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Cancer Society launches Laval/Lanaudière Daffodil Month

Officials from Laval and North Shore helping lead 2017 campaign

With the month of April nearly here – traditionally the Canadian Cancer Society's Daffodil Month – public officials from Laval and the North Shore regions gathered at Cité de la Santé hospital in Laval last week for the official of this year's Daffodil Campaign.

Daffodils for sale

In the Laval and Lanaudière regions, hundreds of fresh-cut daffodils will be going on sale through a network of 1,000 volunteers stationed at 100 points of sale in banks, food stores, senior citizens' centres and at some businesses. Across the province, nearly two million daffodils will be sold by 20,000 volunteers at a total of 1,800 locations.

For the fourth year, Quebec radio and TV hostess Josée Boudreault will be the official spokesperson for the Daffodil Campaign in this province. "My mother died from lung cancer three years ago a few months before the birth of my daughter, Flavie," says Boudreault.

"I am hopeful that one day those we love won't die from lung cancer as my mother did. Support those who are afflicted by cancer. Buy flowers or offer them. That's a good way to support research against cancer, to support prevention efforts, while giving hope to those who are presently living with this disease."

Show your support

The Cancer Society says there are a number of things members of the public can do to show their support: buying daffodils between March 30 and April 2 (they are 3 for \$5 or 10 for \$10); proudly wearing the Cancer Society's daffodil pin throughout April (they are sold in the same places where the flowers are available or at the Cancer Society's regional offices).

"People afflicted by cancer want support and want to be heard," Vimont MNA Jean Rousselle, who is supporting the campaign but was unable personally to attend the launch, said in a statement. "Every day, 370 Quebecers turn to the CCS for support, information and for means to prevent cancer," added Rousselle, who has taken part in the local Daffodil Campaign for five years. "Last year, 49,500 Quebecers were told they had cancer."

Support on the North Shore

On the North Shore in the Deux-Montagnes area, local MNA Benoit Charette has taken on the task of being honorary chairman of the regional Daffodil Campaign. "I encourage all the population of the MRC to show support and to buy daffodils from March 30 to April 2 so that the CCS can be there for those and those around them," he said.



From the left, Deux-Montagnes MNA Benoit Charette, political attaché Anabela Monteiro representing Vimont MNA Jean Rousselle, Patricia Labelle of the Canadian Cancer Society, and Bois-des-Filion mayor Paul Larocque.

Also from the North Shore, Bois-des-Filion mayor Paul Larocque is supporting this year's Daffodil Campaign and is serving as honorary president in his region. "I would like to note that I consider this daffodil campaign to be very important for getting our citizens to take concrete actions, whether it's having fresh

flowers at city hall, or wearing the daffodil pin," he said, while pointing out that he will be serving as a volunteer selling daffodils at a kiosk. "I hope that we are more numerous in 2017 to demonstrate our support for this big cause."

Rising cancer survival rates

Based on statistics alone, it's evident that the money raised from the annual Daffodil Campaign is saving lives. Today, according to the CCS, 63 per cent of people who have been told "you have cancer" are alive five years later. As well, for some forms of cancer survival is even better. The survival rate for infant cancers is 82 per cent, breast cancer 88 per cent, prostate cancer 96 per cent and testicular cancer 97 per cent.

Comparatively, during the 1940s the overall survival rate for cancer was 25 per cent. And the CCS points out that a good deal of work remains to be done. Today, every 26 minutes a Quebecer dies of cancer, 50,000 Quebecers learn they have cancer each year, and cancer remains responsible for 30 per cent of all deaths in Quebec.





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MP Lapointe welcomes 'Daughters of the vote' delegate to Ottawa

Rosemère's Lara Gosselin meets Prime Minister Justin Trudeau



From the left, Rivière-des-Mille-Îles Liberal MP Linda Lapointe, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Lara Gosselin.

(NSN) Rivière-des-Mille-Îles Liberal MP Linda Lapointe was pleased to welcome Lara Gosselin of Rosemère to Parliament Hill in Ottawa recently as part of the Daughters of the Vote initiative organized by Equal Voice

Delegates from ridings

For the occasion, 338 young women who are involved in their communities were selected as delegates from each federal riding from coast to coast to coast.

"As vice-chair of the Government Women's Caucus, it is an honor to both welcome our Rivière-des-Mille-Îles delegate, Lara Gosselin, to Ottawa, but also to exchange with these 338 young women leaders in their communities," said Lapointe.

The four-day event allowed delegates to participate in a variety of workshops that included leadership and women in politics, and to share with other delegates on policy issues that affect them.

Women in Parliament

For International Women's Day on March 8, the young delegates were able to take their

MP's seat in the House of Commons. It was the first time in Canada's history that the House of Commons' 338 seats were all occupied by

Several guests of honor were able to address the group of young women, including the leaders of the main political parties, as well as Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, House of Commons Speaker Geoff Regan and the Right Honorable Kim Campbell, who was the only female Prime Minister of Canada. For Lara Gosselin, a political science graduate of Concordia University who studied at Rosemère High School, it was an unforgettable experience

An enriching experience

"What an honorable and enriching experience to be among such a diverse and passionate large group of intelligent young women," she said. "Knowing that I am part of this historical moment of being the largest registered group on Parliament Hill is absolutely incredible."

