclaimed author and illustrator **Elly Mackay**. She charmed the Grade 1 students from Elizabeth Ballantyne School by reading one of her stories – *Clap! Zap! Boom!* and demonstrated – by letting children create with her – how she develops the illustrations for her books.

Elly Mackay's original technique involves the use of a mirrored theatre setting in which she displays little figurines, takes pictures by using colored paper for background and lights thus creating unique illustra-

tions for the picture books she, or other authors, write.

Students learned about foreground, middle ground and background as well as how things appear smaller in the distance. They were encouraged to create their own setting for a future story they might develop.



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## Volunteer appreciation

On April 30, the Town hosted a wonderful evening at the Sports and recreation centre to honour the many volunteers in our community. The *MWCRA* was proud to take this opportunity to recognize several outstanding volunteers for their dedication and contributions to our sports programs.

This year's volunteer honorees included:

- **Stephanie Lynam** – Rugby Coach of the Year
- **Russell Cooper** – Basketball Coach of the Year

- **Lara Kwitko** – MWH Hockey Manager of the Year
- **Santino De Toni** – MWH Hockey Coach of the Year
- **Jean Ducharme** – Baseball Coach of the Year

These individuals represent the very best of community sport through their leadership and countless hours volunteered to support our athletes and programs.

Thank you to all of our volunteers for helping make our sports programs and our community so special.



Lara Kwitko, Franco Forlini (accepting for Santino De Toni), Stephanie Lynam, Russell Cooper, Jean Ducharme

## Spring sports in full swing across town

Spring sports are officially back in full swing and fields across the community are once again buzzing with activity and community spirit.

### Baseball

The new mini baseball program is designed for players ages 7 and 8 who are interested in learning the fundamentals of baseball in a fun and supportive environment. This program is run in partnership with Côte Saint-Luc and Hampstead twice a week in the spring to help ensure that players from our local communities have the opportunity to learn, develop skills and enjoy the game together.

Throughout the season, players will focus on the basics of baseball including throwing,

catching, batting, base running, teamwork and game play, all while building confidence and having fun on the field.

The Mudhens Baseball program is off to another exciting season, with three teams competing this year in the Intercommunity Baseball League. Our M11, M13 and M16 teams face off against teams from Westmount, Côte Saint-Luc, Town of Mount Royal and Hampstead throughout the six-week season. The M16 Mudhens will also take part in some exciting exhibition games this spring against teams from LaSalle and Verdun.

Ribbon cutting ceremony at the newly renovated Henway Park



### Return to Henway Park

One of the biggest highlights this year is the long-awaited return to Dave Reid Park, affectionately known to generations of Mudhens players and families as "Henway Park."

After five years away due to COVID and the construction of the recreation centre, the baseball field was in need of some much-needed care and upgrades. This spring, the *MW Civic Recreation Association (MWCRA)* invested over \$10,000 into renovating the infield to bring the park back to life for the community.

To celebrate the improvements and the return of baseball to Henway Park, the *MWCRA* hosted an official opening ceremony on Wednesday, May 20, complete with hot dogs, families, players and a ribbon-cutting ceremony. "Go Hens Go!" could once again be heard around the park as players took the field.

### Soccer

Spring soccer season is also under way. Our youngest athletes, ages 3-6, are enjoying mini soccer at George Booth Park, while older players are developing their skills and competing in games at Royal West Academy fields.

### Rugby

The rugby program is also having a tremendous start to the season. The first rugby jamboree takes place on May 24 and is ex-

pected to welcome over 300 players and their families to MW for a full day of rugby and community celebration.

With baseball diamonds, soccer fields and rugby pitches all full of activity, it is shaping up to be another incredible spring season for youth sports in MW.

### New summer soccer programming

New this year, the *MWCRA* will be offering summer soccer programming for players in the community.

For players U8 and older, the program will feature a pickup format designed to keep players active and enjoying the game throughout the summer months. Players must be registered to participate, but there will be no fixed teams. Each session, *MWCRA* staff will organize players into balanced teams on the field, while referees will supervise and officiate the games.

The program is designed to be fun, flexible, and focused on game play in a fun recreational environment.

For our younger athletes, we will continue to offer our popular micro soccer format for ages 3-6, focused on basic soccer skills, movement, teamwork and fun.

Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis, and spots are limited.

The *MWCRA* is excited to continue expanding its sports programming and provide families with more opportunities to stay active all summer long.

## IODE



Thank you so much for making the garage sale a fantastic success! Whether you donated items, found new treasures, or pitched in with set-up and take-down, we truly appreciate your support.

This lively event is always a highlight and energizes our fundraising for projects all year long.

### Did you know?

IODE is a national organization with 77 chapters and 1,206 members across Canada.

In 1940, the *Imperial Order Daughters of the Empire* raised \$100,000 in one month to purchase a Bristol Fairchild Bolingbroke bomber for the Royal Canadian Air Force. Quebec played a key role as the aircraft was built by Fairchild Aircraft Ltd. in Longueuil, Quebec.



1950-1967: The *IODE HMS Victory* Chapter was formed. In 1956, members supported Hungarian refugees. The organization raised funds for various initiatives, including scholarships for teachers' training to assist children with learning disabilities during Canada's centennial.

1968: French-speaking classes were offered to new immigrants.

1976: The Concern for Children project was launched, funding hearing aids for children with hearing loss. This initiated the Silence to Sound project, which awarded scholarships to audiology students at McGill University and was adopted by IODE Canada in 2002.

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## Montreal West Scouts



Kub Kar Rally and its winners (L to R): Melissa won for best design, Louis came in third, Colin second and Henry first.



### Cubs

March and April were busy months for the Cubs – they were busy building their Kub Kars. They had to carve a design out of a block of wood ( $8 \times 2 \times 2$ ), paint or decorate it, then add the axles and wheels. This activity usually spans at least three evening workshops as well as some work at home. It gives the Cubs practice in different skills and allows them to experience the excitement of racing while keeping a competitive spirit. They are called Kub Kars, but they are not necessarily all cars; this year, among the traditional cars, we had a couch, a rocket, an arctic scene and a piece of cheese! There were trophies handed out for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place as well as best design. Win or lose, the Cubs had a good time in both the preparation and the actual race. Congratulations to all!

The Cubs were also busy canvassing their neighbours to see if they wanted to purchase garden supplies being sold as part of our annual fundraiser. Funds collected will help defray the costs of some of the activities that the group participates in. On April 24 the items were delivered by a tractor-trailer truck next to the sports and recreation centre. Along with the Scouts, Beavers, Venturers, Rovers, Scouters and parents, deliveries were made throughout Montreal West and the surrounding areas. Some items were even delivered to Ontario and we had one order called in from California!

Some of the Cubs will be attending a week-long summer camp on Lake Lovering near Magog. They will have the opportunity to interact with Cubs from the Montreal area and participate in outdoor activities including canoeing, kayaking, swimming, hiking, campfire building, badge work, crafts and games in the woods. This camp

creates the type of Scouting memories that last a lifetime!

*from Scouters Darzee (Lee-Ann Simpson) and Chil (Bruce Kahn)*

### Scouts

The Scout troop was very busy at the end of April and the beginning of May preparing for their long weekend camp. The excitement and energy levels were very high this year as the annual “Bear Claw Camp” was being held at the old Camp Tamaracouta site in Mille-Isles. We have not been able to use the site since it was closed in 2018.

The theme was “The Wild, Wild, West,” and our troop was assigned the duties of sheriff and deputies! Costumes were encouraged, so some very ambitious Scouters decided to make vests, wear their group scarves backwards and wear a cowboy hat if they had one. Material was bought, patterns made, vests were cut out and sewn on

machines by the Scouts themselves – certainly a new experience for all!

Over a period of several weeks the Scouts took turns making their costumes while the others trained on stove and lantern lighting, knife and fire safety, first aid, setting up tents, menu planning, scheduling duty rosters and making up a cheer to share during campfires. A new feature for our troop this year was that some of the programming was run by our own Venturers; Thank You **Daegan, Myles, Nicholas and Rosa**.

None of this would have been possible if we didn't have dedicated Scouters! Many thanks to Scouters **Micky, David, Chae, Chuck and Darzee** (Lee-Ann from Cubs).

### Group Committee

We hope to see you all at the Canada Day parade. Have a happy and safe summer! Watch for our registration information in the next *Informeur*.

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# Cookie blitz, comfort creatures and more!



A huge thank you goes out to the Montreal West Public Library for supporting a cookie selling blitz outside the library on May 23. The blitz helped the local units to sell out of both types of cookies. We would also like to thank the community for your undying support of the cookie-selling campaigns. The mint cookies will be available again at the end of September.

## Comfort creatures

As mentioned in the last *Informer*, the Guides completed their 40 handmade stuffed comfort creatures for the residents of Ste-Anne's Hospital. The Guides boarded a train one sunny Sunday afternoon and made their way out to Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue. They were greeted by a staff member who brought them to a few different wards where the girls spoke with the residents and gave them the creations. Everyone was surprised and impressed with the handmade gifts.

## Building leadership skills

The Guide program covers a three-year period. With each passing year, the girls build their leadership skills. The third-year Guides take their turn at organizing and running a meeting. One example was when **Maeve** ran an Earth Day-themed meeting at the end of April. She decided the unit would go out and pick up garbage in Roy

D. Locke Park to help make the park safer for children to play, help the girls see how much people pollute and how pollution is bad for the planet. Maeve also organized a scavenger hunt and a craft of wind chimes made from repurposed items.

## Camp Peaceful Waters' centennial

As has been mentioned in earlier Guiding articles, the provincial camp near Morin Heights is celebrating its centennial this year. One of the projects to mark this milestone will be the creation of an art installation inside the only winterized building up at camp.

This spring, under the guidance of artist, **Monica Brinkman**, four workshops were held where girls were encouraged to participate and create their own unique tile using the trinkets which had been collected for over six months. The results were inspiring. We are all eager to see the final project installed inside Stavert Lodge. One of the workshops was held here in Montreal West. We had close to 100 participants over a two-hour period participate in this once-in-a-lifetime project.

Another event to celebrate the centennial is an inter-provincial week-long camp at the end of July. One of the activities offered to campers is the opportunity to help make knitted or crocheted squares for the Crafted for Courage project. The Montreal West Guides participated in the project last year. They learned how to knit. Many were using

**Brown Owl's** knitting needles, with yarn that was once hers, to make three squares for the project. This time, there will be many more participants, many of whom will be coming to the camp with squares already knitted. Others will be learning the craft.

## Crafted for Courage

It was felt this was a fitting service project for Girl Guides to participate in. The blankets being made through *Crafted for Courage* will be displayed and sold November 28 at Place Ville Marie. The funds raised will be distributed among several women's shelters. Some of the crafted blankets will be donated directly to the shelters to be given to the women. This project helps to raise awareness of violence against women.

If you have any yarn sitting around that you would like to give to a good cause, please consider dropping it off at 227 Bedbrook Avenue before the end of June. The yarn will be brought up to camp and crafted into a square, crafted into hope.

