

RAPPORT SIÈGE 2 / REPORT FROM SEAT 2: MARTHA SLOCOMBE

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Urban Planning

Good evening everyone, and thank you for being here. I hope everyone had a wonderful summer break — j’espère que tout le monde a passé un bel été!

The Planning Advisory Committee continued to be busy over the summer months. To date, the PAC has considered 90 files: 51 were approved, 23 were approved with conditions, 11 were deferred, and 5 were rejected.

The next PAC meeting is scheduled for September 9. Please submit your complete application at least two weeks prior to the meeting to allow sufficient time for review.

We have also received a number of applications from residents interested in serving on the PAC. Merci à toutes les personnes qui ont posé leur candidature. I will be following up with applicants in the coming weeks as we work to fill the current vacancies.

Ecological Transition

I’m very pleased that UrbaNature Education will be planting a pocket forest in partnership with Concordia University at the end of Brock Avenue, below Ronald Avenue. It will be similar to the pocket forest they planted at Terry Fox Park on St. Jacques.

This will be an opportunity to increase our tree canopy and biodiversity while creating a small natural space for the community. The forest will feature native trees, shrubs, and ground-cover plants designed to support local pollinators, reduce urban heat, and attract wildlife like bees and birds. Je suis vraiment très enthousiaste à propos de ce projet. The project begins this fall, and there will be many opportunities for residents to get involved, so keep an eye out for upcoming events.

The Town’s \$20 tree program is also ongoing until September 3, giving residents an affordable way to plant trees on their properties and contribute to our urban canopy. There are six tree types to choose from, and trees will be delivered at the end of September.

Stump removal and site restoration work is also underway until September 18. Homeowners will receive a door hanger notice at least 24 hours in advance. The sites will then be prepared for new trees to be planted the following year. C’est une autre étape dans nos efforts pour maintenir et accroître notre couvert forestier.

Recreation and Culture

Fall programming is now out, with a range of activities for residents of all ages. Les inscriptions sont maintenant ouvertes, and early-bird pricing ends September 4.

I'm particularly pleased to see continued programming for teens, including a monthly Teen Night, starting with a Game Night on September 25. I'm also pleased to see creative programs such as theatre, musical theatre and painting. Our monthly Parents' Night Off will also continue this fall.

There are also several community events coming up, including:

- Pop-up event at Paula Cordeau Park — September 13
- Oktoberfest at the Recreation Centre — October 2

Community

Caring Neighbourhood Day is coming up on October 24. Students from Loyola will be helping seniors close their yards for winter, and we are looking for residents who would like to volunteer.

We are especially in need of adults who can help supervise the students as they work. Residents can sign up through Amilia, either to request support or to volunteer.

C'est une belle façon de passer une matinée en communauté, and I encourage residents to get involved. It's a great opportunity to meet your neighbours, help someone out, and perhaps get a little fresh air at the same time.

Seniors / MADA

The MADA Committee has been busy preparing for National Seniors' Day on October 1.

We are planning a screening of the documentary *Ageless*, which looks at ageism and intergenerational connection, followed by a discussion. Tout le monde est le bienvenu — vous n'avez pas besoin d'être un aîné pour participer. It would be wonderful to see many residents there. Stay tuned for more details about the event.

I'd also like to encourage residents to mark the day in their own way. It could be as simple as calling an older friend or relative, checking in on a neighbour, offering to lend a hand, or taking the time to listen to someone's stories and experiences.

I'm looking forward to this exciting fall season in Montreal West. Merci d'être présent ce soir.