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2025 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS RESULTS

Blainville

Liza POULIN
Vrai Blainville - Équipe Liza Poulin
11,986 votes | 64.29 %

Diane LEMELIN
Action citoyens Blainville
6,320 votes | 33.9 %

Deux-Montagnes

Denis Martin
Deux-Montagnes autrement - Équipe Denis Martin Team
by acclamation

Pointe-Calumet

Sonia Fontaine
Équipe Sonia Fontaine
by acclamation

Sainte-Thérèse

Christian CHARRON
4,436 votes | 56.01 %

Luc VÉZINA
3,201 votes | 40.42 %

Boisbriand

Christine BEAUDETTE
5,456 votes | 60.58 %

Marlene CORDATO
3,207 votes | 35.61 %

Lorraine

Jean COMTOIS
Équipe Comtois
2,307 votes

Ramez AYOUB
Équipe Ayoub - Le citoyen avant tout
1,679 votes

Sainte-Marthe-sur-le-Lac

François Robillard
Équipe François Robillard
by acclamation

Saint-Eustache

Marc Lamarre
Option Saint-Eustache - Équipe Marc Lamarre
by acclamation

Bois-des-Filion

Charles BÉLANGER
1,387 votes | 58.55 %

Gilles BLANCHETTE
908 votes | 38.33 %

Rosemère

Marie-Elaine PITRE
3,292 votes | 57.47 %

Sophie M. CARDINAL
1,315 | 22.96 %

Eric WESTRAM
929 | 16.22 %

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From Westram to Pitre, what's next for Rosemère?

As Marie-Élaine Pitre prepares to take office, outgoing mayor Éric Westram reflects on eight years of leadership

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As Rosemère's newly elected mayor Marie-Élaine Pitre prepares to be sworn in with her six-member Vision Rosemère team on Monday, Nov. 10, the town is closing a political era, and beginning another.

Pitre's win on Nov. 2 capped a decisive election that ended Éric Westram's eight-year run as mayor.

The North Shore News spoke with both Pitre and Westram on their thoughts and plans post-election.

For Marie-Élaine Pitre

The new mayor represents a generational handover in a community where, as she put it, "people are quite older."

"I feel that it's a collective expression of trust," Pitre said. "People have put their trust in us, and this is awesome."

She believed her team's positive and issue-driven campaign stood out amid the regular noise of local politics.

"People showed that they want human politics," Pitre said. "We worked really hard to make sure that we were doing it, showing our ideas."

Within days of taking office, Pitre said her administration will dive straight into the 2026 budget process while setting priorities around redevelopment, climate resilience and citizen services.

"We have Place Rosemère, it's a big issue that we want to work on," she said. "We also have to take care of our citizens and protect them against climate change."

Her first months will test how quickly Vision Rosemère, which won all six council seats, can translate its unity into action.

Pitre claimed internal respect will guide council debates even without opposition members. "We don't have the same ideas on everything all the time," she said. "But we are able to debate in a respectful way and always in the interest of everyone."

Marie-Élaine Pitre, Rosemère's newly elected mayor, will be sworn in with her Vision Rosemère team on November 10, 2025 (Courtesy picture, Ville de Rosemère)

For Éric Westram

For Éric Westram, who led the town through two mandates beginning in 2017, the handover brings both introspection and relief. In an interview after his defeat, he said the result reflected a "wave of change" that extended beyond Rosemère.

"People up to a certain point think that a change is a necessity," he said. "Maybe without even thinking it all the way through."

The outgoing mayor, who spent 20 years in elected office and 45 years as a resident, said his campaign was straightforward and focused on experience and fiscal discipline.

"It was very simple, but it was straight to the point," Westram said. "We wrote and said exactly what we wanted to do."

Westram attributed part of his loss to frustration with long-running local disputes. Most notably over the former golf-course property. He said the debate overshadowed other priorities and invited what he referred to as "propaganda" and "false information" online.

"It has become the focus point of the election, unfortunately," he said. "There's way more other things to look at and to decide than this situation on the golf course."

