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Cromwell is rejuvenating its Promenade 2-Montagnes mall

New tenants expected in enclosed portion of shopping centre

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MARTIN C. BARRY

Cromwell Management, which owns the City of Deux-Montagnes' only major shopping centre, Promenade 2-Montagnes, says it has big plans for the enclosed portion of the mall located near the northern limits of the municipality.

Reviving the mall

"We have a very exciting project," Carl Yacovelli, a property agent with the Montreal-based company owned by George Gantcheff and Stanley Zipkin, said in a phone interview with the North Shore News.

While an enclosed section of the property constructed around the 1970s is located in the City of Deux-Montagnes, a larger exterior area of the shopping centre with medium and big-box businesses and stores is located in the municipality of Ste-Marthe-sur-le-Lac.

Cromwell, according to Yacovelli, is doing "a total overhaul of the shopping centre. We really like that shopping centre and the area. We really think there's lots of potential there. We're really looking forward to making that shopping centre better to try to bring it into 2016."

Challenge for inside malls

It's no secret in the commercial real estate industry these days – while the mainstream retail sector is struggling against online competition as never before – that interior shopping centres, which were all the rage from the 1960s through the 1980s, have fallen on particularly difficult times.

The situation is such that an expression which has become current among commercial real estate professionals in the U.S. and in Canada when referring to an underperforming enclosed shopping centre is "dead mall."

Although to some it might not seem all that long ago that teenagers spent their Friday nights and sometimes Saturdays as well hanging around the local interior mall, those days are

long over. While the exterior "power center" at Promenades 2-Montagnes appears to be doing well, the occupancy rate in the enclosed portion of the property is currently not very high.

An upgrade in store

"Interior malls are not really the trend right now," Yacovelli acknowledged. "So we want to move away from that. We want to make the mall look nicer. We also want to make it more inviting. By doing so we are hoping to have some bigger, nicer tenants that will be pleasing to the people to make their shopping experience better."

Regarding the refurbishment of Promenades 2-Montagnes which is now underway, Yacovelli said, "So far it's been going pretty well. We have some nice tenants coming. I'm not sure I can disclose because the leases are currently being looked over and signed so I can't give names. But we do have big names coming in there. And it should look really nice in about I would say maybe a year which should be close to the end."

Eye on redevelopment

In an interview last September, Deux-Montagnes mayor Denis Martin told the North Shore News that officials with the municipality were looking into the possibility of taking steps to see the enclosed portion of Promenades 2-Montagnes redeveloped and replaced with an office building as high as five storeys.

"We'd like to bring some people from Laval or Montreal to work here in offices available at a good price," he had said at the time. According to the mayor, the city would like to see something on the site similar to the RBC bank tower on Arthur Sauvé Blvd. in Saint Eustache, although he admitted it amounted to no more than an ambitious dream for now. Yacovelli said he could not comment on the mayor's remarks since it was the first time he'd become aware of them. ■



The enclosed section of Promenades 2-Montagnes currently doesn't draw nearly as much customer traffic as it did before.



Promenade 2-Montagnes is undergoing a total overhaul, according to Cromwell Management which owns the mall.



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SWLSB warns about ending school elections in joint brief

Boards concerned about French/English ‘two-tiered’ system developing



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The Sir Wilfrid Laurier School Board is one of six French and English school commissions in the Greater Montreal region which have issued a joint brief saying they favour the government’s proposal to increase the power of parents, while warning that abolishing school elections “would lead to demolishing a vital bridge between all stakeholders.”

Among the top concerns of the coalition is that the Liberal government may decide at some point in the future to deploy a two-tier educational system, based on the fact that Article 23 of the Canadian constitution guarantees Quebec’s minority English-speaking parents the right to manage and control the education of their children, but there is no corresponding guarantee for the French majority.

Minority language right

“Since the deposit of Bill 86 we have been clear about two important factors,” SWLSB chairwoman Jennifer Maccarone said during a press conference held on April 7 at Vincent Massey Collegiate in Rosemount. “Section 23 of the Canadian Constitution guarantees that the minority language community in each province has an unassailable right to manage and control their own education system.