## Registration

Registration for the 2026-2027 Guiding year is under way. Please follow the online prompts at [register.girlguides.ca](http://register.girlguides.ca). If the meeting times of the Montreal West units do not fit with your family's schedule, then consider other units nearby.

*from Montreal West Guiders*

## International Migratory Bird Day 2026

On May 9, Montreal West Sparks, Embers, and Guides participated in the annual "Global Big Day" bird count in honour of International Migratory Bird Day. This marked our second bird walk of the year and was enthusiastically attended by 17 girls and their family members.

Look up, wayyyy up! Sparks, Embers and Guides birding together.



Like the Backyard Bird Count held each February, Global Big Day is a worldwide event that encourages people to observe and record birds in their local communities. The data collected by participants is uploaded to eBird – the world's largest citizen-science database for birding – and aids scientists in

bird conservation efforts around the world.

Our walk took place at the Falaise Saint-Jacques, a 4-kilometre green corridor bordering Notre-Dame-de-Grâce and spanning more than 49 acres. Despite being located near railway tracks and a major highway, the area is an important birding hotspot that attracts many migratory species passing through Montreal on their migratory journeys.

During the outing, participants identified 21 bird species, including migrants such as the Tennessee Warbler, Yellow Warbler, Yellow-rumped Warbler and Black-throated Green Warbler. The group also observed year-round residents, including the Merlin, a small yet fierce falcon that nests in NDG.

The girls had the opportunity to try out binoculars and learn some basic bird-identification skills. One memorable moment was watching several crows mobbing Turkey Vultures in flight – an exciting demonstration of bird behaviour in the wild.

*from Melanie Dean*

## Réunion du Conseil : avril



de Jody Mason  
traduction par René Boucher

La réunion s'est tenue le  
27 avril

### Rapports du Conseil

Le **maire Cha** a fait un certain nombre de mises à jour sur les activités d'avril.

Du 7 avril à la fin de l'année scolaire, il y aura un brigadier scolaire à Ainslie et à Westminster. Le brigadier a remarqué que c'est une intersection très dangereuse. Le maire demande aux automobilistes d'être vigilants.

Le Conseil a tenu sa première Discussion avec le Conseil en avril (une occasion d'interagir avec le Conseil en dehors des réunions formelles); il y en aura d'autres. De plus, un groupe de discussion s'est tenu avec les résidents de Nelson pour discuter du stationnement sur cette rue.

En avril, *Hydro-Québec* a invité les résidents à une séance d'information sur les améliorations prévues au réseau électrique près de la sous-station Côte Saint-Luc (qui se dérouleront en deux phases, 2026-2029 et 2031-2034).

En mai, le Conseil commencera à sonder les résidents au sujet de leur utilisation du réseau *BIXI*.

Le Conseil a travaillé en avril à l'établissement des mandats des comités de citoyens et à l'examen des candidatures.

Le maire a participé au symposium annuel «Banc public» sur le renouvellement des rues principales; il y a obtenu de nombreuses idées pour l'avenue Westminster.

Le maire Cha a rencontré les maires de LaSalle et du Sud-Ouest pour discuter d'aménagement urbain, de transport en commun, du projet du canal Lachine 4.0, de la Falaise Saint-Jacques, de l'amélioration du plan d'urbanisme et du potentiel de collaboration. Il a aussi assisté à une réunion de l'Association des municipalités de banlieue qui accueillait le président de l'Union des municipalités du Québec.

Le maire a fait remarquer que le nouveau Conseil est maintenant en fonction depuis six mois et il a remercié les membres pour leur collaboration et leur attention portée aux solutions qui profitent à la communauté. Le maire a souligné quelques réalisations clés : des relations solides avec les maires des arrondissements voisins, l'établissement d'un dialogue avec les principaux partenaires de la Ville, l'ouverture du centre sportif et récréatif, un meilleur suivi du système de gestion des plaintes, la mise en place de mécanismes de participation des citoyens, le lancement du processus d'installation d'une station *BIXI* dans la ville et l'élaboration du Plan stratégique 2026-2029.

Enfin, le maire a passé en revue les travaux du Conseil jusqu'à présent sur le nouveau Plan stratégique, qui vise à aborder les thèmes clés suivants : gouvernance, communication, développement urbain, finances, bilinguisme, urbanisme, transition écologique, participation citoyenne, gestion des actifs, développement économique, mobilité durable et loisirs.

### Rapports des membres du Conseil

La **conseillère Slocombe** a fait remarquer que les demandes augmentent au CCU, dont la majorité a été approuvée. Elle a remercié les résidents de respecter le caractère de la communauté. Elle a souligné qu'il y a eu beaucoup de discussions sur le nouveau règlement sur les foyers et a demandé aux résidents de se souvenir que les foyers peuvent être utilisés dans certaines conditions et que c'est un problème qui a un effet direct sur la santé publique.

La conseillère Slocombe a fait remarquer que la première Discussion avec le Conseil a eu lieu en avril et qu'une deuxième est prévue pour le début de mai. Elle a attiré l'attention sur le fait qu'avril est le mois du bénévolat et a remercié tous les bénévoles de la ville, tout en rappelant aux résidents l'initiative Bon voisinage de mai (les résidents peuvent s'inscrire pour aider les aînés à effectuer des tâches à l'extérieur). En conclusion, la conseillère Slocombe a annoncé que la Société horticole organisera un événement le 19 mai sur les plantes indigènes et qu'ils vendront lesdites plantes lors de l'événement éphémère du 24 mai.

Le **conseiller Tassé** a indiqué que le service des Travaux publics s'est concentré sur les travaux saisonniers de transition (nids-de-poule, nettoyage des rues) ainsi que sur l'entretien des lampadaires. Il a noté qu'un contrat pour des travaux majeurs sur Prom. Courtney a été octroyé. La Ville con-

tinue de surveiller les problèmes liés à la collecte des ordures et autres matières. Le conseiller Tassé a rencontré des propriétaires d'entreprises de Westminster qui souhaitent relancer une association de gens d'affaires. Il a hâte de travailler avec le Comité de revitalisation de Westminster.

Le **conseiller Bergeron** rappelle aux résidents que la Ville demande aux citoyens de respecter les restrictions saisonnières en matière de stationnement alors que le nettoyage printanier se poursuit. Il a fait remarquer que le 1er mai marque la fin de la période d'utilisation des souffleurs à feuilles, que l'essai annuel des sirènes d'urgence à l'usine de *Lactalis Canada* a eu lieu le 6 mai, de 9 h 30 à 10 h, que l'inscription aux programmes du printemps et de l'été des loisirs est en cours et que la piscine devrait ouvrir le 30 mai. Le conseiller Bergeron a souligné que la soirée Pub tenue à la fin d'avril avait permis d'amasser 5000 \$ pour le centre sportif et récréatif. Elle s'est tenue en même temps qu'un tournoi de hockey qui a permis d'amasser 28000 \$. Le conseiller Bergeron a remercié le service des Loisirs et **Andrew Michelin** pour leurs efforts.

La **conseillère Small-Pennefather** a fait remarquer que les rapports *PERFORM* pour l'exercice 2025 seront bientôt disponibles sur le site Web du ministère des Affaires municipales et du Logement. Elle rappelle aux résidents que le deuxième versement pour l'impôt foncier est dû le 26 mai (il n'y aura pas de rappel). En terminant, elle a annoncé que Raffaella Di Stasio a été reconnue pour ses services par l'Association canadienne des administrateurs municipaux. Le Conseil célèbre ses quinze ans de service à Montréal-Ouest!

### Première période de questions

Les résidents ont signalé des problèmes avec la collecte des matières compostables



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et des ordures, des affaissements sur Westminster Sud, des nids-de-poule sur Ainslie, le mauvais état de la rue Brock N., et la laideur des cordes à linge (la réponse à cette dernière question a rappelé que les cordes à linge sont autorisées dans les cours latérales et arrière). Un résident a suggéré l'utilisation de peinture thermoplastique pour la peinture de rue; le conseiller Tassé étudie la question, mais c'est une option coûteuse.

Un résident demande des mises à jour sur l'étude Westminster-Ainslie. Le maire a indiqué que le Conseil devrait recevoir le premier rapport dans les semaines à venir et qu'il aura des résultats à communiquer dans un mois ou deux.

Des résidents ont posé des questions sur le projet pilote au passage à niveau qui interdira les virages à gauche de Sherbrooke vers Westminster Sud, soulignant que cela augmentera la circulation sur Brock Nord. À la question de savoir si le Conseil envisagerait de restreindre l'interdiction de tourner à gauche aux périodes de pointe ou de limiter le stationnement sur Brock ou Ballantyne de Curzon à Sherbrooke afin que deux voies de circulation puissent passer; le conseiller Bergeron a indiqué que l'interdiction de tourner à gauche sera en vigueur en tout temps et qu'il n'y aura pas de voies de circulation ajoutées à Brock N. ou Ballantyne N. Au besoin, la présence policière s'intensifiera à Brock Nord et Sherbrooke. Le conseiller Bergeron rappelle aux résidents qu'il s'agit d'un projet visant à atténuer les problèmes de conformité aux passages à niveau et que la Ville est prête à évaluer les effets du projet pilote (elle prévoit de recueillir des données afin de comparer la situation pré-pilote à la période pilote).

Un résident a demandé si la Ville envisagerait de restreindre le stationnement dans les rues transversales comme Curzon, utilisé par les non-résidents fréquentant Westmin-

ster et qui présente des dangers. Le conseiller Bergeron a indiqué que la Ville examine le stationnement dans tout le territoire et qu'elle envisage d'établir un plan d'ici la fin de l'année (le Comité sur la mobilité durable se penchera également sur la question).

### Contrats et Greffe municipal

Cinq comités de citoyens ont été créés (planification financière, transition écologique et environnement, municipalité amie des aînés, mobilité durable, revitalisation de Westminster). Tous les comités compteront huit membres (ceux-ci ont été nommés par le Conseil à la suite d'un processus de demande et les listes des membres seront publiées sur le site Web de la Ville).

### Travaux publics

Le Conseil a adopté une motion demandant à l'Agence de mobilité durable d'étudier le stationnement sur rue et autres stationnements dans la ville. Le contrat pour des travaux majeurs sur Prom. Courtney a été approuvé (57 326,54 \$).

### Deuxième période de questions

On a posé une question au sujet de la motion approuvant l'étude sur le stationnement : cette étude est-elle liée à l'étude sur le stationnement effectuée l'an dernier? Le Conseil a répondu qu'il s'agit de la deuxième partie d'une étude qui s'est amorcée l'année dernière. Le résident a demandé si la première partie serait rendue publique; le maire a répondu non, mais qu'elle pourrait l'être une fois la deuxième partie terminée. La première partie de l'étude était une évaluation de la situation du stationnement dans la ville; la deuxième partie portera sur les stratégies d'optimisation du stationnement.