Westram said he plans to step back from political life but remain active in the community he helped lead for nearly a decade.

The outgoing mayor spoke with emotion about saying goodbye to municipal staff and residents. "I have a lot of respect for the people that work for the city of Rosemère," Westram said. "If you didn't have those employees… the city is more than just removing snow and collecting garbage."

As for what comes next, Westram said he'll take it "one day at a time," potentially dividing his days between coaching soccer, tending his garden and, for the first time in years, watching council meetings as a citizen.

"Life is life," he said. "One day you're a hero, next day you're pushed aside, and I have to respect that choice."

With her swearing-in set for Nov. 10, Pitre now inherits both the expectations and unfinished files of her predecessor.

Between the promise of renewal and the weight of continuity, Rosemère's next chapter begins — with one mayor moving on, and another just beginning.

Eric Westram, now former Mayor of Rosemère.

Steady hands, quiet shifts: How the North Shore chose continuity in the 2025 municipal elections

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On Sunday, November 2, 2025, the citizens of Quebec's North Shore cast their ballots — or in some cases, simply watched the results unfold — and the message was clear: the new order is… much like the old one. Across the region, the mayors who stood for re-election held their ground; in two communities, the transition of power happened not at the ballot box, but at the nomination desk. For volunteers, community organisers and cultural stakeholders, this result offers both reassurance and an invitation to act — the familiar landscape remains, but the time for partnership has arrived.

Boisbriand — Beaudette's return, Cordato's comeback attempt falls short

In Boisbriand, incumbent mayor Christine Beaudette secured a second mandate with a "majority solid" victory, according to post-election coverage.

Her predecessor, Marlene Cordato, attempted a return but fell short. The result says two things: voters preferred continuity rather than a return to past leadership, and Beaudette's first-term approach — emphasizing citizen-consultation and infrastructure projects — resonated sufficiently to win affirmation. Now, the challenge becomes turning that mandate into action: whether her second term accelerates change, or simply maintains pace, is what the months will tell.

Saint-Eustache — Leadership hand-off without a contest

Over in Saint-Eustache, the biggest story was no story: outgoing mayor Pierre Charron did not run, and his party's candidate Marc Lamarre was elected by acclamation. There was no competitive mayoral race, which means the voters didn't have to choose between options — the choice was made by default. The result offers seamless continuity, but also raises questions about civic engagement: how strong is the public debate when leadership changes hands without a campaign? For community-driven groups, the benefit lies in knowing the administrative team remains closely aligned with past governance — less risk, less upheaval.

Deux-Montagnes — Martin returns unchallenged

At Deux-Montagnes, the story mirrored Saint-Eustache's in another key sense: mayor Denis Martin and five councillors were returned by acclamation. No opponent filed. The absence of competition may signal satisfaction with the status quo — or simply a reluctance to challenge it. Functionally, local non-profits, volunteer associations and schools can breathe easier knowing the municipal leadership remains consistent. But structurally, fewer voices in the race means fewer questions asked, fewer debates held, and perhaps fewer innovations on the horizon.

Blainville — Poulin's steady hand keeps the wheel turning

In Blainville, incumbent mayor Liza Poulin was re-elected, as reported by provincial coverage. The city, growing rapidly, faces mounting pressure on transit, housing and community services; Poulin's win signals that voters opted to keep the experienced navigator at the helm rather than bring in a new one. For the many cultural-education-volunteer enterprises in the region — such as those you work with — that means predictable governance and a stable municipal relationship.

Sainte-Thérèse — Another vote for the familiar

Sainte-Thérèse followed the pattern of reaffirmation: mayor Christian Charron retained his position. According to Élections Québec listings, his candidacy was successful, maintaining the status quo. The result underscores that in a time of shifting broader politics, local voters often prefer what they already know and trust.

What this means for the North Shore

The North Shore chose stability. Familiar mayors and systems stay in place, giving community and arts programs a steady environment to grow.

But democracy feels quieter—too many races went uncontested. It's a call for citizens to re-engage and keep debate alive.