“Many constitutional experts have studied the draft legislation and are unanimous that this bill is unconstitutional,” she continued. “We are committed to defending that right. This is the last right we have as a minority community and we have learned that if we give our rights away or do not defend them fully, we never get them back. We cannot let that happen with the cornerstone right that guarantees the vitality and renewal of the Quebec English community.”

Fears of two-tiered system

“The English school boards will benefit from democratic and pluralistic councils and on the other, the French school boards will suffer in the hands of a Ministry whose top leader has been replaced on average every 18 months for the past 10 years,” the school boards said in their statement.

The coalition lists six principles they believe should govern the joint actions of government

and elected school councils: education belongs to the people; student success is at the heart of every decision made by elected school councils; perseverance and achievement targets must be achieved, public education in Quebec is subject to change; the election law and the mode of election for school commissioners must be changed; and school commissioners are working collaboratively with staff, parents and principals.

Unpaid volunteer system

The coalition says it is favorable to the government’s proposal of increasing the power of parents, in particular by exercising the right to vote at school board meetings. “But it is important to remember that a large proportion of elected commissioners are themselves parents and therefore have the motivation to develop a school in line with the expectations of local parents,” said the school board heads. The abolition of school elections would replace them “with volunteers saddled with a high expectation of participation in many dossiers and a loss of independence,” they said.

Coalition says it is favorable to the government’s proposal of increasing the power of parents

Municipal/school board elections

The coalition’s members also say they “question the effect the legislative gain from the Quebec government will have, the rifts in the courts and in the public domain and the signal sent to francophone communities outside Quebec who also have to deal with the realities and fragile contexts.”

In addition, the six school boards are proposing a new governance model based on a system they say has already proven itself in most other provinces: it would link school board elections with municipal elections held every four years, the first Sunday in November. “The elected school commissioners essentially advocate the establishment of joint elections, school and municipal,” states the joint brief. ■

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Governments love change, just not to the point of reform

The fact that officials won't divulge key tax system information simply confirms the legitimacy of growing Canadian distrust

- Politicians and their parties solicit and receive large cash donations from wealthy people and businesses, and pretend there is no ethical problem with doing so, as if these gifts obviously come with no strings attached;
- MP Wayne Easter (speaking as a member of the Liberal caucus and not in his role as chairman of the Commons Finance Committee) says the government should fulfil its election promise of reviewing Canada's tax system with an independent, arms-length committee, not as a study by (and for) federal bureaucrats. Finance Minister Bill Morneau, who runs the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA), wants to keep his options open - and probably keep such a review under close control;
- Parliamentary Budget Officer Jean-Denis Fr chet te has been trying for years to get the CRA to release data on the gap between how much taxes our economy should be producing and the revenue the agency actually collects. Most of the world's leading democracies publish these 'tax gap' figures so people will know how much revenue their governments lose through offshore tax havens and other dodges. A published tax gap would also inform the 95 per cent of Canadians who duly report all their income every year of what a bunch of chumps they are.
- The CRA, under the direction of Morneau, promises to study the concept of studying the tax gap;
- The so-called Panama Papers, a massive leak of secret documents from the offices of Panama-based law firm Mossack Fonseca, lists a trove of information on how the super-rich, the super-famous and some superbly powerful political leaders stash huge amounts of money out of reach of their national tax agencies. The papers purport to show that offshore banking costs the Canadian treasury billions of dollars a year (that lost revenue must be made up for by the rest of us honest taxpayers);
- Trust in our provincial and federal governments to manage our economy and social programs fairly and equitably continues to drop.

OK, maybe there are related. Mostly, Canadians judge governments on how they spend. We talk a lot about budgets and debt levels. We chatter about stimulus spending versus the need for balanced budgets.

Sometimes, we spare a thought or two about the increasing wealth gap. But perhaps because so many of us hope to be rich someday, we don't talk about that too much.

We don't really look at whether our tax system is fair at all, other than to gripe that as individuals we pay too much in taxes or that other people pay too little.

Without knowing that everyone pays their fair share, how can we understand what a fair share really is? When politicians and parties appear beholden to their wealthy and influential donors, how can we trust them to make big-picture decisions in our collective best interest?