**Valmar Kuroi**, a resident of Courtney Drive, has recently released a new CD, *Dancing with Antarctica*. This is his eighth CD of Antarctic-themed instrumental music made in collaboration with **Michael Stibor** of Dorval, which was inspired by his travels to Antarctica over 33 years. In the spirit of fun, the nine tracks of music present Antarctic themes and events, some serious and others less so, that are illustrated with various styles of dance music in a mixture of rock, jazz and orchestral styles.

On paper, Antarctica and dance don't really mix. Most people associate Antarctica with scientific silence, heavy parkas and the kind of cold that makes your limbs forget they have joints. But there is something beautifully human about the contradiction. Antarctica isn't just a block of ice, it's a microcosm of the world. It's one of the few places on Earth defined entirely by a gathering of different cultures, languages and backgrounds, all huddled together against the elements. And if there is one thing humans do regardless of where they're from or how many layers of thermal wool they're wearing, it's move. They dance to stay warm, but mostly they dance to celebrate being alive. So, wherever you are and however you choose to move to music, stay warm, and keep dancing.

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## Town Council meeting: April



by Jody Mason

Meeting held April 27.

### Council reports

**Mayor Cha** gave a number of updates on April activities.

From April 7 to the end of the school year, there will be a school crossing guard at Ainslie and Westminster. The crossing guard has noticed this is a very dangerous intersection. The mayor is asking drivers to be vigilant.

Council held its first Discussion with Council in April (an opportunity to interact with Council outside of formal meetings); there will be more of these. Additionally, a focus group was held with residents on Nelson to discuss parking along that street.

In April, *Hydro-Québec* invited residents to an information session on planned upgrades to the electrical system near the Côte Saint-Luc substation (these will happen in two phases, 2026-29 and 2031-34).

In May, Council will begin surveying residents on their usage of the *BIXI* network.

Council worked through April to establish the mandates for the citizens' committees and to review the applications for them.

The mayor participated in the annual "Banc public" symposium regarding the renewal of main streets, where he obtained many ideas for Westminster Avenue.

Mayor Cha met with the mayors of LaSalle and the Sud-Ouest to discuss urban development, public transit, the Lachine Canal 4.0 project, the Falaise Saint-Jacques, the upgrading of the urban plan and potential for collaboration. He also attended a meeting of the Association of Suburban Municipalities, which hosted the president of the Union des municipalités du Québec.

The mayor observed that the new Council has now been in office for six months

and thanked councillors for their collaborative work and focus on solutions that benefit the community. The mayor highlighted some key achievements: strong relations with neighbouring borough mayors, establishment of dialogue with the Town's main partners, opening of the Sports and recreation centre, ensuring better follow-up with the complaint management system, implementation of citizens' participation mechanisms, initiating the process to install a *BIXI* station in the Town and developing the 2026-29 Strategic Plan.

Finally, the mayor reviewed Council's work thus far on the new Strategic Plan, which aims to address the following key themes: governance, communication, urban development, finance, bilingualism, urban planning, ecological transition, citizen participation, asset management, economic development, sustainable mobility and recreation.

### Councillors' reports

**Councillor Slocombe** noted that applications are increasing at the PAC, the majority of which have been approved. She thanked residents for respecting the character of the community. She noted there has been much discussion about the new fireplace bylaw and asked residents to remember that fireplaces may be used under certain conditions and that this is an issue that has a direct effect on public health.

Councillor Slocombe observed that the first Discussion with Council was held in April and that a second is planned for early May. She called attention to the fact that April is volunteer month and thanked all the town's volunteers, while also reminding residents about May's Caring Neighbourhood initiative (residents may sign up to help seniors with outdoor chores). In closing, Coun-

cillor Slocombe announced that the Horticultural Society will host an event May 11 about indigenous plants (and that they will sell said plants at the May 24 pop-up event).

**Councillor Tassé** reported that Public Works has been focusing on seasonal transition work (potholes, street cleaning) as well as maintenance of street lights. He noted that the contract for major work on Courtney Drive has been awarded. The Town continues to monitor problems with garbage and waste collection. Councillor Tassé has been meeting with Westminster business owners who are interested in re-launching a business association. He looks forward to working with the Westminster Revitalization Committee.

**Councillor Bergeron** reminded residents that the Town is asking them to respect seasonal parking restrictions as spring cleanup continues. He noted that May 1 is the end of the period for leaf blower usage, that the annual emergency siren test at the *Lactalis Canada* factory took place May 6, 9:30-10 am, that registration for spring and summer recreation programming is ongoing and that the pool is scheduled to open May 30. Councillor Bergeron noted that the Pub Night held in late April raised \$5,000 for the Sports and recreation centre. It was held in conjunction with a hockey tournament that raised \$28,000. Councillor Bergeron thanked the Department of Recreation and **Andrew Michelin** for their efforts.

**Councillor Small-Pennefather** noted that the PERFORM Reports for the 2025 fiscal year will soon be available on the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing website. She reminded residents that the second instalment for property tax is due May 26 (there will be no reminder). In closing, she announced that **Raffaella Di Stasio** has been recognized for her service by the *Association canadienne des administrateurs municipaux*. Council celebrates her 15 years of service to Montreal West!

### First question period

Residents reported trouble with compost and garbage collection, sinkholes on Westminster, potholes on Ainslie, the poor state of Brock North, and the unsightliness of laundry lines (the response to this last question noted that laundry lines are permitted in side and back yards). A resident suggested the use of thermoplastic paint for street painting; Councillor Tassé is looking into this, but it's an expensive option.

A resident asked for updates on the Westminster-Ainslie study. The mayor reported that Council should receive the first report in the coming weeks and will have results to share in a month or two.

Residents asked about the pilot project at the level crossing that will prohibit left turns



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## Town Council meeting: April

from Sherbrooke onto Westminster Ave., noting that this will increase traffic on Brock North. When asked if Council would consider restricting the left turn prohibition to peak traffic periods or limiting parking on Brock and Ballantyne from Curzon to Sherbrooke so that two lanes of traffic might pass, Councillor Bergeron replied that the left turn prohibition will be in effect at all times and that there will be no lanes of traffic added to Brock North or Ballantyne North. If necessary, police presence will be added to Brock North and Sherbrooke. Councillor Bergeron reminded residents that this is a project meant to mitigate problems with level crossing compliance and that the Town is prepared to assess the effects of the pilot (they are planning to collect data in order to compare the pre-pilot situation to the pilot period).

A resident asked if the Town would consider restricting parking on cross streets such as Curzon, which is used by non-residents frequenting Westminster and poses dangers. Councillor Bergeron reported that the Town is reviewing parking in the whole town and is looking to have a plan by the end of the year (the Sustainable Mobility Committee will be looking at this, as well).

### Contracts and Town Clerk's office

Five Citizens' Committees were established (Financial Planning, Ecological Transition and Environment, Age-Friendly Municipality, Sustainable Mobility, Westminster Revitalization). Each will have eight members (these were appointed by Council following an application process) and lists of members will be published on Town website.

### Public Works

Council passed a motion mandating the *Agence de mobilité durable* to study street and other parking in the Town. The contract for major work on Courtney Dr. was approved (\$57,326.54).

### Second question period

There was a question about the motion approving the parking study: is this study related to the parking study done last year? Council replied that this is part two of a study that began last year. The resident asked if part one will be released to the public. The mayor responded no, but that it could be released once part two is complete. Part one of the study was an assessment of the parking situation in the town; part two will focus on strategies for optimizing parking.

## News from the pews

### St. Philip's

Spring is here, and our community garden is flourishing. This year, preparation of our garden was a two-day event (May 8 and 9). With help from the MoWest Horticultural Society, our neighbours and fellow parishioners, the garden was raked, mulched and generally spruced up. Since then, the gardening team has been busy planting. We are looking forward to spinach, kale, herbs, lettuce, rhubarb, Saskatoon berries, raspberries, peas and strawberries this year. The garden is open to all, but please be considerate of others and don't harvest an entire crop! If you are interested in becoming a member of our volunteer gardening community, please contact **Anne Williams** ([anne.johnston.williams@gmail.com](mailto:anne.johnston.williams@gmail.com)) for more information.

A big thank you to all who came out and supported our annual spring fair on May 23. It was wonderful to see so many friends and neighbours.

### Thrift store

The Thrift Store will open on the last Thursday of each month over the summer (June 25, July 30 and August 27) from noon-3 pm in the hall basement (7505 Sherbrooke St. W.). A variety of houseware items, kitchen utensils, used books, decorative accessories, jewellery and more will be on sale. Come for the bargains and stay for the friendly conversation!

Worship at St. Philip's continues over the summer, every Sunday at 10 am, with children's activities available. In the meantime, we wish everyone a restful and relaxing summer!

*from Mark Reimer*

### MW United

*...the brick one*

As we move from the freshness of spring into the early days of summer, there is a real sense of energy and community all around us. It has been a season full of connection, generosity and shared moments, and it's wonderful to pause and take it all in.

Thank you to everyone who supported our Book Browse last month. Whether you donated books, gave your time, made purchases – or all three – your contributions made a tremendous difference. What an incredible turnout! With everyone's help, we raised nearly \$3,000. Happy puzzling, playing and reading to all who took part!

### Sunday, June 7

Following the service, all are warmly invited to a picnic lunch as we celebrate the start of summer and cottage season and mark the close of Sunday school classes until the fall. Our Scouts, Ventures and Guides will once again be helping to cook and serve, giving our regular volunteers a chance to relax and enjoy the day. And yes – there will be cake! It's shaping up to be a wonderful time of community, celebration and family fun. Everyone is most welcome.

### Looking ahead to summer Outdoor Labyrinth Walk

Our final guided walk before the summer took place on May 17, but not to worry – we will return in the fall on Sunday, September 20. In the meantime, if you find yourself with "itchy feet" or simply in need of a quiet, contemplative walk in nature, our

outdoor labyrinth remains open and available on the Ballantyne lawn.

### Business as usual (with a summer twist!)

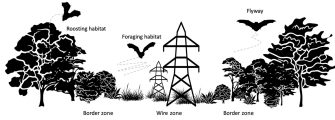
As summer approaches, things take on a slightly slower and more relaxed pace at MWUC. Throughout June and July, we will continue to gather each Sunday at 10 am, but with a lighter spirit. With a reduced choir, our services will include a hymn sing, where the congregation helps choose the music – so come prepared with your favourites! The choir may sit among the congregation, and during fellowship time, refreshing lemonade will take the place of our usual coffee and tea.

In August, we enter a time of rest and renewal. Our staff and many of our volunteers take a well-deserved break, and regular worship will resume after Labour Day Sunday, September 13. Phone messages will continue to be checked, and, as always, the outdoor labyrinth remains open whenever the spirit moves you.

### A blessing for the summer ahead

Wishing everyone a joyful and restorative summer – whether your plans take you far afield or keep you close to home here in "balconville." May you find time to recharge and reconnect, to enjoy the vibrant energy of the city and its many festivals and to savour the beauty of this all-too-brief season. Stay safe, and we look forward to gathering again in the fall.