For leaders like Christine Beaudette and Liza Poulin, renewed mandates mean a chance to deliver more than continuity. For everyone working in culture and education, it's time to build on what works and turn stability into progress.

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Don't let Ottawa sign away our sovereignty to the WHO

The WHO Pandemic Treaty could strip Canada of its ability to make its own health decisions, placing power in the hands of unelected global officials

U.S. President Donald Trump's recent call for Canada to become the 51st state rightly triggered national outrage. Yet while many were offended by his provocative remarks, a more real and insidious assault on our sovereignty is unfolding in Geneva, where the World Health Organization (WHO) Pandemic Treaty threatens to shift power from democratic nations to unelected global bureaucrats.

The Treaty, under negotiation, is aimed at strengthening global health responses to future pandemics. While proponents argue it will improve global preparedness, critics warn it will undermine national sovereignty, giving the WHO the power to impose sweeping health measures—lockdowns, vaccine mandates, and travel restrictions—without consultation or approval from elected governments. The treaty empowers the WHO director-general to declare a global health emergency, effectively bypassing national decision-making and subjecting countries to externally imposed mandates.

The Intergovernmental Negotiating Body (INB), established by the WHO to draft a new international pandemic agreement, concluded its 13th meeting on April 16. The final proposed treaty will be presented for consideration and adoption at the 78th World Health Assembly, scheduled to begin on May 19.

While global cooperation on public health is essential, Canada's health decisions should remain in Canadian hands. The treaty gives the WHO significant authority to mandate health responses, potentially overriding local decisions made by Canadian experts and governments. This could mean that Canada's ability to make pandemic decisions based on local context and need could be compromised by a centralized, unelected body, which Canadians never voted to give power to.

This is not just a health care issue—it is a fundamental challenge to democratic governance. The treaty lays the groundwork for digital health passes and surveillance systems that could weaponize personal health data, as we saw during the trucker protests in Ottawa. Do Canadians want a future where personal freedoms are tied to health status and tracked globally?

There are also serious financial implications. The treaty introduces a "Pathogen Access and Benefit Sharing System" with undefined costs, potentially saddling Canada with an ongoing financial burden to fund global health initiatives. Earlier drafts proposed that countries contribute five per cent of their health budgets, a clause that has been removed but replaced with new, opaque financial obligations that could lead to billions in taxpayer dollars being diverted to the UN.

The United States has already initiated its withdrawal from the WHO, raising important questions about how Canada will coordinate cross-border policies and maintain its trading relationship with our largest neighbour during future health crises.

The WHO is not accountable to Canadian voters. It has no direct responsibility to our Parliament or provincial health authorities. It has a poor track record, failing to declare COVID-19 a pandemic in time, hesitating to challenge China's handling of the virus, and offering shifting guidance that undermined public trust. Why should Canadians accept its authority without direct oversight?

Worse, Parliament will not be sitting during the critical window when the treaty will be presented and potentially signed. According to the House of Commons Sitting Calendar, Canadian Parliament is not scheduled to sit until May 26, 2025, which is after the World Health Assembly concludes. This means decisions could be made behind closed doors with little public debate or political consequence.

The treaty's implications go far beyond health and set a dangerous precedent that in the next crisis, Canadians may not have a say in how their government responds.

International cooperation should not come at the expense of our freedom and sovereignty. The WHO can offer advice, coordination, and resources but it should not dictate our national response. Canada's government must reject this treaty, ensuring that any related commitments are brought before Parliament for full debate and approval.

Anything less would betray the trust Canadians place in their leaders. This is not just about public health—it's about protecting our democratic rights, our sovereignty, and our freedom.

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Rosemère elects Marie-Élaine Pitre Mayor, ending Eric Westram's eight-year run

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Voters in Rosemère chose a new direction in Sunday's municipal general election, electing Marie-Élaine Pitre as mayor and filling all six council seats for a four-year mandate through 2029. The municipality published preliminary results naming the new mayor and council; under Quebec's election law, these results remain subject to official verification and the short window for any judicial recount requests.