The government tells us they will review our total tax system and its myriad tweaks and boutique breaks, but they will not inform us of how comprehensive or effective this review will be. It strains confidence that anything will actually change, because one group of political donors or another might become unhappy.

It should floor us that the CRA - under the direction of both Conservative and Liberal masters - will not share its data with the Parliamentary Budget Office. Or that the chairman of the Commons Finance Committee cannot speak in his official capacity about a tax system review. Aren't we on the same team here?

As a society, we are already too skeptical about the people who hold power. There always seems to be a hidden agenda. What deals have been made to get the money to buy the ads that promise us things in election campaigns?

The cries over the Panama Papers will die down and meld into the existing background noise of distrust about government. It will become part of the drone that includes WikiLeaks, which told us how our every move can be monitored by government authorities - who will not tell us what they owe the people who bought them their elections.

This is a worldwide phenomenon, not just Canadian. But we should expect Canada to do better than the rest of the world in producing honest, open and transparent government.

If our tax system needs an overhaul, do it. Tell us what parts we can really do without and then make the changes. And help us be confident that it applies fairly to everyone.

Greg Neiman

Is Bombardier's CSeries jet worth \$1 billion from Ottawa?

To hear certain members of the federal Liberal cabinet talk about their looming decision on whether to front \$1 billion USD to Bombardier Aerospace, you would think it's already settled. However, if the history of the Canadian aerospace industry is an accurate indicator, a done deal it most likely is.

While the federal government is supposedly still reviewing Bombardier's request for money - the latest news last week had Ottawa spending \$500,000 for an outsourced study of Bombardier - Prime Minister Justin Trudeau among others has been extolling the virtues of the company's CSeries passenger aircraft.

"The CSeries jet is an exceptional jet that is going to show Canadian innovation and quality manufacturing to the world," Trudeau told the Canadian Press last month. "That's why it's important to make sure that the Canadian aerospace industry is strong, not just in the short term, but in the medium and long term," he added.

Transport Minister Marc Garneau was even more to the point while lavishing praise on the plane recently. "It is the best airplane in the world in its class bar none - it really is an extraordinary airplane," he told an audience of Rotarians last week in his home riding of Westmount-Ville Marie.

Late last year, Bombardier asked Ottawa for assistance when it could no longer conceal its trouble trying to sell the CSeries. The Quebec government promised last fall that it would give \$1 billion to support the company. In the meantime, global competitors have been stealing away contracts that might have gone to Bombardier, while sales of Bombardier planes have decreased in proportion.

In the meantime, some of Canada's top financial experts are against the prospect of the federal government using taxpayer dollars to bail out Bombardier's CSeries program. According to a recent Business News Network survey, nearly 40 per cent of the respondents agreed the long-delayed mid-range aircraft is a big strategic mistake that shouldn't be underwritten by the government.

As well, they said government support for Bombardier should only be granted if the company's controlling owners agree to abandon Bombardier's dual class share structure which places disproportionate power in the hands of Bombardier and Beaudoin family members.

The Bombardiers and Beaudoins control nearly 80 per cent of Bombardier Inc.'s Class A shares, which outvote Class B 10 to 1. However, others have come out in defence of the dual-class share structure, saying it's the only reason Bombardier, which is Canada's biggest aerospace manufacturer, hasn't ended up being broken apart and sold in pieces to foreign interests.

All this being said, the global aerospace industry has long been known for turbulence, with lots of ups and downs and periods of booming prosperity, followed by depressing slumps and spells of unemployment. It's true at the same time that Canada's aerospace sector would never have gotten far at all were it not for an almost constant injection of government funding.

Bombardier alone, according to one recent report, has received around \$1 billion in federal money since 1966, taking into account the many subsidies Canadair received from Ottawa before Bombardier acquired the money-losing company in the mid-1980s.

While global aerospace companies and elected officials in the countries where they're based constantly complain that government subsidies from other nations violate trade agreements, the fact is that governments all over the world consistently subsidize aerospace manufacturing within their territory.

For this reason alone perhaps, Canada can't get away from the practice, and this is also why Bombardier is more than likely to receive its \$1 billion assistance package. But in the meantime, depending on what Ottawa chooses, at stake is the survival of a 73-year-old company that employs 24,000 people in Canada and that contributes \$6.5 billion in Canadian dollars just to the Quebec economy.