Equal Voice's goal is to ensure that the 338 young emerging leaders chosen become familiar with Canadian political institutions and the people working in them, with a view to inspiring them to become formally involved in political







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The new ban on user fees is a step forward, but much uncertainty remains about how

the province will ensure quality care for everyone

uebec regulation abolishing medical user fees came into effect on Jan. 26, bringing the province in line with the Canada Health Act. According to the act, money from Ottawa for provincial health services is conditional on the provinces upholding a ban on user fees for publicly-insured, medically-necessary procedures.

Provinces that fail to act on user fees expose themselves to clawbacks in the Canada Health Transfer by an amount equivalent to the user fees paid by patients.

Quebec was one of the first provinces to legally ban user fees in 1970. But decades of public underfunding and benign neglect by provincial and federal governments to implement the ban led to routine reliance on these fees for many publicly-insured health services, particularly in urban centres.

So with the decision to ban user fees, the

Quebec government is finally doing the right thing - not to mention the legal one - and other provinces should take notice.

Why now?

It started a couple of years ago with the controversial proposal in Bill 20 to "regulate user fees." A critical report from the auditor general of Québec followed last spring, stating that the province was not fulfilling its supervisory role in regard to user fees. Meanwhile, patients' rights lawyer Jean-Pierre Ménard launched legal action against the federal government requesting that it act decisively to uphold the act in Quebec in light of these overt violations.

Federal Health Minister Jane Philpott then threatened Ouebec with retroactive clawbacks to the health transfer if it failed to abolish user fees - estimated to range between \$50 million to \$83 million annually.

After a shouting match with Ottawa, Quebec

finally declared last September that all user fees would be abolished as of January 2017.

It's a good news story in many ways.

Abolishing these user fees puts an end to an unfair and inefficient system where money or private health insurance allowed one to jump to the front of the line, regardless of the urgency of medical needs.

It was also a confusing system for patients, who were confronted - when at their most sick and vulnerable - with fees that they weren't sure were even legal. And fees sometimes varied wildly for the same procedure, as with the infamous case of ophthalmologists' eye drops ranging from \$20 to \$300.

But it's not all smooth sailing.

In the weeks leading up to the implementation of this regulation, physician unions balked at the abolition. There have been reports of physicians leaving the public system in protest, and testimonies of patients advised to find companies to act as private third party payers on their behalf, in order to circumvent the ban on user fees.

There's also something of a climate of fear and uncertainty in the population, with many concerned that they will be worse off after the ban on user fees takes effect.

What's most unfortunate is that much of this controversy often boils down to money and not

Given that user fees had been allowed to proliferate in Quebec for so long, this change will obviously not happen overnight - and not without growing pains.

The Quebec government will now have to step up to the plate.

Not only will it need to put extra effort into clarifying matters for patients and physicians, and in monitoring compliance with the regulation, it has also taken on new responsibilities, notably to sweeten the deal for physicians who stood to lose financially from the ban. For instance, Quebec will now provide physicians with medical materials that they had previously purchased themselves (and were billing patients for).

Yet many physicians are concerned that services may be negatively affected, as they have yet to receive the promised material.

The stakes are high.

And there are many ways this ban could fail to produce the expected results of greater transparency and equity in access to health services.

Not only is patient access to medically-needed services in the balance here but in the long run, the government could end up pushing ever more physicians and patients toward a parallel private system if it fails to demonstrate a strong commitment to quality public care.

Amélie Quesnel

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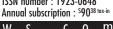
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Tribunal decision on fire dept. closing absolves Rosemère

Judgment calls town's decision 'reasonable and rational'

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The Town of Rosemère issued a statement last week noting that a Quebec labor relations tribunal rejected a complaint filed by the Rosemère firefighters' union, which had alleged the town contravened the labor code by violating union members' freedom of association while impeding their union activities.

Agreed with Rosemère

In its ruling supporting Rosemère, the tribunal noted, "In making its decision, Rosemère took into account the loss of Lorraine, the fiscal pact, the share of costs for regional services and its Fire Department's budget. The Tribunal agrees that these are real and relevant reasons for the decision, which the Town of Rosemère is required to make, and therein lie the motives for its decision.

"As a bonus, overall safety services are enhanced, given permanent staffing (24/7) of the fire station, which reduces response time," the decision continued. "Monies charged by Blainville also make it possible to achieve significant savings. As a result, Rosemère's decision to close its fire department and opt for services provided by Blainville is both reasonable and rational."

Town says it saved money

It should be recalled that the towns of Rosemère and Blainville ratified an agreement for fire protection services in March 2016. The Town of Rosemère said the agreement, which calls for services 24 hours a day, seven days a week, "made it possible to achieve significant savings over the period covered by the agreement."

Rosemère also said in its statement that "this decision was taken in the best interests of taxpayers, both in terms of fire safety and the sound management of the public purse. The Town of Rosemère has taken note of the Tribunal's decision and hopes that it will put an end to the judicial process."

The Tribunal's decision is available on the Town's website at: http://ville.rosemere.qc.ca/my-documents/. On this page, the document is available in My Council section: Decision of the Labor Relations Tribunal - Closing of the Town of Rosemère's Fire Department.