Who was elected

The town's preliminary list of elected officials is as follows:

Mayor: Marie-Élaine Pitre
Seat 1: Marie-Hélène Fortin
Seat 2: Jean-François Gagnière
Seat 3: Stéphanie Nantel
Seat 4: Annick Lemelin-Lagacé
Seat 5: Sébastien Jacquet
Seat 6: Elmer Van Der Vlugt

The municipality indicated these are preliminary and will be formalized after legal delays expire.

A change at the top

Pitre's election closes the era of Éric Westram, who first won the mayoralty in 2017 and secured re-election in 2021. Westram previously served three terms as a councillor and sat on the Thérèse-De Blainville MRC council in his capacity as mayor.

How we got here

Pitre entered the mayor's race after serving on council and breaking with the incumbent team in 2024 to sit as an independent councillor, citing concerns about the council climate. In May 2025 she unveiled a full slate of six candidates under her municipal party Vision Rosemère – Équipe Marie-Élaine Pitre, authorized by Élections Québec on May 9, 2025. During the official campaign launch in October, she emphasized five priorities: responding to the housing and demographic crunch; focusing on redevelopment over sprawl; revitalizing the Place Rosemère commercial hub while protecting the tax base; making City Hall more responsive; and integrating climate adaptation, active mobility and school-zone safety into local planning.

What Pitre's victory could mean

While detailed vote tallies had not yet been formally proclaimed at press time, Pitre's win signals an electorate leaning toward in-town renewal and process efficiency over expansion. Expect early files to include: next steps on redevelopment sites; a plan to stabilize commercial tax revenues amid shifts at Place Rosemère; and a package of mobility and climate-resilience measures tailored to school routes and neighbourhood streets. Those themes were central in Pitre's platform and echoed throughout the late-campaign messaging.

Who is Marie-Élaine Pitre?

Municipal experience

Pitre served as a Rosemère councillor before winning the mayoralty; in 2024 she left the incumbent mayor's team to sit as an independent.

Party leadership

Founder and leader of Vision Rosemère – Équipe Marie-Élaine Pitre, an Élections Québec-authorized municipal party (authorization May 9, 2025).

Professional profile & education

Public bios describe experience in corporate sustainability and management studies; her LinkedIn lists roles with Groupe ADF and management training at HEC Montréal. (As with all social-profile claims, these details are self-reported.)

Public positioning

In interviews and local coverage during the 2025 race, Pitre framed her candidacy around "redevelop rather than sprawl," merchant-friendly revitalization of Place Rosemère, quicker municipal processes, and climate-aware urban planning that improves day-to-day safety for residents.

What's next procedurally

General municipal elections in Quebec are held every four years on the first Sunday of November; for 2025 that date was November 2. Rosemère's preliminary results are posted for public information; the official proclamation follows statutory verification and the short period in which a judicial recount may be requested. Residents can consult the town's results hub and Élections Québec's election pages for formal updates as they are posted.

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The poppy: an enduring symbol of remembrance

November 11 is when we pause to reflect on the men and women who served and who are currently serving our country. On this date, Canadians are called upon to pay tribute to the 2.3 million compatriots who, throughout our nation's history, risked their lives defending our country, and the 118,000 who lost their lives.

The tradition of wearing poppies — or replicas of poppies — on Remembrance Day has its roots in the poem "In Flanders Fields," written during the First World War by Canadian Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae. The poem, which became widely known across the Commonwealth of Nations and in the United States, speaks of the poppies that thrived on fields in Belgium and Northern France where some of the war's bloodiest battles were fought.

After the publication of McCrae's verses, poppies took on symbolic meaning, representing at once remembrance, rebirth, hope and the blood spilt in war. Today, the poppies we wear on November 11 help us to be mindful of the sacrifice of the brave Canadian soldiers of this war and every other armed conflict in our nation's history. The Royal Canadian Legion, who through the sale of these poppies provides support for veterans, suggests that the flower be worn on the left lapel of our garments, close to our hearts.