In the unlikely chance that the Liberal government chooses not to support production of the distinctly Canadian CSeries aircraft that most agree is the best in its category, the Liberals would be following a path eerily similar to the one former Conservative Prime Minister John Diefenbaker chose when he opted to withdraw his government's backing for the Avro Arrow fighter. We will leave it to our readers to judge whether the Liberals want to risk being remembered similarly.

- Martin C. Barry -

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Construction underway for new Deux-Montagnes seniors' residence

Réseau Sélection project is biggest city has ever seen, says Mayor Denis Martin

MARTIN C. BARRY

At the southern end of Eighth Avenue in the City of Deux-Montagnes, construction has begun on Réseau Sélection's new retirement residence which is replacing an old wing of the Manoir Grand-Moulin seniors' residence that has been demolished to make way for the new project.

'Finally happening'

"It's finally happening and we're very proud," Mayor Denis Martin said in an interview with the North Shore News following the April city council meeting last week. Réseau Sélection, which operates a network of seniors' retirement facilities all over Quebec, is investing up to \$55 million in the Deux-Montagnes project.

Prior to the work getting underway, the most costly construction project in Deux-Montagnes had been a building on 20th Ave. costing \$8 million. "So this is a very major private investment," added the mayor, while noting that the municipal property tax revenue is estimated to be as much as \$500,000 annually upon the project's completion.

Had been operating at loss

Under the terms of an earlier arrangement the municipality had with a semi-public corporation that was responsible for operating the old building belonging to the Manoir Grand-Moulin, the City of Deux-Montagnes had been losing up to \$400,000 annually when the corporation's finances ran in the red.

Martin, who was first elected in 2013 with a mandate to straighten out Deux-Montagnes' finances, brokered a deal with Réseau Sélection to take over the mandate to provide housing for the municipality's senior residents, albeit on a privatized basis. Obviously pleased with the results of his administration's efforts, he said last week that "it's a very big turnaround for the financial position of the city."

Park improvements coming

During the council meeting, the mayor said the plan now is to use at least some of the revenue generated to improve the park on Oka



Deux-Montagnes mayor Denis Martin is elated that construction of Réseau Sélection's senior citizens' residence at the south end of Eighth Ave. is finally underway.

Rd. in front of the municipal water filtration plant. The idea would be to make up for the loss of the lawn bowling facility down near the bottom of Eighth Ave. He suggested the park might also be developed to take advantage of the nearby Lake of Two Mountains waterfront.

During question period, council regular Monique Dorion, back in town after her annual winter sojourn in Florida, questioned the mayor about the relatively recent outsourcing of Deux-Montagnes' 9-1-1 emergency call centre service to the City of Saint-Eustache which now has responsibility. Alain Simoneau, chief of the Deux-Montagnes Regional Police Department, said there don't appear to be any issues regarding response times to calls since Saint-Eustache took over.

Questions over 9-1-1 service

While Simoneau said there were some differences between Saint-Eustache's and Deux-Montagnes's communications systems, and the police department is now in the midst of seeking bidders for a new system that's a better match with Saint-Eustache's, he called it "a work in



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progress" and "it's going well even though there are adjustments still to be made for certain."

Also during question period, André Ouellet of the Dépannage Saint-Agapit food bank praised the work of Deux-Montagnes police community relations officer Christopher



Council regular Monique Dorion asked questions during the April meeting about Deux-Montagnes's 9-1-1 service which has been outsourced to Saint-Eustache.

Harding who led efforts to bring to Deux-Montagnes and neighbouring cities the National Hockey League Players Association's 'Goals & Dreams' program which provides free hockey gear to young players who would probably not be able to afford it otherwise. ■



From the left, councillors Margaret Lavallée (du Golf district), Micheline Groulx Stabile (Olympia district) and Karine Gauthier (du Lac district).



From the left, councillors Michel Mendes (du Coteau district), Manon Robitaille (Grand-Moulin district) and Frédéric Berthiaume (de la Gare district).



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(NSN) More than 150 people gathered at École secondaire Lucille-Teasdale in Blainville on April 1 to take part in a Zumbathon organized by the city for the benefit of Centraide Laurentides. It was the fourth year for the event which raised \$3,000 for the cause this time.