Positive reaction from UMQ

The Union des municipalités du Québec, which represents hundreds of towns and cities all over the province, reacted positively to the tribunal's decision on Rosemère.

"This is an outright victory for municipalities in general, since the TAT (Tribunal administratif du travail) clearly recognized the preponderance of principles of municipal autonomy and the right to govern by the Town of Rosemère," the UMQ's president, Sherbrooke mayor Bernard Sévigny, said in a statement.

According to the UMQ, the TAT's decision recognized that Rosemère's elected officials were motivated to make their decision by economic necessities. As such, the UMQ said this proved that the town had no anti-union motives, as the union local's leadership had insisted. The UMQ also noted that Quebec currently has 700 active fire municipal departments serving more than eight million citizens in this province, compared to 450 fire departments in Ontario serving 13 million people.

Saint-Eustache GP disciplined over Botox commissions

Signed blank prescriptions for aesthetic services company

(NSN) A general practitioner of family medicine based at Saint-Eustache Hospital's emergency department has pleaded guilty to three infractions to the disciplinary committee of the Quebec College of Physicians.

In the case before the regulatory body, Dr. Annie-Claude Bergeron acknowledged accepting paid commissions from a company, based on the number of injections of substances she prescribed such as Botox administered to clients.

Provided prescriptions

In November 2013, Dr. Bergeron was approached by a company known as Dermaveda, which specializes in aesthetic services, to sign off on large numbers of prescriptions so that nurses could then inject them into clients who buy the company's services.

Dr. Bergeron acknowledged opening accounts with various pharmaceutical companies three years ago so that Dermaveda could stock up on Botox and other products it needed for its clients. There would have been no other way to obtain the drugs, according to testimony.

Was paid commissions

Dr. Bergeron received a commission of \$4 $\,$



per injection. Over five months, she received \$10,000 from a company affiliated with Dermaveda. According to Quebec College of Physicians rules, the doctor's actions placed her in a conflict of interest situation.

Dr. Bergeron also pleaded guilty to putting her signature on significant numbers of blank prescriptions without first evaluating the patient they would be given to. Dr. Bergeron and the College of Physicians have agreed that a three-month suspension from practicing medicine and a \$3,000 fine would be adequate. She had no previous record of infraction with the College of Physicians.

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Rosemère takes steps to deal with emerald ash borer

Town also unveils new 'urban forest' logo to raise awareness

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In a bid to raise awareness by Rosemère residents of the ravages of the emerald ash borer, town officials launched a new information and awareness campaign earlier this week, entitled 'Let's fight the emerald ash borer.'

To boost the campaign, a striking visual demonstrating the irreversible impact of the destructive insect was also unveiled. Over the coming weeks, an information document on the emerald ash borer and the various strategies for controlling this problem will be distributed to all town residents.

Action was needed, says mayor

"Natural Resources Canada estimates that more than 98 per cent of ash trees attacked will die within five years from the start of an infestation in a given region," Mayor Madeleine Leduc said during a briefing for the press at the public library last Tuesday.

"In Rosemère, the public urban forest has approximately 2,000 ash trees on its streets and in its parks, and another 6,000 to 8,000 ash trees on private properties, for a total of more than 10,000 ash trees," she added. "Research has made it possible to conclude that, when the presence of this devastating insect is detected on a territory, its population grows exponentially over a period of five to eight years. This makes it imperative for us to act quickly."

'Treat – plant – cut'

Within the framework of the new campaign



Seen here with Rosemére's new "urban forest" logo are (from the left) Rosemère town councillor Normand Corriveau, Mayor Madeleine Leduc, Monique Keurentjes of parks and green spaces, eco-advisor for the Town of Rosemère Caroline Roy.

and in order to support citizens in dealing with their own ash trees, the town is implementing a new policy for the replacement and treatment of private ash trees. It includes a program for the distribution of ash trees as well as financial assistance for the treatment of the trees. As a result, a three-pronged intervention approach – 'Treat – Plant – Cut down' – is being implemented to slow and control the spread of the emerald ash borer.

The policy calls for: implementing a tree distribution program to encourage the planting of young trees on private properties; ensuring the replacement of a large part of the ash trees cut down; rebuilding and increasing the diversity of the urban forest in the aftermath of the

emerald ash borer; and maintaining Rosemère's current green canopy to help enhance the quality of life of residents, by offering financial assistance to those who wish to treat their ash trees and keep them healthy rather than cut them down.

How to apply for a grant

According to the new policy, the owner of a property with fewer than 10 ash trees having a minimum diameter of 20 cm can apply for a grant. A property owner can only apply for a grant once per eligible ash tree. The amount of the grant varies according to the number of ash trees treated.

For a single ash tree treated, a single \$100

grant can be paid. For two to 10 treated ash trees, 50 per cent of treated trees are eligible for a grant. For 11 or more treated ash trees the grant is 40 per cent. Grant applications must be made using the form available on the town's website where eligibility criteria are also provided. Treatment of the trees must be carried out between June 15 and August 31.