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Teaching kids about Remembrance Day

Wondering how to share the importance of Remembrance Day with your kids? Here are a few ways to teach your children about the wars that shaped our history and the reasons we pay tribute to the men and women who took part in them.

PARTICIPATE IN REMEMBRANCE DAY ACTIVITIES

Attend a Remembrance Day ceremony with your children so they can emotionally connect with the history we commemorate on this day. You can also involve them in the other traditions of the holiday like wearing poppies and having two minutes of silence.

READ TO THEM

There are a number of books that teach children what Remembrance Day means for Canadians. Picture books are available for younger children whereas chapter books can be enjoyed by those who are older. Here are a few suggestions:

WHAT IS PEACE?
by Wallace Edwards
(for preschoolers)

A POPPY IS TO REMEMBER
by Heather Patterson and Ron Lightburn
(for grades one and up)

CHARLIE WILCOX
by Sharon E. McKay
(for grades four to six)

WRITE AND DRAW

Encourage your children to draw a picture or write a poem, story or essay on the topic of remembrance. They could also participate in the Royal Canadian Legion's Annual Literary and Poster Contest, which is open to all Canadian school children from grades one to 12. Consult the Royal Canadian Legion website (legion.ca) for more details.

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4 moving November 11 traditions

Held each year on November 11, Remembrance Day is an opportunity to pay tribute to the men and women who fought on behalf of Canada to defend its values of freedom. On this solemn day, several commemorative events take place from coast to coast. Here are some of the moving traditions associated with these gatherings.

1. READING THE ODE OF REMEMBRANCE

This is an excerpt from Laurence Binyon's poem For the Fallen. Full of sadness and gratitude, this moving text was written in 1914 following the deaths of thousands of young soldiers.

2. MINUTES OF SILENCE

At 11 a.m. on Remembrance Day, the public is invited to stand in silence for two minutes and pay tribute to the courage of those who have served and are still serving.

3. LAYING WREATHS

In many cities and municipalities, it's customary to place wreaths at the foot of veteran memorials. The flowers used have different meanings, such as gratitude, hope and resistance. Tulips, forget-me-nots and daisies are popular choices.

4. WEARING POPPIES

Since 1921, the poppy has been a national symbol of Remembrance Day. It's also the symbol of the Royal Canadian Legion's Poppy Campaign, which raises funds to support veterans and their families. Wearing the poppy on November 11 is a gesture of solidarity and respect.

November 11 is full of songs, bagpipes, cannon fire and parades. Discover other Remembrance Day traditions by participating in the commemorative activities in your area.

Guitars for Vets

"Putting the healing power of music into the hands of heroes" is what Guitars for Vets is all about. This innovative program gives gently used guitars to Canadian veterans and members of the Armed Forces with service-related disabilities. Here's what you should know about this innovative program.

HOW IT STARTED

Guitars for Vets recognizes that music can be healing for veterans living with PTSD as well as other mental and physical impairments sustained while serving. This volunteer-led program is co-ordinated by Veterans Emergency Transition Services (VETS), an organization dedicated to helping homeless and other struggling veterans reintegrate into society. VETS has helped more than 4,500 veterans find housing, jobs and access to social services.

HOW IT WORKS

The Guitars for Vets program matches veterans with donated guitars. It also pairs veterans with knowledgeable instructors so they can learn to play their instrument, develop new skills and uncover a lifelong passion.

ONLINE LESSONS

Guitars for Vets has recently announced a Cross Country Tour, a series of virtual guitar lessons for veterans across Canada. One hundred participants will receive a brand-new acoustic guitar plus 10 free lessons from an instructor.

GUITAR DONATIONS

If you have a guitar that still works well but isn't played as much as it should be, drop it off at any Long & McQuade store in Canada. Your guitar will go to a veteran in need, and you'll be putting the healing power of music into the hands of a hero.

For more information about Guitars for Vets, visit vetscanada.org.