“I am happy to be here tonight for an intense two-hour workout of Zumba in which I am going to participate on behalf



of the municipal council,” said city councillor for the district of du Blainvillier Marie-Claude Collin.

Centraide active in area

“As we know, Centraide is active in several areas,” she added. “The organization encourages the success of our youths, helps the most unfortunate with food security and adequate housing, sees

that the elderly don’t become isolated, supports the handicapped, brings together neighbourhoods and much more.

“I would like to thank the participants for their presence, but also Hanya Yassir and his team from Zumba Rive-Nord,” said Collin. Since 2007, the City of Blainville has donated more than \$143,000 to Centraide Laurentides in order to support the organization. ■

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*Bank to maintain ATM and pay for
Taxibus to Labelle Blvd. RBC*

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After initially announcing that RBC's Jardins Rosemère branch would be shutting permanently, the bank's head office has made a concession: they now say an automated teller machine will continue operating at the location after June 3.

As well, according to RBC, the Town of Rosemère will be offering door-to-door Taxibus service to the RBC branch on Labelle Blvd. for senior citizens, with RBC reimbursing the \$2 per round-trip cost for this service.

Denis Dubé, RBC's director of media and public relations for Quebec, told the North Shore News this week that based on feedback the bank obtained from clients during a public meeting at the branch on March 22 that "we're going to keep an ATM at the branch."

"It's going to be a full ATM, so it's going to be possible to make deposits or withdraw money," he said. As well, according to Dubé, RBC has entered into an agreement with the Town of Rosemère to offer the subsidized Taxibus service to the bank's customers.

"We just got an agreement with Rosemère that RBC will be put on the list of businesses and services which are available on this service," Dubé said. "And we decided also that we will be reimbursing customers. So if they go to the branch at Labelle/640, we will be reimbursing them the \$2 so it will be free to come to the branch to do their banking."

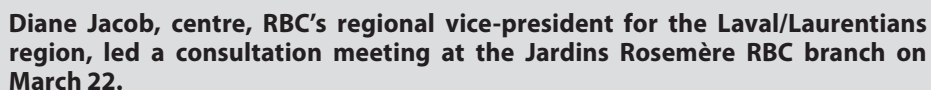
Dubé said that following the consultation meeting, RBC's public relations staff made phone calls to many of the clients who were present at the consultation to inform them of the changes the bank agreed to, "and they were pleased about the way that RBC is handling the situation," he insisted.

Diane Jacob, RBC's regional vice-president for the Laval/Laurentians region, told the bank's Jardins Rosemère clients during the consultation at the branch on Grande Côte Rd. on March 22 that the decision to close was largely the result of widespread conditions from which change has become the norm.

She maintained that up to 90 per cent of RBC's current clients visit a branch less than three times per year because they do their banking by other means, and that even ATM use has dropped by 10 per cent in the past six years. According to Jacob, client traffic at Jardins Rosemère dropped by seven per cent per year in recent years while ATM transactions fell 43 per cent since 2008.

Over the years, RBC has dealt with a good number of similar situations involving full service branches that were shut and replaced in some cases with ATMs. However, it should be noted that the bank's decisions are always based on the popularity and performance of services they provide as well as their viability. Based only on what can be seen at street level, even RBC ATMs eventually get shut down permanently regardless of protests by clients in the community.

Dubé acknowledged to the North Shore News that RBC has not agreed to keep the ATM in place at Jardins Rosemère permanently. “As you might understand it’s quite difficult for us to give a guarantee on how many years we’re going to keep the ATM – because we need a minimum of transactions at the ATM,” he said. “I think it would be unfair to tell you that we’re going to keep this ATM for many years. Going forward we will see what will be the response from customers. If they use it we will keep it.” ■



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CAQ obtains transit concessions for North Shore

Groulx MNA Claude Surprenant says his party deserves credit

(NSN) Coalition Avenir Québec MNA for Groulx Claude Surprenant says Liberal Premier Philippe Couillard's government has made an about-face in giving in to pressure from the CAQ and agreeing to create a distinct organizational structure for the management of public transit on the north and south shores.