*from Your church neighbour  
with a keyboard,  
Tania Watson*



## Bat and firefly walks on Hydro-Québec corridor

This will be the 4<sup>th</sup> year that Concordia students will lead bat walks on the *Hydro* corridor. They use echo meters to detect the sonar emitted by the bats as they hunt. The device also indicates the species as they each have their own frequency. The corridor is home to four species.

The walks begin at dusk. If it calls for rain, the walk will be postponed as insects, the bats' food, don't fly in the rain. Dates and times yet to be confirmed, but they are held on Thursday evenings. Target dates are June 18 or 25, July 16 or 23, Aug 20 or 27. Fall dates will be announced in the September issue.

The trail is now covered in wood chips, which reduces the mud. Boots and long pants are still recommended. Because of the numerous wildflowers, the presence of the fireflies here is spectacular. Join us for an adventure. Children are welcome!

To express your interest and to be put on the contact list, please write **Louise Chênevert** at [mw.hq.greencorridorvert2019@gmail.com](mailto:mw.hq.greencorridorvert2019@gmail.com).

## Chauves-souris et de lucioles sur le corridor d'Hydro-Québec

Pour la quatrième année consécutive, des étudiants de Concordia organiseront des sorties d'observation des chauves-souris dans le corridor *Hydro*. Ils utilisent des échos mètres pour détecter les signaux sonores émis par les chauves-souris lorsqu'elles chassent. L'appareil permet également d'identifier l'espèce, chaque chauve-souris possédant sa propre fréquence. Quatre espèces vivent dans ce corridor.

Les promenades débutent au crépuscule. En cas de pluie, la promenade sera reportée car les insectes, dont se nourrissent les chauves-souris, ne volent pas sous la pluie. Les dates et horaires restent à confirmer. Les séances ont lieu le jeudi soir. Les dates envisagées sont le 18 ou le 25 juin, le 16 ou le 23 juillet, et le 20 ou le 27 août. Les dates de l'automne seront annoncées dans le numéro de septembre.

Le sentier est désormais recouvert de copeaux de bois, ce qui réduit la boue. Le port de bottes et d'un pantalon long reste recommandé. Grâce à la profusion de fleurs sauvages, la présence de lucioles est spectaculaire. Rejoignez-nous pour une aventure inoubliable! Les enfants sont les bienvenus!

Pour manifester votre intérêt et être ajouté à la liste de contacts, veuillez écrire à **Louise Chênevert** au [mw.hq.greencorridorvert2019@gmail.com](mailto:mw.hq.greencorridorvert2019@gmail.com).

## Urban fruit harvesting collective:

Looking for fruit trees, bushes and berries and volunteers to harvest them

In February, the Town put a call out for volunteers. There were a dozen residents who confirmed their interest. I attended the training at the Botanical Gardens. I am pleased to announce that I am now a pickleleader, who is responsible for organizing the harvest.

**Fruit.** Residents who have fruit trees on their properties and have difficulty harvesting can request our services. Trees can be apple, pear, plum, cherry or canes such as raspberry, blackberry, etc. and even grapes. Homeowners can fill out this form: [tinyurl.com/mr3xd24m](http://tinyurl.com/mr3xd24m), then get in touch with me so that I can assess the feasibility and create a plan based on the target fruiting time of the variety as well as your availability.

**Volunteers.** Write me an email stating your interest and availability for this season. You can come just once or be a regular.

**Program.** *Les Fruits Défendus* is a collective initiated in Montréal in 2011. Harvests are shared equitably according to the following model: 1/3 of the fruit harvested will be given to the homeowner, 1/3 to the volunteer pickers and 1/3 donated to food banks or community organizations.

Urban fruit harvesting offers many benefits: it helps make use of local resources that are often underutilized, reduces food waste, supports community organizations and strengthens connections between neighbours through a meaningful, hands-on project. This model promotes mutual aid, access to local food, and the enhancement of our urban forest heritage.

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## Les Fruits défendus :

À la recherche d'arbres, d'arbustes et de petits fruits et des bénévoles pour les cueillir

En février, la Ville a lancé un appel aux bénévoles. Une douzaine de résidents ont manifesté leur intérêt. J'ai suivi la formation au Jardin botanique. Je suis heureuse d'annoncer que je suis maintenant cheffe de cueillette responsable de l'organisation des récoltes.

**Fruits.** Les résidents qui possèdent des arbres fruitiers sur leur propriété et qui rencontrent des difficultés à les récolter peuvent faire appel à nos services. Il peut s'agir d'arbres comme des pommiers, des poiriers, des pruniers, des cerisiers, des framboisiers, des mûriers, voire de vignes.

Les propriétaires peuvent remplir ce formulaire au [tinyurl.com/mr3xd24m](http://tinyurl.com/mr3xd24m).

**Bénévoles.** Veuillez m'envoyer un courriel pour me faire part de votre intérêt et de vos disponibilités pour cet été. Vous pouvez venir une fois ou régulièrement.

**Programme.** *Les Fruits Défendus* est un collectif initié en 2011 à Montréal. Les récoltes sont partagées équitablement selon le modèle suivant : 1/3 des fruits récoltés sera donné au propriétaire, 1/3 aux cueilleurs bénévoles et 1/3 donné à des banques alimentaires ou à des organismes communautaires.

La cueillette de fruits en milieu urbain offre de nombreux avantages : elle permet de valoriser des ressources locales souvent sous-utilisées, réduit le gaspillage alimentaire, soutient les associations locales et renforce les liens de voisinage grâce à un projet concret et participatif. Ce modèle favorise l'entraide, l'accès à une alimentation locale et la mise en valeur de notre patrimoine forestier urbain.

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Ce nouveau service offert par Blanko remplace l'ancien système CodeRED.

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- Restez informé sur des sujets qui vous concernent
- Choisissez les catégories d'alertes selon vos préférences

La Ville invite l'ensemble de la population à s'inscrire afin de rester informée. L'inscription est simple, gratuite et ne prend que quelques minutes.

[alertes.montreal-ouest.ca/fr](http://alertes.montreal-ouest.ca/fr)

## Sign up on new alert system

The Town has launched a new mass communication system to keep you better informed, quickly and effectively. This new tool will allow the Town to reach residents during emergency situations, while also sharing useful day-to-day information, such as snow removal operations, collections, roadwork, and much more.

This new system, provided by Blanko, replaces CodeRED.

### Why sign up?

- Receive alerts quickly in case of emergencies
- Stay informed on topics that matter to you
- Choose your preferred communication methods

All residents are invited to sign up to stay informed. Registration is simple, free and takes only a few minutes.

[alertes.montreal-ouest.ca/en](http://alertes.montreal-ouest.ca/en)

## Kosher corner

### First Friday Kabbalat Shabbat service

Start Shabbat with connection, prayer and community at Chabad's First Friday Kabbalat Shabbat service. The service takes place on the first Friday of each month and is open to everyone looking to greet Shabbat in a warm, welcoming setting.

### Mommy and Me returns

Popular Mommy and Me program is back for the summer. Families with young children can look out for emails with dates and details for what promises to be a fun-filled season of activities.

More events will be announced throughout the summer. To stay up to date, it's best to sign up for the email list at [ChabadWestminster.com/subscribe](http://ChabadWestminster.com/subscribe).

### Hebrew school registration now open

Registration for next year's Hebrew school is now open. Parents can learn more and enroll children by visiting [chabadwestminster.com/hebrewschool](http://chabadwestminster.com/hebrewschool) or emailing [chaya@chabadwestminster.com](mailto:chaya@chabadwestminster.com).

*from Rabbi Mendy Marlow*



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### Les inscriptions pour les semaines individuelles sont maintenant ouvertes! Nouveau service accompagnement: camp-piscine

Un nouveau service d'accompagnement et de surveillance est offert aux enfants inscrits à la fois au camp et aux programmes aquatiques cet été. Proposé le matin et l'après-midi, il assure des transitions sécuritaires entre l'académie et la piscine, avec supervision avant, pendant et après les cours. Plusieurs options d'inscription flexibles sont disponibles : à la semaine, par session de natation, par session de camp ou pour toute la durée de l'été.

**Service du matin** : accompagnement des enfants de la piscine (centre sportif) vers l'académie. **Service de l'après-midi** : accompagnement de l'académie vers la piscine (centre sportif).

#### Options d'inscription flexibles disponibles :

- Hebdomadaire
- Par session de cours de natation (période de 2 semaines)
  - Par session de camp (semaines 1 à 4 ou semaines 5 à 8)
  - Option été complet (semaines 1 à 8)

### Série culturelle estivale 2026

Venez vous joindre à vos voisins pour des soirées de concerts et d'activités dans vos parcs locaux!

La plupart des événements proposent de la nourriture et des boissons (\$), mais vous pouvez aussi apporter votre pique-nique. Apportez une chaise, une couverture et votre bouteille d'eau.

### Programmes d'été

Les inscriptions pour les programmes d'été débutent le 1<sup>er</sup> juin. Les résidents de tous âges sont invités à découvrir un large éventail d'activités conçues pour favoriser l'activité physique, la vie sociale et l'engagement au sein de la communauté.

Voir la section Activités physiques et loisirs sur le site Web de la Ville.

- Les programmes débutent la semaine du 6 juillet
- Inscription pour les résidents le 1<sup>er</sup> juin, pour les résidents de Côte Saint-Luc et Hampstead le 8 juin, pour les non-résidents le 9 juin

### Patinage libre (même l'été!)

Enfilez vos patins et rejoignez-nous au centre sportif et récréatif pour une séance de patinage libre ! Les résidents de tous âges sont invités à profiter de la glace dans une toute nouvelle installation moderne. Aucune inscription nécessaire, le pro shop sera ouvert pour louer des patins et des casques ou faire aiguiser vos propres patins!

### Hockey libre

Venez participer à des parties de hockey libre au centre sportif et récréatif! Ouvert à tous les niveaux, il suffit d'apporter votre équipement et d'inviter vos amis pour participer à des matchs amicaux et amusants.

### Vitrine artistique

#### Thème d'été : La communauté

La Vitrine artistique offre aux résidents la possibilité d'exposer leurs œuvres en ligne et à l'hôtel de ville. Pour plus d'informations, rendez-vous sur le site Web de la ville, dans la section « Culture ». Date limite : 12 juin.

### Gymnase libre

Des activités de gym en continu sont proposées au centre sportif et récréatif! Ces séances offrent aux résidents des occasions flexibles de rester actifs et de profiter des installations du gymnase. Parmi les activités proposées, on trouve le pickleball (libre et cours), le badminton, le volley-ball, le basket-ball, du temps réservé pour bébés et parents, pour ados, et bien plus.

Consultez les activités offertes au gymnase sur le site Web.

### Programmation de piscine

La piscine ouvre samedi 30 mai ! Consultez le programme complet sur le site Web.