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On this solemn day, let us take a moment of silence to honor those who fought to defend our values and freedoms.

Let us remember their sacrifices, their struggles, and their triumphs.

Let us never forget the courage of the veterans who served our country with honor.

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Honouring our everyday heroes: School crossing guards recognized across the region

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The Régie de police du Lac des Deux-Montagnes (RPLDM) proudly took part in the very first National School Crossing Guard Appreciation Week, which was held from October 27 to November 2, 2025. The initiative highlighted the vital contribution of the men and women who, every day, ensured that children travelled safely to and from school.

Guardians of our crosswalks

Crossing guards played a crucial role in school-zone safety. Beyond helping students cross streets, they acted as the first line of prevention against accidents, calmly reminding motorists and pedestrians alike of traffic laws and safe behaviour. Their steady presence helped build an atmosphere of trust, discipline, and mutual respect around schools, values that continue to resonate within the community.

Teaching safety by example

The mission of a crossing guard was not only protective but also educational. Through daily interactions with students, parents, and school staff, they raised awareness about road safety and encouraged lasting habits among young pedestrians. Whether in rain, wind, or snow, they demonstrated what it means to serve with dedication and care.

A week of appreciation

Throughout the week, officers from the Régie de police du Lac des Deux-Montagnes visited crossing guards across their territory to personally thank them for their commitment. Each visit came with a small token of gratitude: a warm coffee and a muffin.

The RPLDM's gesture underlined the community's appreciation for these everyday heroes whose vigilance and kindness continue to make a real difference in the lives of children and families.

Direct Answers

From Wayne & Tamara

Contradictions

Q *I have been with my boyfriend almost two years. A year into the relationship I found him chatting with girls online and discussing the serious doubts he had about us. I confronted him. He said he was sorry and wanted to go to therapy. He claimed he's never been so in love with someone and it scares him.*

I was deeply hurt, but agreed to give him a second chance. It's been eight months, and things are wonderful between us. I still come across hurtful things, including an email to his ex saying his life is "complicated" and our relationship "a struggle." A note he wrote to himself says, "Be direct when you break up with her."

He says these are just passing thoughts, and he sees a future for us. I don't want to snoop, but how do I find out what he is really thinking?

Lynda

A **Lynda, if you try to think about nothing at all, your mind will drift from favorite songs to forgotten friends to what's for dinner. Those are passing thoughts. The notes a man types into a computer for others to see are active thoughts, options his brain is considering.**

Your boyfriend says he wants just one person. You. Every day he is more conflicted and you are more invested. When a woman keeps getting more invested in a relationship, what gets pushed to the front? All the reasons to continue: ties to his family, the fear of starting over, the disruption in her social circle.

Reality is piercing you in the heart, and you are caught in an ancient pattern of human thought. Should I act from what I wish to be true, or from what I know to be true? You wish he was honestly in love with you, but what do you know? He is telling himself and others he is not.

Wayne & Tamara

Boundaries

Q *I had a close friend that I connected with unlike anyone else. After he mentioned his online presence one night, I followed up with an email asking when he would add me to his list of friends. His reply was a vicious message confirming he kept me separate from his other friends. He said I was "unhealthy" to ask to be included on the list.*

I felt like a leper. He went weird on me after a lovely time where we could talk about anything. Now I have anxiety about leaving my house since his world and my world are the same place. I sent him an email asking for an explanation, respect, sensitivity, anything—and was ignored.

This could have ended with me being upset after a respectful explanation, yet he chose a traumatic reply. I've been to counseling and was told to confront this man as his behavior is strange and deserves explanation. But my message was ignored, and now I feel a sense of shame. How do I get answers from such an illogical situation?

Deanna

A **Deanna, counseling is not a passkey which unlocks every relationship. What your counselor didn't tell you is that while you are free to want to know why, he is free not to tell you. Some people end a relationship with silence, some people end it with cruelty, some people end it with reasons. People will do what people will do.**

A friendship is no more than an invitation to trade. It is not a guarantee of anything. A relationship ending badly is common, and the injured party often seeks an answer. If you wanted to end your relationship with this man, you might count on the right not to explain yourself. But with the shoe on the other foot, you demand an explanation.