New transit agency

For several months now, according to Surprenant who is the CAQ's official critic for transport, the CAQ had been lobbying for an overhaul of public transit in the Montreal metropolitan region in order to better answer the needs of transit users. As a result, added Surprenant, the government took up the CAQ's suggestions and a separate public transit agency is being created for the 450 area.

More accountability

"In addition to increasing the accountability and representation of elected officials in the

final decision, the CAQ also obtained major changes to Bill 76 from the government," Surprenant said in a statement. He said the Liberal Minister of Transport, Jacques Daoust, finally accepted to create committees to be composed of elected officials from the north and south shores to sit on the board of the new Réseau des transports métropolitain (RTM).

A larger board

Surprenant also said that the CAQ was able to obtain another important concession: the RTM's board will be significantly larger. "Today I am proud to confirm to Quebecers from the 450 area that they will be better served thanks to the hard work done by our political party," he said. Surprenant added that committee work on Bill 76 continues. "The regional realities of the north and south shores are very different from that of Greater Montreal," he said. ■



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Furor continues over closing of Rosemère fire service

Resident tells mayor it took 16 minutes for a fire call to local church

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Rosemère mayor Madeleine Leduc faced hostile fire from some residents during the April town council meeting, following the municipality’s decision last month to close the fire department and outsource responsibility to the City of Blainville.

Confrontational meeting

“In the contract which you signed with the City of Blainville, it says that for 2016 the cost is \$525,000, but for 2018 it’s 50 per cent more,” said longtime resident Douglas Lemm, a retired former firefighter with Rosemère.

“Also after two years you or them can say we want to renegotiate,” he added. “So after two years it can be renegotiated by either party.”

Leduc responded, “No negotiations during 20 years,” while adding that the wording of the agreement also stipulates that negotiations cannot begin automatically but only under certain conditions. “I just think it’s disgusting what’s happened,” Lemm said, “that you made a unilateral decision and nobody here had a chance to look or evaluate,”

Bilingual service question

His daughter, Shannon Lemm, who works with local Girl Guides and Scouts and has also been involved in local security and volunteer fire prevention, suggested that the mayor’s claim at last month’s council meeting

that bilingual service would be continued by Blainville’s fire department isn’t holding up.

“When I was here last meeting I was promised that we would get service in English from Blainville,” she said. “Usually every year we take them (the Guides) to the fire station to get a tour and visit. And so we called the Blainville fire department and asked the same thing – if they could do it bilingual for us – and they say no. They’d only do it in French.”

Leduc said she would have someone verify the claim. Lemm continued. “Last Sunday the third of April I was at church at Ste. Françoise Cabrini just up the street and there was a fire alarm, and it took the fire department 16 minutes to get there on a Sunday morning at 10:30 with no traffic, no rain, no snow.” Leduc told Lemm that she would have someone check.

Mayor defends decision

During the almost equally-charged and boisterous March town council meeting, an official with the Blainville fire department said that based on seven fire calls Blainville had already handled in Rosemère, the average response time was 8.2 minutes. Another town resident, Benoit Beauchesne, asked the mayor pointedly, “Why didn’t you consult us the citizens of Rosemère?”

She answered: “Fire security is an essential service and we decided this since we were elected in 2013 to do management of the town and to give the best services at the best cost. For us fire security was a service which was too important. It involved the security of citizens.

Former councillor backs decision

“It was too important to question for even an hour the security of our citizens by talking about whether it’s going to Blainville or to Rosemère or Bois-des-Filion,” Leduc continued. “So we took the decision because we thought we had received a mandate in 2013 to assure proper financial management.”

In the mayor’s defence, former Rosemère town councillor Claude Roy came to the microphone to say: “I am one of the citizens who agree with your decision, contrary to what’s been said here, and I believe that you have a majority of the population who agree. Therefore you have a majority of the citizens who support your decision.”

Small added cost for English

A clause in the fire services agreement between Rosemère and Blainville stipulates that Blainville is responsible only for the costs of producing French language communiqués and other written materials distributed in Rosemère.