To encourage the planting of young trees on private properties, the town will give young trees with a trunk diameter of approximately 25 cm free of charge to property owners who have obtained a permit and cut down ash trees on their property. A property owner can submit an application for each of these programs. However, the combined number of ash trees treated or replaced cannot exceed five per year.

New logo also unveiled

According to Mayor Madeleine Leduc and other Rosemère officials, the town intends to plant a thousand replacement trees on public land over a five-year period. These plantings will be prioritized based on criteria such as the reduction of runoff, pollution and heat islands.

Also last Tuesday, the town marked International Day of Forests with the unveiling of a new visual logo for its urban forest. Among other things, the town hopes to inform residents and make them more aware of issues such as trees and the preservation of natural spaces. From now on, the new visual signature will accompany all of the town's communication initiatives related to this and related issues.

"Whether they are located on public or private property, Rosemère's trees are a source of considerable richness for the town," said Leduc. "We are committed to their preservation, to help ensure the quality of life of our citizens as well as future generations. This visual identity will support our communication efforts in this regard. Since Rosemère's trees are part of the town's identity, it is natural for us to create a visual signature for them."



Rosemère mayoral aspirant **Westram to reveal first candidates**

Logo and campaign slogan also to be unveiled March 29

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"I feel ready and privileged to lead a team with true values" says independent town councillor

Independent Rosemère town councillor Eric Westram, who is running for mayor in the November election, says he will be making an important announcement on Wednesday March 29 concerning the name of his political party, as well the first two candidates who will be members of his team.

According to Westram, who was the first of three Rosemère town councillors to split from Mayor Madeleine Leduc, he will also be unveiling a party logo and a campaign slogan during an early evening event to be held at a local restaurant.

An important election

"It is with pride and it is a privilege for us to show the work that has been achieved in the last months," he said in a statement. "In preparation for this important election, Rosemèrians will be able to realize that nothing has or will be left in the hands of luck. Only hard and inspired work, all for the right reasons, service to our community for the benefit of all."

Westram said that on March 29 his party's Facebook page will also be unveiled, "to allow open and constructive communication," he added. "From that day on, you will be able to



Independent Rosemère town councillor Eric Westram who is running for mayor of the town will be announcing his first two candidates on March 29.

follow our announcements and be part of our campaign.

Says he feels ready

"After 12 years service to our community as a city counsellor, after 33 years of volunteer involvement in Rosemère as a soccer coach, after a sales and sales manager career in the paper and material handling business world, and as a Rosemère citizen since 1980," said Westram, "I feel ready and privileged to lead a team with true values, with candidates of different generations, men and women of different academic and professional backgrounds, but all involved for the right reasons."

CAQ's Surprenant wants Autoroute 19 completed Says mass public transit is also part of solution to traffic

MARTIN C. BARRY

Coalition Avenir du Québec MNA for Groulx Claude Surprenant says the Lower Laurentian region has had and will continue to have major increases in its population. He pointed this out recently to the province's transport minister in the context that such growth is usually accompanied by an even more significant amount of traffic on the roadways.

During question period in the National Assembly on March 16, Surprenant questioned the minister on several topics affecting the North Shore region. "We heard the transport minister on Feb. 23 state while speaking of the A-19 that it is an important work, it is an important artery, and so it is something that we will therefore do in the coming months," Surprenant said. "He committed and we will be following that closely."

Why is minister waiting?

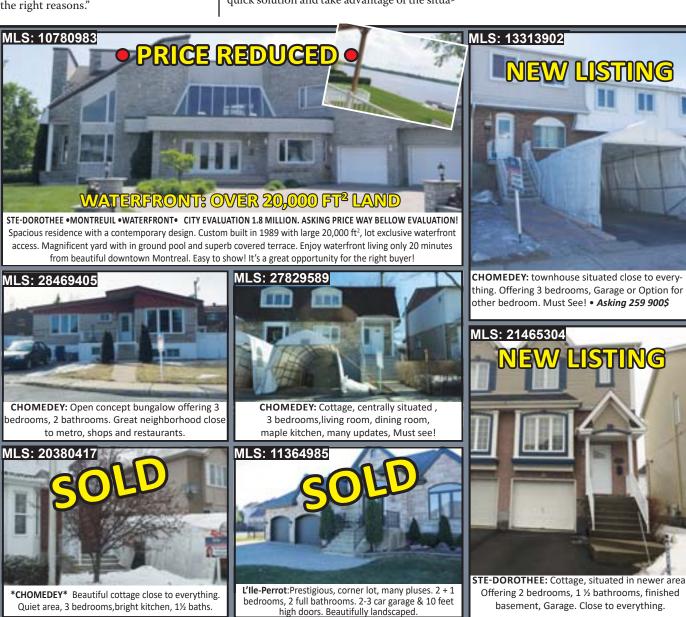
Surprenant added that "it's in mass public transit where the solution can be found to congestion. Only it has to be well done." At the same time, he suggested that the REM project is going ahead primarily because the government wants to look good, rather than because the proposed train network answers to real needs in public transit.

"What is the transport minister waiting for anyway to join the regional consensus for a quick solution and take advantage of the situa-



tion to build the reserved lane for public transit on Autoroute 15?" He said he fully intends to keep the pressure on the transport minister so that the needs of North Shore residents are taken seriously. "The time has come to go from words to action," he said.