Les inscriptions aux programmes de la piscine sont en cours. Nous sommes ravis d'accueillir les résidents et les usagers dans notre nouvelle piscine au centre sportif et récréatif. Cette installation moderne offre un espace accueillant où les nageurs de tous âges et de toutes habiletés peuvent apprendre, s'entraîner et rester actifs. Il y en a pour tous les goûts: cours de natation, cours parents-enfants, de l'aquaforme, des cours de sauvetage, du bain libre, natation artistique et plus encore!

#### Abonnement

Famille: rés. 145 \$; non-rés. 180 \$  
Individuel: rés. 80 \$; non-rés. 100 \$  
Aînés (65+): rés. 75 \$; non-rés. 90 \$

### Rencontre des moniteurs et fête d'ouverture de la piscine

18 juin

Centre sportif et récréatif.

Spectacle de cirque par *Camion D'Intervention Artistique*.

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### Registration for individual weeks is now open!

#### NEW: Camp-pool transition service

A new supervision and transition service is offered to children enrolled in both camp and aquatic programs this summer. Available in the morning and afternoon, it ensures safe transitions between Royal West Academy and the pool, with staff supervising children before, during, and after their lessons.

**Morning service:** escorting children from the pool (Sports and recreation centre) to Royal West Academy. **Afternoon service:** escorting children from Royal West Academy to the pool (Sports and recreation centre)

#### Flexible registration options are available:

- Weekly registration
- Per swim lesson session (2-week period)
- Per camp session (Weeks 1-4 or Weeks 5-8)
- Full summer option (Weeks 1-8)

### Summer Cultural Series

Come out and join your neighbours for cultural activities in our local parks! Most events have food and drinks available for purchase or bring your own picnic. Bring a chair, blanket and your water bottle.

### Summer program registration

Registration for summer programs begins June 1. Residents of all ages are invited to explore a wide range of activities designed to keep the community active, social, and engaged. Options include Body Sculpt, older adult Balance, Barre, TRX, Gentle Yoga, Yoga, Yoyalates, Essentrics, Men's Essentrics, Men's Yoga, Warrior training, Stretching, Pilates, Mom & Baby programs, Meditation, Qi Gong and more!

- Programs begin the week of July 6
- Registration for residents June 1, residents of Côte Saint-Luc / Hampstead June 8, non-residents June 9

### Free skate (even in the summer!)

Lace up your skates and join us at the sports and recreation centre for free public skating! Residents of all ages are invited to enjoy the ice in a brand-new, state-of-the-art facility. No registration required. The pro shop will be open to rent skates and helmets or to sharpen your own skates!

### Pick up hockey

Drop in for casual, fast-paced pick-up hockey at the Sports & Recreation Centre! Open to all skill levels – just bring your gear, invite friends and hit the ice for fun, friendly games.

Please see the Steve and Rob Michelin Arena portion of the Town website for updated schedules.

### Artists' showcase

#### Summer theme: Community

Offers residents the opportunity to exhibit their work online and at Town Hall. For more info, go to the Town website under Culture. Deadline: June 12

### Gymnasium activities

Drop-in gym activities are ongoing at the sports and recreation centre! These sessions give residents flexible, casual opportunities to stay active and enjoy the gym space. Activities include pickleball (and lessons too), badminton, volleyball, basketball, baby gym, teen activities and more.

Visit the gymnasium portion of the town website for the latest schedule.

### Pool programming

Pool opening date: Saturday, May 30! See full schedule on the Town website.

Pool programs are now open for registration! We're excited to welcome you to our new pool facility, which offers a welcoming space for swimmers of all ages and abilities. From swimming lessons, parent and tot lessons, aquafit, lifesaving courses, open swim, artistic swimming and more!

#### Membership pricing

Family: res. \$145 / non-res. \$180

Individual: res. \$80 / non-res. \$110

Senior (65+): res. \$75 / non-res. \$90

Register on Amilia or call the sports and recreation centre.

### Meet the summer staff and pool opening party

June 18

Sports and recreation centre

Circus show: *Camion D'Intervention Artistique.*

Cheering on the Habs at the sports and recreation centre this playoff season! Photo by Julian Hung.



## Still need a summer camp?

# Little Explorers Nature, Science & Art Camp

## Still has spots available!

★ **Session 1: June 15 - July 3.**

★ **Ages: 5-7.**

★ **Hours: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM.**

★ **New! Science Units:**

- Magnetism & Simple Circuits.
- The Solar System.

★ **Outdoor & indoor discovery:** explore nature under the microscope, learn about local plants & animals, and enjoy creative arts & crafts.

★ **Includes:** story time, sensory play, baking day, LEGO builds, outdoor games, splashpads & scavenger hunts.

**A summer full of learning and fun! Special discounts for siblings.**

**Contact: kimberlytolife@gmail.com**

## COMING EVENTS / À VENIR

Please call the editor, Heather:  
489-7022 or e-mail [montrealwestinformer@gmail.com](mailto:montrealwestinformer@gmail.com)

Next deadline / Date limite: August 12 août

### May

**Sat 30 4<sup>th</sup> Community Garage Sale and Garage Band Festival.**  
Rain date is Sunday, May 31.

### June

**Thu 4 Knit & Natter.** Drop in. Every Thursday in June. Public Library. 3 pm.

**Sun 7 Worship (10 am) and annual picnic.**  
All welcome. MW United.

**Sat 13 Knit & Natter.** Drop in. Public Library. 4 pm.

**Tue 17 Tea and Books** with Anna Brychcy.  
Email registration required.

**Wed 18 Pool opening party.** Meet the summer staff, Circus Show *Camion D'Intervention Artistique*

**Sat 20 Knit & Natter.** Drop in. Public Library. 4 pm.

**Mar 23 Fête nationale du Québec.**  
Centre sportif et récréatif

**Thu 25 Thrift Store.** St. Philip's. Noon-3 pm.

**Mon 29 Council meeting.** In person and virtually.  
Town Hall. 8 pm.

### July

**Wed 1 Fête du Canada / Canada Day.**  
Parc Strathearn Park.

**Tue 7 Concert d'été : L'Harmonie du Lakeshore /**  
Summer concert: *Lakeshore Concert Band.*  
Park Paula Cordeau Park.

**Tue 14 Concert d'été : Les voiles de Bollywood /**  
Summer concert: *Veils of Bollywood.*  
Parc Paula Cordeau Park.

**Thu 30 Thrift Store.** St. Philip's. Noon-3 pm.

### August

**Sun 9 Shakespeare in the Park : Le Conte d'hiver /**  
*A Winter's Tale.* Parc Strathearn Park.

**Tue 18 Spectacle de variété :** Camp de jour et  
épluchette de maïs / Day Camp: variety show  
and corn roast. Parc Paula Cordeau Park.

**Thu 27 Thrift Store.** St. Philip's. Noon-3 pm.

**Mon 31 Council meeting.** In person and virtually.  
Town Hall. 8 pm.



**Yee-haw!** The Line Dancing 60+ students celebrated their last class of the winter session by donning jeans and plaid shirts to really feel the vibes of their beloved activity in the Fitness and Leisure Program. Led by teacher **Gilbert** and part of the MoWest Recreation and Cultural Department's programs for adults, it was a real "yee-haw" experience!



**William Eekhof** of Ballantyne North shared this photo when he met **Mayor Johnathan Cha** at the compost pickup on May 19. Happy gardening, guys!



Kittens looking for a home. See the classified ad below.

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Résident de Mo-Ouest depuis plus de 20 ans  
A MoWest resident for over 20 years



## Classifieds

**FREE! THREE KITTENS:** raised in the country (not feral). Born April 27. Ready to go to forever home July 4. Heather at 489-7022.

**SUPPORT ENDED FOR WINDOWS 10 IN OCTOBER.** Choices: upgrade to Windows 11, purchase a new or up-to-date used computer or convert your computer to Linux Lite 7. For 55+ with a desktop or tower, then a house call (after 3 pm) might be in order. Call Richard at 438-938-6240.

# COUNCIL communiqué



## MAYOR'S REPORT

### Citizen participation activities

Several citizen participation activities took place this spring.

- The first two *Discussions with Council* provided an opportunity for many citizens to share their concerns and questions with the entire council in an informal setting.
- A first *focus group* was organized with residents of Nelson Street between Westminster Avenue and Bedbrook Avenue to discuss parking regulations related to the opening of the sports and recreation centre.
- Hydro-Québec invited all residents to an *information session* on the modernization of the electrical system in Côte Saint-Luc.
- A *survey* was launched on the implementation of the BIXI network to inform the public and assess the potential use of the network.
- The *citizen committees* began their work with initial meetings.
- A *survey* will be launched on the needs for a shared taxibus service from the STM.
- A *focus group* with young people will be organized at the end of the school year.

### First meeting of the Montreal West Roundtable

In May, the first meeting of the new Montreal West Roundtable took place. Chaired by the mayor, this table brings together approximately 40 members: non-profit organizations, institutions, associations and local community groups that provide services to the population and serve the Montreal West area. The table's objectives are to establish the socio-community ecosystem of Montreal West, to foster connections among stakeholders and to share information. The table will provide a forum for discussing and sharing the missions and challenges of different groups.

### A Shared taxibus service from the STM?

Shared taxibus service is a form of public transportation well-suited to neighbourhoods without regular bus service. We are currently discussing with the STM the possibility of offering this service to Montreal West residents. The

MADA and Sustainable Mobility Committees will be consulted for recommendations. To better understand the needs of the population, we invite residents to complete a survey that will be available online soon. This will provide us with information in our discussions with the STM.

### Mobility hub at Montreal West Station

The Côte-des-Neiges–Notre-Dame-de-Grâce borough has installed a Bixi station at the intersection of Elmhurst Avenue and Coffee Street, just east of the train station. Communauto has also installed a station (1043 – *Montreal West Station*) in the station's park-and-ride lot, located at the intersection of Harley and Connaught Avenues. This station complements station 200, located in the municipal parking lot on Westminster Avenue North, south of Curzon Avenue. The Côte-des-Neiges–Notre-Dame-de-Grâce borough also plans to redesign Harley and Elmhurst Avenues in the coming years and integrate a bike path as an extension of the existing one along Coffee Street and De Maisonneuve Boulevard. This project is part of the agglomeration's cycling plan and offers Montreal West the opportunity to extend the east-west cycling link between NDG and Lachine via the Broughton axis. The station area is thus positioned as a true mobility hub.

### Level crossings

I invited the Director of Government Affairs and Communications for the CPKC, the mayor, and the elected representative for the Loyola district of the Côte-des-Neiges–Notre-Dame-de-Grâce borough to a rush-hour site visit to observe the situation on Westminster Avenue. This provided an opportunity to experience the level crossings firsthand and discuss coming work (track and crossing re-configuration) on Westminster and Elmhurst. We concluded our visit on West Broadway and revived discussions on the possibility of installing an overpass there, a project discussed in the early 2000s. We continue our collaborative work to improve the safety and flow of all modes of transportation.