“Responsibility and costs for editing, conceiving, production and distribution in English of this material on the territory of Rosemère is the exclusive responsibility of Rosemère,” states the agreement (translated from French). Although the mayor acknowledged this aspect, she also maintained during the council meeting that the cost will be negligible. ■



Longtime Rosemère resident Douglas Lemm, a former Rosemère fire department employee, questioned the decision to close the fire service.



Madeleine Leduc claimed during the April town council meeting that her administration acted in Rosemère’s best interests in closing the fire department.



Former town councillor Claude Roy claimed that most town residents agree with the decision to close the fire department.

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Holocaust Survivor

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BIBEAU, Marianne
1930 - 2016

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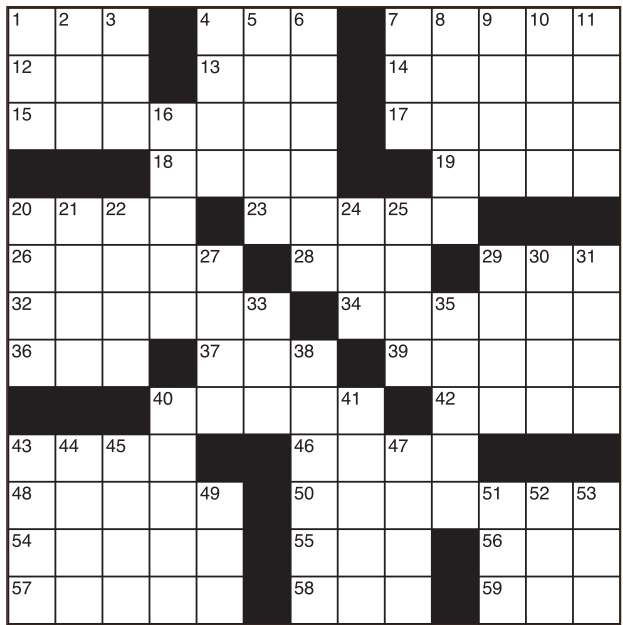
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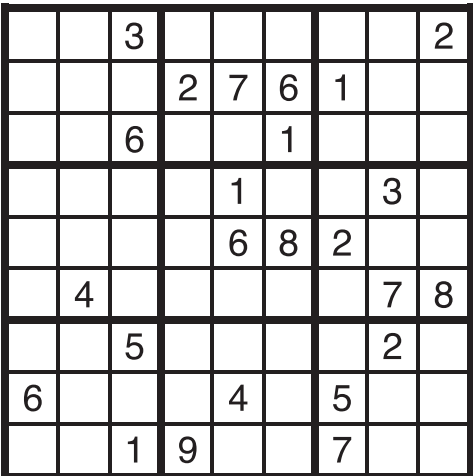
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May 7, 2016

Reconciliation Mass @10:00AM
Ste. Francoise Cabrini Church,
Rosemere

HERITAGE SOCIAL CLUB

503 rue Cedar
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450-473-5429

Webpage: heritagesocialclub.com
Email: heritage_social_club@yahoo.ca

Darts: Monday April 18-25

Kitchen opens @ 6:00 pm,
Darts start @ 7:30 pm
Serving: Hot Dogs and
Hamburgers

Karaoke: Friday April 29

Kitchen opens @ 6:30 pm,
Karaoke starts @ 8:00 pm

Menu: Hot Dogs –
Hamburgers – Grilled Cheese

Crib Tournament:

Sunday May 1st

Cost: \$6.00, Kitchen opens
@ 12:00 pm, Registration @
12:30 pm, Tournament starts
@ 1:00 pm, serving: Hot Dogs
and Grilled Cheese

CHRIST CHURCH UNITED

214-14th Avenue, Deux-Montagnes
www.christchurchunited.com

Worship Sunday at 11:45 a.m.
everyone is welcome.

"Out to Lunch" for all residents
of the area. Come and join
us for a free lunch at Christ
Church (address above) every
Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. until
2:00 p.m.