Concern also growing in Rosemère over REM train project

Mayor agrees with local activist that project isn't transparent



Rosemère mayor Madeleine Leduc answers a resident's questions during the March 13 council meeting.

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With concern rising among municipalities on the North Shore and elsewhere in the Montreal region about the eventual impact of CDPQ-Infra's metropolitan electric network (REM) on commuter rail fares, the alarm is also being raised by some officials and residents in the Town of Rosemère.

BAPE opposes REM

During question period at Rosemère town council's March 13 public meeting, Don Hobus, a longtime town resident and environmental activist, pointed out to Mayor Madeleine Leduc that a recent Bureau d'audiences publiques sur l'environnement (BAPE) recommendation came out opposed to the REM.

"Do you know of any transportation system here in Quebec or in North America that turns a profit?" said Hobus. "Do we make a profit here in Montreal? Not at all, that's certain. So the Caisse de dépôt is going to invest \$3.5 billion of our pensions in something that usually doesn't make any money."



According to Hobus, a lot of questions are being asked about the REM project, including how much it will cost to operate and how much revenue they anticipate. As well, no one seems to know what the fare structure will be like, he added. "Will we be able to transfer to the Metro? We don't know. But they're going to continue with a project for which there is a ton of questions they have no answers for."

Pointing out that he belongs to a network of activist groups united against the REM project, Hobus said "we strongly think that each citizen of the CMM (Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal) will be obliged to pay \$200 to \$400 per year extra on taxes and that money will be sent to the Caisse de dépôt."

Mayors also confused: Leduc

Mayor Madeleine Leduc responded that mayors all over the CMM's territory "are asking the same questions as you, because even we the mayors aren't getting any answers." Leduc said she and other mayors were told that each North

muter rail project during the March 13 council meeting.

Rosemère resident Don Hobus questions town council on the REM com-

Shore municipality's contribution to the CITL won't be going up for the year 2017.

While noting that the CITL has called a special meeting of the North Shore mayors for the end of March, Leduc said mayors through the Montreal region are most concerned at this point with the question "are they going to send us the bill for the REM? Here the REM won't be very useful for the Town of Rosemère. It's Deux-Montagnes that will be benefiting more."

REM opponents needed

Hobus said he has recently been soliciting local provincial MNAs and federal MPs as well as the regional mayors and municipal councils to send letters to Quebec Premier Philippe Couillard and insisting that a provincial commission be convened to examine the REM issue thoroughly "before we get involved this nonsense which is the REM." He asked that Rosemère town council follow suit.

During the same meeting, council passed a resolution authorizing the transfer of the town's municipal court and legal support services from the law firm Marceau Soucy Boudreau to Dufresne Hébert Comeau. According to an explanation given for the town's transfer of legal business, lawyers from the first firm left and took the Town of Rosemère's mandate with them.



"Even we the mayors aren't getting any answers,

says Rosemère's Madeleine Leduc...





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Deux-Montagnes wants to be ready for rumored commuter fare hikes

Resolution calls for transparency in restructuring of AMT train network



Deux-Montagnes mayor Denis Martin of the Fondation de la Polyvalente Deux-Montagnes reminded city council that the third annual



Gina Di Lullo and Valérie Deleu raised objections about a house project on Henri Dunant St.

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Recent media reports to the effect that commuter rail fares could be rising significantly after the Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec's multi-billion dollar electric train project is completed was the topic of discussion and debate during the March 9 public meeting of the City of Deux-Montagnes's city council.

Part of the problem, Mayor Denis Martin acknowledged in an interview following the meeting, is that the largest municipality in the greater Montreal region, the City of Montreal, is balking at the amount it will have to contribute as part of a new regional public transit agency to be known as the Autorité régionale de transport métropolitain.

Says it was to be expected

Municipalities big and small in the region, including Deux-Montagnes, will be expected to do their part. "We knew long ago that there was bound to be some argumentation over this, and that is why we put some money in our budget aside for this," he said.

The ARTM is set to replace the current Agence métropolitaine de transport (AMT) which now operates the Montreal region's vast commuter rail network. At the same time it will supersede the suburban intermunicipal transport councils (CIT), such as the CIT des Laurentides (CITL) which serves the North Shore area.

"It will be important that cities, as much on the North Shore as on the South Shore, become involved in this dossier to avoid precisely that any increases are too steep" says Mayor Denis Martin

Deux-Montagnes city council passed a resolution during the meeting asking to be consulted so that important decisions don't end up taking Deux-Montagnes's elected officials and its residents by surprise.

Close study needed, mayor says

Explaining the context for the motion during the council meeting, the mayor suggested there was no reason for panic over possible fare increases at this stage. "It will be important that cities, as much on the North Shore as on the South Shore, become involved in this dossier to avoid precisely that any increases are too

The mayor read out a list of young athletes from Deux-Montagnes who participated in the recent Jeux du Québec finals held in Alma: Émile Boivin (hockey), Charlie Dessureault (judo), Ariane and Jade Dupuis (ringette), Annie-Pierre Blanchard (ringette) and Jade Pagé (judo). "I would like to congratulate them for their performance," he said.