### The beginning of Westminster Avenue's transformation

Transitional improvements to the Westminster Avenue level crossing will take place this summer. The main objective is to bring the crossing into compliance with Trans-

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port Canada requirements. These improvements also serve as a traffic calming measure. There will undoubtedly be an adjustment period for all road users. The SPVM will increase its presence, and the Town will monitor the impact of these changes. Detailed information is available on the Town's website.

<https://montreal-ouest.ca/fr/travaux-de-securisation-du-passage-a-niveau-westminster/>

We are currently analyzing various safety concepts for the Ainslie and Westminster intersection, which are being developed by an engineering firm. We will consult with the Sustainable Mobility Committee. The goal is to implement these new measures quickly and ensure they are compatible with the transitional improvements.

As part of our initial deliberations, we invited several firms specializing in the creation, management and programming of public spaces, the revitalization of commercial streets and the preservation of commercial spaces that meet the needs of local communities and socioeconomic stakeholders for an exploratory visit to Westminster Avenue. This allowed us to identify potential areas for intervention and prepare the various stages of the avenue's redevelopment. Councillor Tassé is working to relaunch the Montreal West Merchants Association and the citizens' committee on the revitalization of Westminster Avenue held its first working meeting.

### Strategic planning

The Council held several strategic meetings. We selected members, drafted mandates and terms of reference for the citizen committees that were launched this spring. We worked on the management of municipal assets, particularly road assets, green infrastructure, and recreational programming.

### Strategic forum and conferences

I participated in the *20<sup>th</sup> Strategic Forum on Major Projects: Shaping Today's Metropolis, Building Tomorrow's City*, organized by the Chamber of Commerce of Metropolitan Montreal. This landmark event gathers public leaders, business executives, developers, investors, and innovators to explore the projects driving the future of the metropolis.

I participated in the *BANC PUBLIC symposium*, focusing on the inclusive revitalization of our main streets. It provided an opportunity to meet with various stakeholders (commercial development corporation, PME, elected officials, public services, merchants and specialized firms) who contribute to heritage preservation, urban transformation, community activation, and commercial development on main streets. Much inspiration for Westminster Avenue!

I represented the Town of Montreal West at the *7<sup>th</sup> Metropolitan Agora*. This event, presented by the Montreal Metropolitan Community (CMM), offers elected officials and planning professionals a chance to collectively reflect on the challenges and needs of Greater Montreal in terms of planning, sustainable mobility, and the environment. Cities are facing major challenges (homelessness, infrastructure, transportation, climate change), and these gatherings help

shape approaches and common ground across Quebec.

Finally, I participated with Councillor Small-Pennefather in the annual conference of the Union of Quebec Municipalities (UMQ) under the theme "*Urgency to Act*." More than 2,000 municipal leaders gathered in Quebec City to discuss current issues of priority for the municipal sector.

### Political meetings

I met with the mayors of LaSalle and Le Sud-Ouest, two boroughs bordering Montreal West. We discussed numerous topics, including urban development, active and public transportation options between our territories, our public facilities, access to and revitalization of our commercial hubs, the Lachine Canal 4.0 industrial innovation corridor project, the Saint-Jacques escarpment eco-territory, development potential on our land along Notre-Dame Street West and the highway, the steps to align the urban planning bylaw, and potential collaborations with the Greater Southwest Mayors' Table (Lachine, LaSalle, Verdun, Le Sud-Ouest). I also met with the City of Montreal's councillor responsible for the environment, ecological transition, and green spaces. We discussed the collection of household hazardous waste, characterization studies and the delimitation of the Saint-Jacques escarpment eco-territory nature park, the climate plan, biodiversity, and the sharing of expertise and potential support from the environmental services department in our climate change adaptation strategies. Finally, a meeting was held with the municipalities and the Ministry of Transport and Sustainable Mobility regarding planned investments for the Montreal region between 2026 and 2028.

### UMQ and Association of Suburban Municipalities

The president of the Union of Quebec Municipalities (UMQ) concluded his tour of Quebec cities by meeting with the Association of Suburban Municipalities. This tour aims to amplify the voices of Quebec municipalities in the lead-up to the next provincial election. Several topics were discussed, including underfunding for municipal infrastructure management, support programs for affordable housing construction, the revitalization of commercial arteries and business support, economic development, asset management plans, and sustainable mobility. The Association of Suburban Municipalities also met for a strategic planning session with the mayors of the municipalities within the agglomeration. At this meeting, we invited former mayor and president of the AMB, Beny Masella, to present the work accomplished in recent years.

### Sports and cultural activities

Councillor Bergeron and I also met with the Montreal West Tennis Club to discuss the club's history, membership, agreement with the Town and the renovations needed to continue operating. I attended the Mudhens' first indoor practices at Royal West Academy, offered by Sandlot, a youth baseball organization based in the West Island of Montreal. I attended the Steve and Rob Michelin Memorial Tournament, a first on the new rink bearing their names, the festive Pub Night, and the watch parties of the Canadiens playoff games on a giant screen surrounded by passionate fans!

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The entire Council was present at the Volunteer Appreciation Evening hosted by Councillor Slocombe, which celebrated and recognized the work, passion and commitment of residents to our community. I attended Al Hayek's presentation, "How We Transformed Our Yard with Indigenous Plants," organized by the West Montreal Horticultural Society—a huge success with over 60 participants. Finally, I had the pleasure, along with nearly 50 other residents, of attending Joan Foster's presentation, "Managing Detours in the Road of Living as We Gently Age," at the West Mon-

treau Public Library. Joan Foster is one of our most valued and dedicated residents. Thank you for your outstanding contribution to our community.

Have a wonderful summer!

**Jonathan Cha**, Mayor  
*Town of Montreal West*  
jcha@montreal-west.ca

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## SIGNS OF SPRING

With the arrival of warmer weather, Montreal West has fully entered the busy spring transition period, and there has been a great deal of activity taking place across town.

Our teams have been hard at work tackling the many tasks that come with spring cleaning. Beyond the more visible operations like pothole repairs and street sweeping, crews have been working steadily to clean winter debris from public spaces, prepare municipal grounds, repair infrastructure affected by winter conditions and help restore the overall appearance of the town after another long winter season. Their efforts during this period deserve our recogni-

tion; thank you for keeping our town clean and welcoming.

Another visible sign of the seasonal transition has been the installation of the temporary summer terraces for local businesses along Westminster. These terraces help bring added vibrancy and activity to our commercial sector during the warmer months while also creating more welcoming gathering spaces for residents and visitors alike. It has been encouraging to see preparations underway as businesses begin gearing up for the summer season.

The revitalization of Westminster Avenue and the re-establishment of a local merchant's association is beginning to take shape. Interest and engagement from business owners has remained incredibly positive, and I'm

optimistic about the momentum continuing to build in the months ahead.

The Westminster Revitalization Committee has now been assembled and has already held its first meeting. I'm looking forward to seeing the ideas and perspectives this group will bring forward as we begin discussing opportunities for the future of the heart of our town.

As always, thank you to everyone who continues to reach out with feedback, questions and suggestions. Resident input remains an important part of these discussions and helps guide priorities and initiatives.

**Nicholas Tassé**, Councillor  
*Asset management and economic development*  
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## SOMETHING TO TALQ ABOUT

**Talking. Advocating. Living in Quebec.** TALQ, formerly known as *Quebec Community Groups Network (QCGN)*, is a coalition of 15 community organizations advocating for the vitality for the English-speaking community.

Following the tabling of Quebec's 2026-2027 budget, there has been a notable reduction in provincial funding for the English-speaking community, and has put into question how services and programs will be maintained to ensure English speaking Quebecers continue to have access. TALQ indicated that there was an absence of consultation prior to the budget and the need for stability within government structures.

The continued movement of the *Secretariat for relations with the English-speaking community* across portfolios—rather than being permanently anchored within the Ministère du Conseil exécutif—limits the Secretariat's ability to provide consistent and coordinated support.

As Quebec enters a period of political transition, it is important to continue to monitor the realities facing our community and identify opportunities for collaboration.

With a change in leadership within the CAQ, recent legislation including Bills 1, 21, 40, 84, and 96, continue to have an impact on English speaking communities. In particular, legal challenges to Bill 96, from West End Montreal municipalities and other bilingual towns, centre on the law's impact on municipal services, citizen rights and the pre-emptive use of the notwithstanding clause to shield it from constitutional review. Montreal West is part of a coalition of 23 municipalities to challenge the act in Superior Court.

**Lauren Small-Pennefather**, Councillor  
*Finance and Bilingual status*  
lsmall-pennefather@montreal-west.ca

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Dear residents and neighbours of Montreal West,

### **Sustainable mobility and safety**

Spring and summer operations are well underway! A friendly reminder that **seasonal parking restrictions** are in effect on select public streets until November 15. Our Public Safety Officers have already issued multiple warnings this month—unfortunately consider this your official heads-up before the warnings become tickets. Please park legally during restricted hours. Your car will thank you. Your wallet definitely will.

Dog walking season is officially upon us, which means I'll be crossing many of you while strolling through town with my very good girl **Coco Chanel**. Here are a few bylaws and etiquette reminders to keep tails wagging and the neighbourhood peaceful:

- Dogs must be on a leash at all times in public spaces. Yes, even your dog.

- Public parks are not dog parks. For off-leash fun and “zoomies”, the town has a beautiful dog park right behind Town Hall—it’s fenced, it’s lovely, and your dog will lose their mind in the best way.
- Please do not leave your dog tied up alone outside while running errands. Beyond the risk of theft, a stressed dog is a loud and unpredictable dog—and your neighbours will notice.
- No animals are permitted in public buildings. Not even for 30 seconds!
- Pick up after your dog. **Every single time.** People have cameras, you don’t want to end up on a resident’s FB page!
- Register your pet (dog or cat) with the town! If your furry escape artist ever makes a break for it, our PSOs can reunite you quickly—rather than having your beloved companion end up at the SPCA wondering where everything went wrong.

Lastly, the level crossing pilot project should be installed during the summer. The Town will be monitoring the situation closely. Please be patient with one another during this new road configuration.

### **Sports**

Summer camp and pool registration are open on **Amilia**. Dust off your bathing suit—the pool is scheduled to open **May 30!** Mark your calendars for the **community party at the pool on Thursday, June 18**. Come meet our fantastic lifeguards and camp counsellors, tour the new pool, and celebrate summer the right way. The pre-season schedule will be posted online shortly.

Here to serve,

**Philippe Bergeron**, *Councillor*  
Sustainable mobility and sports  
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As we head into summer in Mo-West, there is so much to look forward to in our little town!

The Planning Advisory Committee

(PAC) will be meeting throughout the summer, so please continue to submit your permit applications. As of the end of April, PAC had met five times and reviewed a total of 34 files. Their recommendations were to approve 14 files as presented, approve 13.5 with conditions, defer four, and reject only 2.5. We appreciate residents’ continued commitment to maintaining and improving their homes while preserving the character of our community.

