

RAPPORT SIÈGE 2 / REPORT FROM SEAT 2: MARTHA SLOCOMBE

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Good evening, and thank you for being here. Bonsoir à tous, et merci d'être parmi nous.

To date this year, the Planning Advisory Committee has considered 66 files. Of those, it has recommended approval of 35.5, approval with conditions for 20.5, deferred 7.5, and recommended rejection in only 3.5 cases.

Summer PAC meetings will take place on July 22 and August 12. As a reminder, please ensure files are submitted at least two weeks in advance so they can be properly reviewed.

PAC mandates are up for renewal, which will be done at the August Council meeting. Based on member turnover, we will have two openings to serve on the Planning Advisory Committee.

PAC members are appointed for their ability to provide thoughtful, independent advice on planning and design matters affecting the municipality. While professional experience in planning, architecture, engineering, or related fields is considered an asset, it is not required.

Members are expected to demonstrate an interest in local development, good judgment, openness to collaboration, and a willingness to review files in advance and participate in respectful, impartial discussion in the public interest.

Applications will be accepted through the Town website, and I encourage anyone interested—or anyone who knows someone who might be a good fit—to consider applying. The deadline to apply is the end of August. C'est une belle façon de s'impliquer dans notre communauté.

I'd also like to highlight this year's Green Patrol. We have two student employees who will be out and about in the community all summer, supporting environmental initiatives and leading activities at day camp. They'll also be visiting campers with fun, hands-on programming. If you see them around town, n'hésitez pas à leur dire bonjour! They'll be easy to spot in their green t-shirts.

As mentioned by the mayor, the City of Montreal has asked residents across the island—including here in Montreal West—to voluntarily reduce water consumption this summer. This is not due to a shortage, but to temporary capacity limits while major repairs are underway on key drinking water infrastructure. During peak periods, conservation will help maintain system reliability. Practical tips for reducing water consumption are on the Town's website.

We recently held our first Youth Focus Group, and I want to thank the young people who came out and shared their ideas. Council genuinely appreciated the input, especially the strong interest in volleyball and the insights on meeting youth where they are. Merci à tous ceux et celles qui ont participé. We're looking forward to continuing this conversation and implementing your recommendations, with another session being planned for the fall.

This year's Saint-Jean celebrations included an intergenerational hockey game, which was a real highlight. The Mayor and Councillor Tassé took to the ice, while Councillor Small-Pennefather and I were behind the bench. It was wonderful to see participants of all ages out on the ice together... including our lone female player who represented women like a pro—we're officially putting out a call for reinforcements for the next match!

Looking ahead, we're excited for this year's Canada Day celebrations. The traditional parade will take place at 3:30 p.m. Along Westminster, leading into festivities at Strathearn Park at 4:00 p.m., with fireworks returning this year at the field by the Recreation Centre at 9:45. On espère vous y voir en grand nombre!

The Town's summer series of Tuesday evening events at Paula Cordeau Park begins July 7 with the Lakeshore Concert Band and July 14, a dance show by Veils of Bollywood. The full schedule is available online and through the e-bulletin—these are fantastic family-friendly evenings.

Finally, on the eve of our first heat wave of the summer, I want to remind everyone that the Recreation Centre is air-conditioned and open to the public from 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. With a hot summer ahead, it's a great place to drop in if you need a break from the heat. Residents can cool off at the municipal pool and in our splash pads. Find the hours on our website.

Merci beaucoup, et je vous souhaite un très bel été.