During the council meeting's question

period, Gaétan Asselin of the Fondation de la Polyvalente Deux-Montagnes, announced they will be holding the 3rd annual edition of the Relais 8 heures Deux-Montagnes, a walking/ running relay event to raise funds for the school at Olympia Park on April 22.

Relais 8 heures D-M

According to Asselin, the event started off in its first year with 33 teams, they had 65 teams the second year, and at least 72 teams are registered this year with more expected. The foundation's goal last year was \$10,000 and they are hoping to at least repeat the success.

Also during question period, Gina Di Lullo and Valérie Deleu got up to the microphone to express their concerns about a request for a minor zoning derogation on the meeting agenda for 1804 Henri Dunant St. "It's my immediate neighbour," said Di Lullo. "I am right next to that house. I've been living here for 11 years. If I had known there was going to be a semi-detached, I never, never would have bought.'

She complained that the elevation of the



Gaétan Asselin of the Fondation de la Polyvalente Deux-Montagnes reminded city council that the Relais 8 heures fundraiser is taking place on April 22.

proposed house in question would cause water runoff to spill onto her property. "As it is, during the spring all the water from the street gathers in my driveway and my garage. So I'm saying that if he is obliged to backfill in order to raise his property, it's going to be hell at our place."

First plans were rejected

According to city clerk Jacques Robichaud, the rooftop of the future house won't be any higher than any of the surrounding buildings. But he noted as well that the initial plans as presented to the city's architecture and planning committee were rejected and will have to be resubmitted in revised form, he added.

Gilles Beauchemin asked the mayor about the state of improvements being made at the Maison des Jeunes. "There are amount which are allotted," the mayor replied. Beauchemin requested that any additional work be carried out during the last two weeks of July when the youth centre is closed for summer holidays.



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a delicious hot lunch each week on Tuesdays at noon. There is no charge for the meal, you may make a donation if you wish, but just come with your friends for a lovely meal in a convivial atmosphere, we are always happy to see you. The only rules are that everyone respects each other, and all children must be accompanied by an adult. For more information please call Stella Cox at 450-623-5192.

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- 3rd Sunday Family service (Morning Prayer)
- 5th Sunday- Church Cafe (whenever applicable)

10:00 – 10:30am: Time to connect (coffee, tea, juice, snacks and friends)

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Board of Directors and open to the
community.

We offer an activity program that is tailored to the needs of adolescents, 12 to 17: Homework Help, summer holiday cottage, pool, attractions at La Ronde or horseback riding, local and Internet consoles games.

Young people are accompanied by professional and committed advocate for our community values such as respect for people, equipment, mutual aid and non-violence. They run activities and meet with youth to help them and refer to the need to service our community. Our service is offered in both languages. Parents can visit us any time at the Maison des Jeunes.



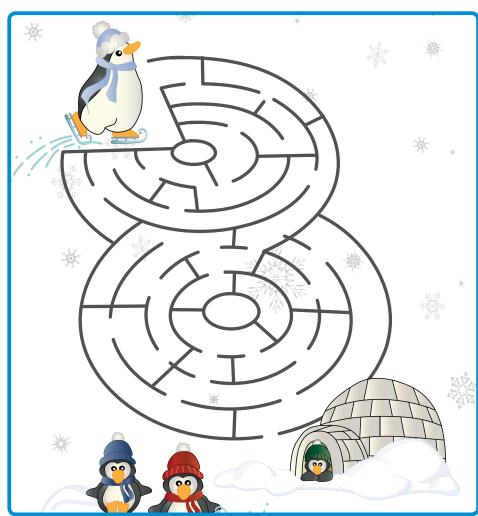




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Invisible Strings

Recently we helped each of our three 30-something children buy homes by acting as guarantor. My husband spent hours helping with repairs and maintenance. I help with the grandchildren several times a week, and we often have everyone over for meals.

None of this would be a problem except that, apart from a verbal thank-you, there has been no other gesture of thanks from any of them. We feel hurt, disappointed and a bit embarrassed, and wonder if our expectation of something more is unreasonable.

Some of our friends received flowers, wine, and tickets to a show for providing less help to their children. Others have also had little or nothing.

These children were brought up to know better. We would just like a simple invitation to dinner at their homes to say thanks for putting yourselves on the line for us.

The hurt is festering but we don't know how to resolve

the matter. We get conflicting advice from friends, with some saying we should count it a privilege to help and should expect nothing, while others are incensed on our behalf.

Martha

Martha, you say you raised them to know better. If that statement is true and all three children gave you the same level of thank-you, then this is what they consider adequate thanks.

If you get the same answer from each child, and you think the answer should be \dot{X} but they say Y, then your answer is wrong.

In addition, if they couldn't have afforded their houses without your guarantee, didn't you get them into a house they might otherwise have been prevented from having?

Whether their credit rating wasn't high enough to get the loan, or their income and savings weren't sufficient Direct Answers

from Wayne & Tamara

for a loan, more time would likely have solved those
issues. In this sense, you circumvented the financial

When a loan is given, all the details are spelled out fees, penalties, due dates and everything else. But as cosigner, you didn't spell out what you expected. The bank told them. You didn't. In your mind you had secret expectations.

rules and safeguards. Should you be thanked for that?