All you need now is the ability to pass this man in a hallway without feeling embarrassed. That is something within the limits of what counseling can do.

Wayne & Tamara

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RIPTB issues two updates on public-safety operations

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The Régie intermunicipale de police Thérèse-De Blainville (RIPTB) has released two separate advisories to the public in late October and early November 2025, reporting on parallel public-safety concerns in its service territory.

Disorder at Parc Lorraine

On October 23, 2025, RIPTB notified the public that over recent weeks it had received several calls and information regarding a group of individuals who were causing disorder at Parc Lorraine in the municipality of Lorraine. According to the notice, the situation had generated concern among local residents.

In response, the police service says it has taken concrete steps: several arrests were carried out in connection with various acts of mischief and fires that occurred in different locations across the territory. The investigation remains ongoing and additional arrests are expected. The RIPTB is working closely with the City of Lorraine to restore a sense of safety and tranquillity. Key measures already in place include:

- Regular and targeted patrols in the affected sectors.
- Involvement of the intelligence and police-analysis unit to clarify the problem, which the RIPTB says extends beyond Lorraine's municipal boundaries.
- Efforts by the investigations bureau and the prevention department to identify more than twenty individuals involved in the misconduct.

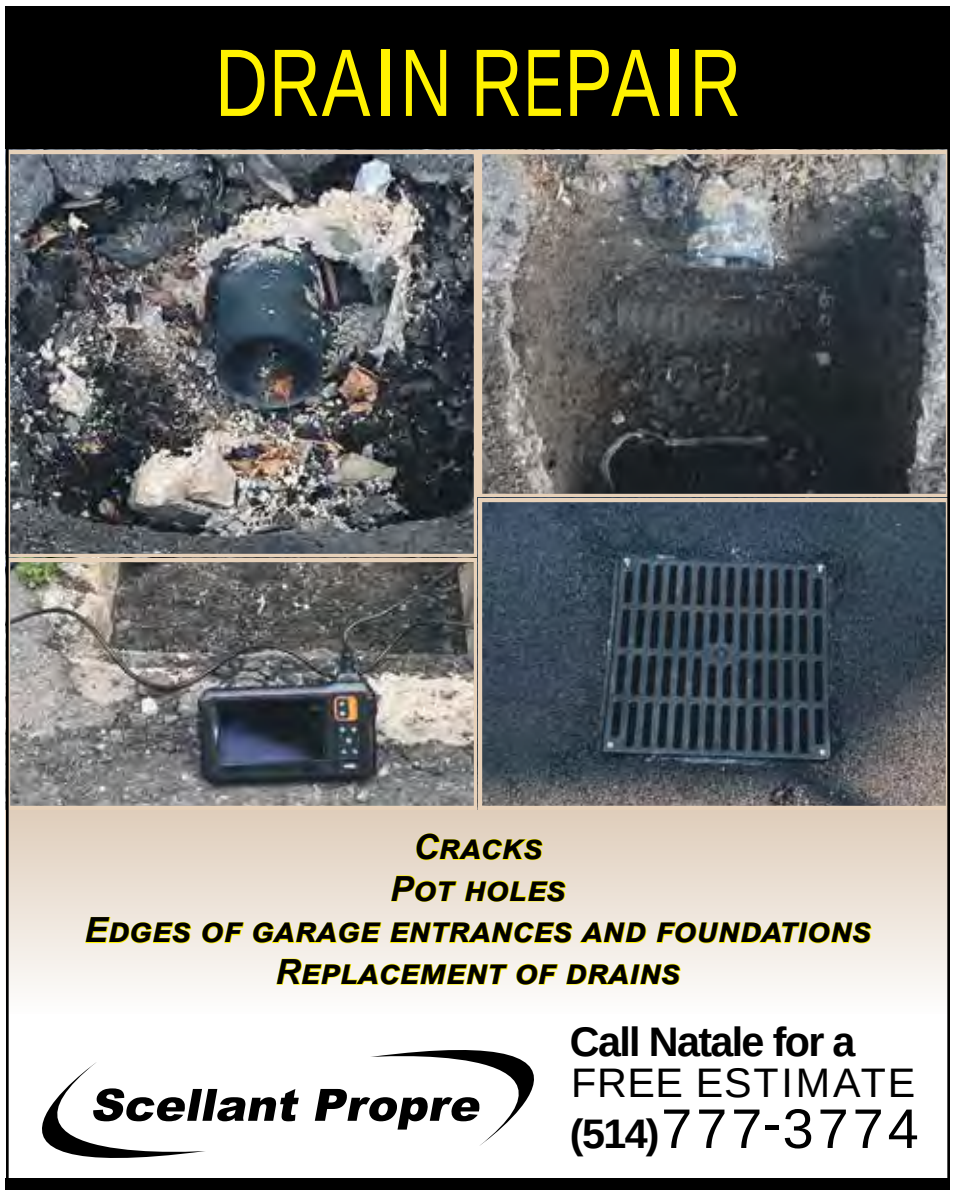
The RIPTB emphasises that proactive policing continues, and the cooperation of citizens remains essential.

