

RAPPORT SIÈGE 3 / REPORT FROM SEAT 3: NICHOLAS TASSÉ

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Good evening everyone , bonsoir tout le monde,

This month, our teams have been busy on several fronts.

One notable important project is the renewal of the infrastructure on Courtney Drive. This past Friday, residents attended an information session regarding the work scheduled to begin on June 1st. The project will involve a complete reconstruction of Courtney Drive between Ballantyne South and the dead end. This will include the replacement of water and sewer infrastructure, sidewalks, and the roadway , as well as the main sewer line that descends from Courtney down towards Ronald drive. While projects of this scale can understandably bring temporary inconveniences, they are critical long-term investments in the reliability and safety of our infrastructure. I'd like to thank residents for their understanding and patience as this important work begins taking shape.

At the same time, tree-related work throughout town has begun and we have started ramping that up significantly in recent weeks, as weather permits. The annual tree planting program is now underway, residents who do not currently have a tree on their front lawn or who may wish to add another if space permits are encouraged to contact the Environment Department to be added to the planting list.

Tree inspections, trimming, and removals are actively ongoing across town. It is important to acknowledge that there is currently a substantial backlog of interventions that has accumulated over many years, and unfortunately these issues cannot all be addressed immediately. Important to note, certain trees located in close proximity to electrical infrastructure fall under the jurisdiction of Hydro-Québec, meaning the Town is unable to perform work on them directly. We appreciate residents' patience as these files continue to move forward.

I'm pleased to share that the first meeting of the Westminster Revitalization Committee will take place tomorrow, May 26th. This committee brings together residents , merchants , property owners and experienced professionals who care deeply about the future of Westminster Avenue and the vitality of our commercial sector. Our initial discussions will focus on ideas and opportunities to help improve, modernize, develop and enhance the attractiveness of the commercial heart of Westminster while preserving the character that makes it unique.

I recently participated in a walkthrough of Westminster Avenue organized by the Mayor, which welcomed several organizations and partners interested in urban revitalization, placemaking, and commercial development. Representatives from Regroupement des éco-quartiers, PME Montréal Centre-Ouest, MU Montréal, Hochelab, Belleville Placemaking, and Rues Principales were all present to tour the area, exchange ideas, and help bring fresh perspectives to the future of Westminster Avenue. Together we walked from town hall and visited the now closed community center, as well as the block tower, so we could observe the chaos that is the level crossing at rush hour. We walked down the commercial artery observing the buildings and businesses as we went. Many of the organizations had positive comments and we are hoping they present us with some quantifiable opportunities to revive the town hub. It was an encouraging and productive discussion, and I believe these collaborations can help generate meaningful momentum moving forward.

In closing, I would also like to address the closure of the play structure at Roy D. Locke Park. Following assessment, it was determined that the play structure has reached the end of its usable lifespan and is no longer considered safe for children or anyone else for that matter. It will therefore be removed in the near future. Council will soon be taking time to discuss different possible options for the space moving forward. While I understand this may be disappointing news for some families, safety must remain our priority, and I look forward to future conversations on how this area can best serve residents in the years ahead.

On a positive note, Dave Reed Park, the one beside the tennis courts is now open.

As always, thank you to residents who continue to reach out with questions, concerns, and suggestions. Your feedback remains invaluable and helps us better identify priorities throughout the community.