We understand perfectly how you feel. You want a nice, spontaneous, meaningful thank-you. Everyone likes that.

But some events—graduation from university, the birth of a baby, the purchase of a first home—are milestones in a young adult's life. How can they share the stage?

Put yourself in their shoes. If this is their home, they are supposed to be making payments. They are paying taxes, insurance and utilities. You didn't give them a house. You gave them a debt the bank would have

prevented them from having

We shouldn't expect to be compensated for something we give freely. If we do, the gift is not free, from the heart, without strings attached. We should not think we are giving a gift if we expect anything—anything—in return.

If we have to tell someone how to say thank you, what is the value of the thank-you? When thanks are not instinctively given, they are hollow.

We understand your feelings, but those feelings are not helpful in this situation. Your children may not think you gave them a gift. They may think you gave them a debt.

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IN MEMORIAM & OBITUARIES



FOURNIER, Patricia 1940 - 2017

In Laval, on March 5, 2017, at the age of 76, passed away Mrs. Patricia Fournier (née Valois), spouse of Mr. Claude Fournier. In addition to her husband, she leaves in mourning her son Mark (Nathalie Michaud); grandchildren Mégane and Emma; her sister Valérie (Lance); nephews,

nieces, relatives and friends. Predeceased by her brothers Lorne (Jill) and Kenneth (Carol).

HULFELD, Eugen 1939 - 2017

Peacefully at home, on February 27, 2017 at the age of 77, Mr. Eugen Hulfeld passed away. Loving husband of Ingrid Dietrich. Dear father of Gabi (Dietmar), Karin (Bernhard) and Rosemarie. Dear Opa to Michael, Kristina, Melanie, Keven and Stephanie. Loving brother of late Ernst, Heidi (Harald) and Elfi. Loving brother-in-law Otto Marcelle. He will be sadly missed by family and friends in Canada, Austria and Germany.



MONTPETIT, Robert 1941 - 2017

Mr. Robert Montpetit died on February 14, 2017, in Pierrefonds, at the age of 75. He is survived by his life companion, Anna Van Zante; his beloved daughter, Isabelle; his son-in-law, Danny Rocheleau; and his grandchildren, Frédéric and Alex, his pride. He will also be greatly

missed by his brothers, Richard and Jacques (Sylvie); his nephew and his nieces, and his extended family. He marked the lives of many people, including his best friend of 50 years, Robert Martin; his family at Ace, and his loyal and cherished friends and golf partners.

PAPADAKIS, Linda Carol 1956 - 2017

In Montreal at McGill University Health Centre after a courageous battle with breast cancer. Predeceased by her husband Steve, father Edward, step-mother Hélène (née Lemieux), sister Arlene (Allan Walker) and nephew Scott Walker. Survived by her sons Evangelo and Richard, who was her caregiver and a great comfort throughout her long illness. Lovingly remembered by her mother Lillian (née Hewitt), sister Glenda (George Tomaszczyk), brothers Richard (Donna) Croke and Graeme Croke - all of Mississauga and half-brother Patrick Croke - of Laval. Fondly remembered by her nieces Sarah Coyne, Jennifer, Suzanne and Alicia Tomaszczyk, nephews Joseph Croke (now Brandt) and Danny Walker.

SCHEFFER, Elsie

WPeacefully on Thursday, February 16, 2017. Beloved wife of the late Joe. Dear mother and mother-in-law of Helena and David Hudson, Mark Scheffer of Stockholm, Sweden. Cherished grandmother of Marie- Anne (Sheldon Andrews), Kathryn (Matthew Somerville); Lisa, and Kevin of Stockholm, Sweden. Proud great-grandmother of Oscar and Ellis. Elsie will be sadly missed by her family and all who knew her.



McCRUDDEN, Olivia 1929 - 2017

Olivia McCrudden (nee McDonough), known to loved ones as Tootsie, passed away peacefully on February 27, 2017. Born on December 25, 1929, it is no coincidence that this special woman was born on a special day. A force to be reckoned with, Tootsie never let convention

stand in her way in making her path in life. A talented secretary, she had a long career that ended at Bell and Howell, and always sought adventure, whether in the woods of Saint-Gabriel-de-Brandon or the beaches of California. She was married to Clifford (Mac) McCrudden Sr., and together they had two children, Linda and Clifford Jr. She later became mother-in-law to John Di Domenico and Karen Burnes, and grandmother to Andrea, Kelly, Connor and Cory. Throughout her life, she remained close with her sisters Ruth, Gloria and Colleen, and brothers Jim, John and Terry. She was blessed with many wonderful in-laws and was particularly close to Vanis. She was greatly loved by her many nieces and nephews, be they in Montreal, Toronto or Calgary.

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BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

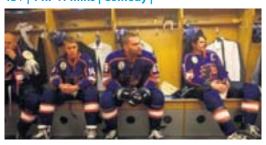
G | 2 hrs 09 mins | Kids-Family |



The fantastic journey of Belle, a bright, beautiful and independent young woman who is taken prisoner by a beast in his castle. Despite her fears, she befriends the castle's enchanted staff and learns to look beyond the Beast's hideous exterior and realize the kind heart and soul of the true Prince within.