N.B. Children must be
accompanied by an adult.
All donations will be greatly
appreciated. Volunteers
welcome. For more info please
contact Christ Church
450-473-4784 or
Stella Cox 450 623-5192

Apr. 22nd Friday Fun with
Judy (dominoes)

ST. JAMES ANGLICAN CHURCH

328 Pine St. Rosemere, QC
Tel: 450-621-6466
info@stjamesrosemere.ca

Every Sunday 9:00AM
Sunday Service (1st & 3rd
Sunday Holy Communion/2nd
& 4th Sunday Morning Prayer)

Every Wednesday
10:00 AM to 2:00PM

Weekly Drop in Centre with
Host Winston Fraser. Drop in
for a coffee and stay for soup
and fellowship. The Church is
open for quiet reflection and
prayer.

Saturday, April 23 from
2:00-4:00pm

St. George's Social Tea
Cucumber sandwiches,
English pastries. Wearing a

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ALL SAINTS CHURCH

248-18th Ave. Deux-Montagnes
Priest: Reverend David Hart
david@allsaintsdeuxmontagnes.ca
Telephone: 450-473-9541
info@allsaintsdeuxmontagnes.ca
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***PLEASE NOTE NEW
TIME***

SUNDAY SERVICES WITH
SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTING
AT 10:30am

- 1st Sunday – Morning Prayer
- 2nd / 4th Sunday – Holy
Communion
- 3rd Sunday – Family service
(Morning Prayer)
- 5th Sunday- Church Cafe
(whenever applicable)

Two Mountains Community
Youth Group

We meet at All Saints Church
every Friday from 7:30 –
9:30, except for every 3rd
Friday, which is SPAM (Sports
night At Mountainview). For all
high-school aged teens.

April 28th

Les Cascades Communion

Service 10:30 am

April 30th

Afternoon Tea in honor of the
Queen's 90th birthday at 2
pm in the All Saints Hall. Tea
is served in fine china along
with finger sandwiches and a
selection of pastries. \$12

PANDA ASSOCIATION

Marie-Josée Trudel
Coordonnatrice/Coordinator
514 713-5353
mjtrudel@pandablso.ca

Our next PANDA conference
is on Thursday, April 28. The
conference is at 4 Korner
(Deux-Montagnes) at 7:00
p.m.

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A father and son go on the run after the dad learns his child possesses special powers.

BATMAN V SUPERMAN:
DAWN OF JUSTICE

G | 2 hrs 31 mins | Action-Adventure |

Sequel to Man of Steel. The New Adventures of Superman, faced for the first time in Dark Knight of Gotham City, Batman.

THE JUNGLE BOOK

G | 1 hr 46 mins | Action-Drama |

After a fearsome tiger threatens his life, Mowgli (Neel Sethi), a boy raised by wolves, leaves his jungle home and, guided by a stern panther (Ben Kingsley) and a free-spirited bear (Bill Murray), sets out on a journey of self-discovery.

ZOOTOPIA

G | 1 hr 35 mins | Animation |

In the animal city of Zootopia, a fast-talking fox who's trying to make it big goes on the run when he's framed for a crime he didn't commit. Zootopia's top cop, a self-righteous rabbit, is hot on his tail, but when both become targets of a conspiracy, they're forced to team up and discover even natural enemies can become best friends.

HARDCORE HENRY

16+ | 1 hr 30 mins | Action-Science Fiction |

A first-person action film from the eyes of Henry, who's resurrected from death with no memory. He must discover his identity and save his wife from a warlord with a plan to bio-engineer soldiers.

CRIMINAL MINDS

13+ | 1 hr 53 min | Sci-fi - Thriller |

CIA agent Bill Pope (Ryan Reynolds) dies while traveling to a secret location to meet a hacker who can launch missiles at will. Desperate to find his whereabouts, officials turn to an experimental neurosurgeon who can transfer memories from one brain to another. The guinea pig for the procedure is Jerico Stewart (Kevin Costner), a violent and dangerous death-row inmate. Now gifted with Pope's skills and knowledge, Stewart must race against time to stop a sinister international conspiracy.

MY BIG FAT GREEK WEDDING 2

13+ | 1 hr 34 mins | Comedy |

The Portokalos family gathers for a massive wedding after Toula's (Nia Vardalos) parents learn that they were never legally married.

BARBERSHOP: THE NEXT CUT

G | 1 hr 52 mins | Comedy |

As their surrounding community has taken a turn for the worse, the crew at Calvin's Barbershop come together to bring some much needed change to their neighborhood.

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