We know that our tree canopy is an issue of particular interest and concern for many residents. Council takes this matter very seriously and has invested additional resources this year to improve response times and ongoing maintenance efforts. We

have increased the budget for tree maintenance and care, and we are also investing in stump removal throughout the town. Thank you to residents for remaining vigilant and reporting any concerns they notice using the contact form on the Town website.

I am particularly excited about our upcoming Youth Focus Group, taking place on **June 15 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the recreation centre**. Youth aged 12 to 19 are invited to participate in a discussion about topics that matter to them, including recreation, the environment, mobility, Westminster revitalization, youth participation, and anything else they would like to raise.

Please register through the Recreation Department by June 10. We hope to hear many young voices and perspectives, and we are going to need your help to make this event a success. Please spread the word, and if you know someone who might be interested in participating, encourage them to join us.

Our **Discussions with Council** events also continued this spring, including a very productive meeting on May 6. The final gathering before the summer break will take place on **Saturday, June 20 at 9 a.m.** in Rugby Park. Let us know what’s on your mind as we head into the summer season.

Summer in MoWest would not be complete without our annual celebrations and community gatherings. Don’t miss our Fête nationale celebrations and popular Canada Day parade and festivities at Strathearn Park. Join us at Paula Cordeau Park for Tuesday evening activities throughout the season. These events are a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community and enjoy the long summer days. Bring the whole family!

Wishing everyone a wonderful start to the summer season. I’m sure we’ll see each other around town!

**Martha Slocombe**, *Councillor*  
Ecological transition, urban planning and citizen participation  
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# communiqué du CONSEIL



## RAPPORT DU MAIRE

### Activités de participation citoyenne

Plusieurs activités de participation citoyenne ont eu lieu ce printemps.

- Les deux premiers **Échanges avec le conseil** ont offert l'opportunité à plusieurs citoyens de partager leur préoccupations et questions avec l'ensemble du conseil dans un cadre informel.
- Un premier **Groupe de discussion** a été organisé avec les résidents de la rue Nelson entre l'avenue Westminster et l'avenue Bedbrook pour discuter de réglementation liée au stationnement en lien avec l'ouverture du Centre sportif et récréatif.
- Hydro-Québec a invité tous les résidents à une **Séance d'information** sur les travaux de modernisation du réseau électrique à Côte Saint-Luc.
- Un **sondage** a été lancé sur l'implantation du réseau BIXI pour informer la population et évaluer l'utilisation potentielle du réseau.
- Les **comités citoyens** ont commencé leurs travaux avec des premières rencontres.
- Un **sondage** sera lancé sur les besoins pour un service de navette collective de la STM
- Un **groupe de discussion** avec les jeunes sera organisé à la fin de l'année scolaire

### 1<sup>e</sup> rencontre de la table de concertation de Montréal-Ouest

En mai a eu lieu la première rencontre de la nouvelle table de concertation de Montréal-Ouest. Cette table présidée par le maire réunit une quarantaine de membres : OBNL, institutions, associations et organismes communautaires locaux qui offrent des services à la population et qui desservent le territoire de Montréal-Ouest. Les objectifs de la table sont d'établir l'écosystème sociocommunautaire de Montréal-Ouest, de tisser des liens entre les acteurs du milieu et de partager de l'information. La table permettra de discuter et de partager les missions et enjeux de différents groupes.

### Un service de taxi collectif de la STM ?

Le transport collectif par taxi est une forme de transport public adaptée aux quartiers ne disposant pas de services d'autobus réguliers. Nous discutons actuellement avec la

STM la possibilité que ce service soit offert aux résidents de Montréal-Ouest. Les comités MADA et de mobilité durable seront sollicités pour des recommandations. Pour bien connaître les besoins de la population, nous invitons les citoyens à répondre à un sondage qui sera mis en ligne prochainement. Cela nous alimentera dans nos discussions avec la STM.

### Pôle de mobilité à la gare de Montréal-Ouest

L'arrondissement de Côte-des-Neiges-Notre-Dame-de-Grâce a installé une station bixi à l'intersection de l'avenue Elmhurst et de la rue Coffee juste à l'est de la station de train. Communauto a pour sa part implanté une station (1043 – **Gare Montréal-Ouest**) dans le stationnement incitatif de la gare situé à l'intersection des avenues Harley et Connaught. Cette station s'ajoute à la station 200 située dans le stationnement municipal sur l'avenue Westminster Nord, au sud de l'avenue Curzon. L'arrondissement de Côte-des-Neiges-Notre-Dame-de-Grâce prévoit également dans les prochaines années le réaménagement des avenues Harley et Elmhurst et l'intégration d'une piste cyclable dans la poursuite de celle empruntant la rue Coffee et le boulevard de Maisonneuve. Ce projet s'inscrit dans le plan vélo de l'agglomération et offre à Montréal-Ouest l'opportunité de poursuivre le lien cyclable est-ouest entre NDG et Lachine par l'axe Broughton. Le secteur de la gare se positionne ainsi comme un véritable pôle de mobilité.

### Passages à niveau

J'ai convié le directeur, Affaires gouvernementales et communications du CPKC, le maire et l' élu du district Loyola de l'arrondissement de Côte-des-Neiges-Notre-Dame-de-Grâce à une visite terrain à l'heure de pointe pour faire des observations de la situation sur l'avenue Westminster. Ce fut l'occasion d'expérimenter les passages à niveaux et de discuter des travaux à venir (reconfiguration des voies et traverses) sur Westminster et Elmhurst. Nous avons conclu notre visite sur West Broadway et relancé les discussions sur la possibilité d'y implanter un pont d'étagement, un projet discuté au début des années 2000. Nous continuons notre travail collaboratif pour améliorer la sécurité et la fluidité de tous les modes de transport.

### L'amorce de la transformation de l'avenue Westminster

Les travaux d'aménagement transitoires du passage à niveau sur l'avenue Westminster auront lieu cet été. L'objectif principal est de rendre le passage à niveau conforme aux exigences de Transports Canada. Les interventions s'inscrivent également comme une mesure d'apaisement de la circulation. Il y aura assurément une période d'adaptation pour tous les usagers de la route. Le SPVM augmentera sa présence et la Ville monitorera l'impact de ces changements. L'information détaillée est disponible sur le site web de la Ville.

<https://montreal-ouest.ca/fr/travaux-de-securisation-du-passage-a-niveau-westminster/>

Nous analysons actuellement différents concepts de sécurisation de l'intersection Ainslie et Westminster en cours de réalisation par une firme d'ingénieurs.

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Nous solliciterons le comité sur la mobilité durable. L'objectif est d'implanter ces nouvelles mesures rapidement et que celles-ci soient en adéquation avec les travaux transitoires.

Dans l'amorce de nos réflexions, nous avons accueilli plusieurs firmes expertes dans la création, la gestion et la programmation des espaces publics, la revitalisation de rues commerciales et la préservation d'espaces commerciaux répondant aux besoins des communautés locales et des acteurs socioéconomiques pour une visite exploratoire de l'avenue Westminster. Cela nous permet de voir les potentiels d'intervention et de préparer les différentes étapes visant le réaménagement de l'avenue. Le conseiller Tassé travaille à relancer l'Association des marchands de Montréal-Ouest et le comité citoyen sur la revitalisation de l'avenue Westminster a tenu sa première rencontre de travail.

### Planification stratégique

Le conseil a tenu plusieurs rencontres stratégiques. Nous avons sélectionné les membres, rédigé les mandats et les termes de référence pour les comités citoyens qui se sont mis en branle ce printemps. Nous avons travaillé sur la gestion des actifs municipaux, en particulier les actifs de la voirie, les infrastructures vertes et sur la programmation de loisirs.

### Forum stratégique, colloques et assises de l'UMQ

J'ai participé au *20<sup>e</sup> Forum stratégique sur les grands projets. Façonner la métropole d'aujourd'hui, construire la ville de demain* organisé par la Chambre de commerce du Montréal métropolitain. Ce rendez-vous phare réunit chaque année des décideurs publics, des leaders d'affaires, des développeurs, des investisseurs et des acteurs de l'innovation autour des projets qui façonnent le développement de la métropole.

J'ai participé au *colloque BANC PUBLIC*, pour une dynamisation inclusive de nos rues principales. Ce fut notamment l'occasion de rencontrer plusieurs intervenants (SDC, PME, élus, services publics, commerçants, firmes spécialisées) qui contribuent à la valorisation du patrimoine, la transformation urbaine, l'activation sociocommunautaire et le développement commercial des rues principales. Beaucoup d'inspiration pour l'avenue Westminster !

J'ai représenté la Ville de Montréal-Ouest à la 7<sup>e</sup> édition de *l'Agora métropolitaine*. Cet événement présenté par la Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal (CMM), offre aux élus et professionnels de l'aménagement de réfléchir collectivement aux défis et aux besoins du Grand Montréal en matière d'aménagement, de mobilité durable et d'environnement. Les villes sont confrontées à de grands défis (itinérance, infrastructures, transport, changements climatiques) et ces rassemblements contribuent à façonner des approches et communes à l'échelle du Québec.

J'ai enfin participé avec la conseillère Small-Pennefather aux assises annuelles de l'Union des municipalités du Québec (UMQ) sous le thème « *urgence d'agir* ». Plus de 2 000 leaders municipaux se sont réunis à Québec pour discuter des enjeux d'actualité prioritaires pour le milieu municipal.

### Rencontres politiques

J'ai rencontré les mairesses de LaSalle et du Sud-Ouest, deux arrondissements limitrophes au sud de Montréal-Ouest. Nous avons abordé de nombreux sujets dont le développement urbain, l'offre de transport actif et collectif entre nos territoires, nos équipements publics, l'accès et la revitalisation de nos pôles commerciaux, le projet de corridor d'innovation industriel Canal de Lachine 4.0, l'écoterritoire de la falaise Saint-Jacques, le potentiel de développement sur nos terrains longeant la rue Notre-Dame Ouest et l'autoroute, les démarches de concordance du plan d'urbanisme et les potentiels de collaborations avec la Table des maires du Grand Sud-Ouest (Lachine, LaSalle, Verdun, Le Sud-Ouest). J'ai également rencontré la conseillère responsable de l'environnement, de la transition écologique et des espaces verts de la Ville de Montréal. Nous avons discuté de la collecte des résidus domestiques dangereux, des études de caractérisation et de la délimitation du Parc-nature de l'écoterritoire de la falaise Saint-Jacques, du plan climat, de biodiversité, et de partage d'expertise et de l'accompagnement potentiel du service de l'environnement dans nos stratégies d'adaptation aux changements climatiques. Enfin, une rencontre avec les municipalités a eu lieu avec le ministère des Transports et de la Mobilité durable concernant les investissements prévus pour la région montréalaise entre 2026 et 2028.