GOON: THE LAST ENFORCERS

13+ | 1 hr 41 mins | Comedy



Goon: Last of the Enforcers is an upcoming Canadian-American sports comedy film written by Jay Baruchel and Jesse Chabot as a sequel to the 2011 film Goon.

LOGAN

13+ | 2 hrs 17 mins | Action-Science Fiction |



Set in the future of 2024, Logan and Professor Charles Xavier must cope with the loss of the X-Men when a corporation lead by Nathaniel Essex is destroying the world leaving it to destruction, with Logan's healing abilities slowly fading away and Xavier's Alzheimer's forcing him to forget. Logan must defeat Nathaniel Essex with the help of a young girl named Laura Kinney, a female clone of Wolverine.

KONG: SKULL ISLAND

G | 2 hrs 0 min | Action |



A team of explorers and soldiers travel to an uncharted island in the Pacific, unaware that they are crossing into the domain of monsters, including the mythic Kong.

YOUR HOROSCOPE

for the week of March 26 to April 1, 2017

The luckiest signs this week: Cancer, Leo & Virgo



ARIES

Sparks will fly between you and an acquaintance. This could trigger a need to make deep changes in your life. Now's the time to purchase the outdoor equipment you've been



TAURUS

Let your loved ones pamper you: you deserve it, especially these days. Your partner is finally ready to talk about a difficult topic. Positive



GEMINI

You'll be invited to happy hour with people you barely know. Don't worry: you'll have great chemistry with the group — as long as you choose your conversation topics wisely.



CANCER

Your optimistic disposition is highly appreciated at work. Even though you seem a tad idealist, your taskoriented approach will lead you to your goals. Your family is always by your side to support you.



LEO

You're feeling unusually tired. The path to recovering your vitality is paved with healthy foods. Your com-mitment to quality will be rewarded with an unexpected gift.



VIRGO

It's time to practice some introspection. Try to avoid crowds this week and focus on yourself and your needs. You could be surprised by



LIBRA

You're having a hard time adjusting to some changes at work. Keep your head up high and power through it; a promotion is highly probable in the near future.



SCORPIO

Education is never a waste of time. Don't be afraid to question your career path. Follow your passion and it'll pay off in the long run.



SAGITTARIUS

You've been wanting to move for a while, and information you'll receive from a family member will cement your decision. A much more comfortable lifestyle is on the horizon.



CAPRICORN

Choose your words with caution this week, because your loved ones are especially emotional. Spring cleaning or a fresh paint job in your home will finally put your mind at peace.



AOUARIUS

Don't fight the urge to renew your wardrobe this week; you've been put-ting it off for too long. Just make sure that you don't spend too much, and avoid impulse gadget purchases



PISCES

You have an incredible idea. Play your cards right, and it'll carry you to success. Be cautious with who you share it with, however. Your acquaintances don't all have your best interest in mind.

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CROSSWORDS

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PUZZLE NO. 863

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1. Face card

- 5. This woman
- ment
- 13. Young boy
- 14. Gator's kin
- 16. Carpet
- 18. Bed support
- 19. Foamy brew
- 21. Regulation
- 23. Fool
- 25. Put off
- 32. Rowboat item
- 35. Chop
- 38. Neat!
- 40. Big boys

ACROSS

- 8. Trailer truck
- 12. Woodwind instru-

- 15. Conveyor
- 17. Scream and shout

- 20. Operator

- 28. Wave riders
- 33. Wrathful
- 36. Intersected
- 41. Money roll

PUZZLE NO. 599

- 42. Mountain refrain
- 45. Finger's counter-
- part 47. Scratch

55. Tyke

56. Streetcar

toy

58. Crafty

DOWN

1. Tasks

2. Biblical sibling

3. Soda selection

Teapot

5. Drinking aid

6. Tow behind

wds.

Win by a nose: 2

59. Patched

- _ ma, no hands!
- 52. Monkey's relative
- 53. Greasy

57. Snowy-weather

- 26. Corn unit
- 54. Distance measure
 - 27. '60s do 28. Disappointed

8. Neck area

22. Spring up

10. Budge

9. Divisions of time

11. Bakery employee

24. Sports stadium

25. Sleepy's roommate

- 29. Mischievous crea-
- ture
- 30. Go bad 31. Foreign agent
 - 34. Some apartments
- 37. Cured, as meat
- 39. Fools
- 41. Full of dandelions
- 42. Shade sources
- 43. Spiral
- 44. Breach
- 46. Milky stone
- 48. Become bored 49. Lobster's "hand"
- 50. Chapel song

HOW TO PLAY:

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7-YEAR OLD

After a worship service, a mother with a fidgety seven-year-old boy told me how she finally got her son to sit still and be quiet.

About halfway through the sermon, she leaned over and whispered, "If you don't be quiet, the Pastor is going to lose his place and will have to start his sermon all over again."

It worked.

I'M STILL AHEAD

My wife and I were comparing notes the other day. "I have a higher IQ, did better on my SAT's, and make more money than you," she pointed out.

"Yeah, but when you step back and look at the big picture, I'm still ahead," I said.

She looked mystified. "How do you figure?"

"I married better," I replied.

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