### UMQ et Association des municipalités de banlieue

Le président de l'Union des municipalités du Québec a terminé sa tournée des villes du Québec en rencontrant l'Association des municipalités de banlieue. Cette tournée vise à faire entendre les voix des municipalités du Québec à l'approche des prochaines élections provinciales. Plusieurs sujets ont été abordés dont le sous-financement pour la gestion des infrastructures municipales, les programmes de soutien à la construction de logements abordables, la revitalisation des artères commerciales et le soutien aux entreprises, le développement économique, les plans de gestion des actifs et la mobilité durable. L'Association des municipalités de banlieue s'est réunie une autre fois pour une séance de réflexion stratégique entre les maires et mairesses des villes liées de l'agglomération. À cette occasion, nous avons invité l'ancien maire et président de l'AMB, Beny Masella, pour nous présenter le travail accompli dans les dernières années.

### Activités sportives et culturelles

Le conseiller Bergeron et moi avons aussi rencontré le club de tennis de Montréal-Ouest pour discuter de l'histoire du club, de sa fréquentation, de l'entente qui le lie à la Ville et des rénovations nécessaires à la poursuite de ses activités. J'ai assisté aux premiers entraînements intérieurs des équipes des Mudhens à l'Académie Royal West offerts par Sandlot, une organisation de baseball jeunesse basée dans l'ouest de l'île de Montréal. J'ai assisté au tournoi commémoratif Steve et Rob Michelin, une première sur la nouvelle patinoire portant leurs noms, à la soirée festive Pub Night et aux diffusions des matchs des séries des Canadiens sur écran géant entouré de partisans passionnés !

Tout le conseil était présent à la magnifique soirée des bénévoles animée par la conseillère Slocombe visant à célébrer et reconnaître le travail, la passion et l'engagement des résidents en faveur de notre communauté. J'ai assisté à la conférence « Comment nous avons transformé notre cour grâce à des plantes indigènes » d'Al Hayek organisé par la société horticole de Montréal-Ouest, un grand succès avec plus de 60 participants. Enfin, j'ai eu le plaisir, avec près de 50 résidents, d'assister à la bibliothèque publique de Montréal-Ouest à la conférence

« Gérer les détours sur le chemin de la vie alors que nous vieillissons doucement » de Joan Foster, l'une de nos résidentes les plus appréciées et engagées. Merci pour votre contribution exceptionnelle à notre communauté.

Bon été à tous !

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## LES SIGNES DU PRINTEMPS

Avec le retour du temps plus doux, Mo-Ouest est pleinement entrée dans la période de transition printanière, et une l'activité s'intensifie partout en ville.

Nos équipes sont occupées à accomplir les nombreuses tâches liées au nettoyage du printemps. Au-delà des opérations visibles comme la réparation des nids-de-poule et le balayage des rues, les équipes travaillent sans relâche à nettoyer les débris laissés par l'hiver dans les espaces publics, à préparer les terrains municipaux, à réparer les infrastructures endommagées par les conditions hivernales et à redonner à la Ville son aspect après une longue saison froide. Leurs efforts durant cette période

méritent toute notre reconnaissance : merci de contribuer à garder notre ville propre et accueillante.

Un autre signe visible du changement de saison est l'installation des terrasses estivales temporaires pour les commerces locaux le long de Westminster. Ces terrasses ajoutent de la vie à notre secteur commercial pendant les mois plus chauds en créant des espaces conviviaux pour les résidents et les visiteurs. Il est encourageant de voir les préparatifs en cours alors que les commerces se préparent pour la saison estivale.

La revitalisation de l'avenue Westminster et la relance d'une association des commerçants commencent à prendre forme. L'intérêt et l'engagement des commerçants demeurent très positifs, et je suis optimiste

quant à l'élan qui continuera de se renforcer dans les mois à venir.

Le comité de revitalisation de Westminster est maintenant formé et a tenu sa première rencontre. J'ai hâte de découvrir les idées et les perspectives que ce groupe proposera alors que nous amorçons la réflexion sur l'avenir du cœur de notre ville.

Comme toujours, merci à toutes celles et tous ceux qui continuent de nous faire part de leurs commentaires, questions et suggestions. La contribution des résidents est essentielle et aide à orienter nos priorités et nos actions.

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## PARLONS DU TALQ

Rassembler. Échanger. Vivre au Québec. Le TALQ (**Talking. Advocating. Living in Quebec.**) originalement connu sous le nom de *Québec Community Groups Network* (QCGN) est une coalition de 15 organismes communautaires défendant la vitalité de la communauté anglophone.

À la suite du dépôt du budget 2026-2027 du Québec, une réduction notable du financement provincial destiné à la communauté anglophone a suscité des inquiétudes quant au maintien des services et des programmes, afin d'assurer un accès continu aux Québécois d'expression anglaise. Le TALQ a également souligné l'absence de consultation préalable au budget ainsi que la nécessité d'une plus grande stabilité au sein des structures gouvernementales.

Le déplacement continu du *Secrétariat aux relations avec les Québécois d'expression anglaise* entre différents portefeuilles, plutôt que son rattachement permanent au ministère du Conseil exécutif, limite sa capacité à offrir un soutien cohérent et coordonné.

À l'heure où le Québec entre dans une période de transition politique, il est important de continuer à suivre de près les réalités vécues par notre communauté et à cerner les occasions de collaboration.

Avec un changement de leadership au sein de la CAQ, les récentes législations, notamment les projets de loi 1, 21, 40, 84 et 96, continuent d'avoir des répercussions sur les communautés anglophones. En particulier, les contestations judiciaires du projet de loi 96, intentées par des municipalités de l'Ouest de Montréal et d'autres villes bilingues, portent sur ses effets sur les services municipaux, les droits des citoyens et l'utilisation préventive de la clause dérogatoire pour soustraire la loi à un examen constitutionnel. Mo-Ouest fait partie d'une coalition de 23 municipalités qui contestent cette loi devant la Cour supérieure.

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Chers voisins et résidents de Montréal-Ouest,

### Mobilité durable et Sécurité

Les opérations de printemps et d'été battent leur plein! Petit rappel : des **restrictions de stationnement saisonnières** sont en vigueur sur certaines rues jusqu'au 15 novembre. Nos agents de sécurité ont déjà émis plusieurs avertissements au cours du mois. Vous risquez une contravention si vous stationnez illégalement pendant les heures où le stationnement est interdit.

La saison des promenades avec les chiens est officiellement lancée, ce qui signifie que je croiserai sans doute bon nombre d'entre vous en me promenant en ville avec ma chère Coco Chanel. Voici quelques rappels sur les règlements municipaux et les bonnes pratiques à adopter pour assurer le bien-être des chiens et une cohabitation agréable pour tous:

- Les chiens doivent être tenus en laisse en tout temps dans les es-

paces publics. Oui, même le vôtre.

- Les parcs publics ne sont pas des parcs canins. Pour permettre à votre chien de courir librement, la Ville met à votre disposition un magnifique parc canin, situé derrière l'hôtel de ville : clôturé, agréable, et idéal pour que votre chien s'amuse pleinement.
- Ne laissez pas votre chien attaché seul à l'extérieur pendant que vous faites des courses. Outre le risque de vol, un chien stressé peut devenir bruyant et imprévisible, et vos voisins le remarqueront.
- Les animaux ne sont pas admis dans les bâtiments publics. Même pour 30 secondes !
- Merci de ramasser les excréments de votre chien. **À chaque fois.** Les gens ont des caméras... vous ne voulez pas vous retrouver sur la page Facebook des résidents !
- N'oubliez pas d'enregistrer votre animal de compagnie (chien ou chat) auprès de la Ville ! Si votre petit fugueur venait à s'échapper, nos agents de sécurité publique

pourront vous le ramener rapidement, plutôt que de le voir aboutir à la SPCA.

Enfin, le projet pilote concernant le passage à niveau devrait être déployé au cours de l'été. La Ville suivra la situation de près. Merci de faire preuve de patience le temps que chacun s'adapte à cette nouvelle configuration routière.

### Sports

Les inscriptions aux camps d'été et à la piscine sont ouvertes sur **Amilia**. Sortez vos maillots de bain : la piscine ouvrira ses portes le **30 mai** ! Notez bien dans vos agendas **la fête communautaire qui se tiendra à la piscine le jeudi 18 juin**. Venez rencontrer nos formidables sauveteurs et animateurs de camp, découvrir la nouvelle piscine et célébrer l'été comme il se doit. Le programme de la pré-saison pour la piscine sera mis en ligne sous peu.

Ici pour vous servir,

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À l'approche de l'été à Mo-Ouest, de nombreuses belles choses nous attendent dans notre petite ville !

Le Comité consultatif d'urbanisme (CCU) se réunira tout au long de l'été, alors veuillez continuer à soumettre vos demandes de permis. À la fin du mois d'avril, le CCU s'était réuni cinq fois et avait examiné un total de 34 dossiers. Ses recommandations ont été d'approuver 14 dossiers tels que présentés, d'en approuver 13,5 avec conditions, de reporter quatre dossiers et d'en rejeter seulement 2,5. Nous remercions les résidents pour leur engagement continu à entretenir et améliorer leurs propriétés tout en préservant le caractère de notre communauté.

Nous savons que la question de la canopée urbaine préoccupe particulièrement de nombreux résidents. Le Conseil prend cette question très au sérieux et a investi des ressources supplémentaires cette année afin

d'améliorer les délais d'intervention et les efforts d'entretien continus. Nous avons augmenté le budget consacré à l'entretien des arbres, et nous investissons également dans le desouchage à travers la Ville. Merci aux résidents de rester vigilants et de signaler toute préoccupation en utilisant le formulaire de contact sur le site web de la Ville.

Je suis particulièrement enthousiaste à l'idée de notre prochain groupe de discussion jeunesse, qui aura lieu le **15 juin de 19 h à 20 h 30 au Centre sportif et récréatif**. Les jeunes âgés de 12 à 19 ans sont invités à participer à une discussion sur les sujets qui leur tiennent à cœur, notamment les loisirs, l'environnement, la mobilité, la revitalisation de Westminster, la participation des jeunes, et tout autre sujet qu'ils souhaitent aborder.

Inscrivez-vous auprès du Service des loisirs d'ici le 10 juin. Nous espérons entendre de nombreux jeunes et leurs points de vue, et comptons sur votre participation pour faire de cet événement un succès. N'hésitez pas à en parler autour de vous et à inviter

toute personne intéressée à se joindre à nous.

Nos événements **Échanges avec le conseil** se sont également poursuivis ce printemps, notamment avec une rencontre très productive le 6 mai. Le dernier rassemblement avant la pause estivale aura lieu le samedi **20 juin à 9 h** au parc Rugby. Partagez vos idées avec nous à l'approche de l'été.

L'été à Montréal-Ouest ne serait pas complet sans nos célébrations annuelles et nos rassemblements communautaires. Ne manquez pas nos célébrations de la Fête nationale ainsi que le populaire défilé et les festivités de la fête du Canada au parc Strathearn. Joignez-vous à nous au parc Paula Cordeau pour des activités organisées les mardis soirs tout au long de la saison. Ces événements sont une belle occasion de se rassembler et de profiter des longues soirées d'été. Venez en famille !

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