Pedestrian-vehicle collision on Boulevard Curé-Labelle

On 2 November 2025, the RIPTB confirmed that a serious accident involving a vehicle and a pedestrian occurred at approximately 8:35 a.m. on Boulevard Curé-Labelle in Sainte-Thérèse. According to first findings, a man in his sixties who was walking was struck by a car and transported to hospital with injuries described as serious. The driver was also conveyed to hospital as a precaution.

Inspectress-Chief Karine Desaulniers noted that the causes and circumstances of the collision remain to be determined. Investigators from RIPTB, supported by a collision-investigation technician from the Sûreté du Québec, will examine the scene thoroughly and interview witnesses. As a result of the intervention, a southbound lane of Boulevard Curé-Labelle was closed temporarily; motorists are asked to proceed with caution and observe the temporary signage.

For additional information, members of the public are invited to contact the communications service of the RIPTB.



HOROSCOPE

Week of November 9 to 15, 2025

The luckiest signs this week:
VIRGO, LIBRA AND SCORPIO

ARIES
You'll be very popular this week. Your colleagues will be interested in your opinions and applaud your actions. To help you clear your mind, a deep clean at home is in order.

TAURUS
Expect plenty of travel this week, either to attend to work commitments or possibly to look after your health or that of a loved one. If you find yourself in a debate, prepare solid and relevant arguments to effectively defend your position.

GEMINI
You'll be given the opportunity to secure your financial future, which will take a big weight off your shoulders. You might also begin to consider starting a personal project for your retirement.

CANCER
Set a clear goal and put it into action to earn that well-deserved promotion. This opportunity will mark a new beginning, and many people will be there to support you along the way.

LEO
Before making any decisions this week, take the time to think things through. If you're contemplating a career change, you'll find the perfect path to a promising new journey. Your loved ones are there to guide you and help you make the right choices.

VIRGO
After a tense period, make sure you prioritize rest to recharge your batteries. Engage in soothing activities that will refill your cup. A family member will need your support to handle a complicated situation.

LIBRA
You'll use social media this week to expand your circle of friends. You'll form new and fulfilling friendships at work. If you're single, you might also experience love at first sight while you're on the job.

SCORPIO
You may consider going back to school to further your knowledge. Professionally, you'll meet people from diverse backgrounds, which will lead to new business opportunities. In your love life, going on a trip could spark renewed passion in your relationship.

SAGITTARIUS
If your partner comes from a different background than yours, be prepared to make a few adjustments to achieve harmony in your relationship. Additionally, you'll both appreciate a more equitable division of the household chores.

CAPRICORN
Deep emotions will fuel your creativity and allow your inner artist to shine. Your attention to detail and sense of elegance will help you stand out and make a lasting impression.

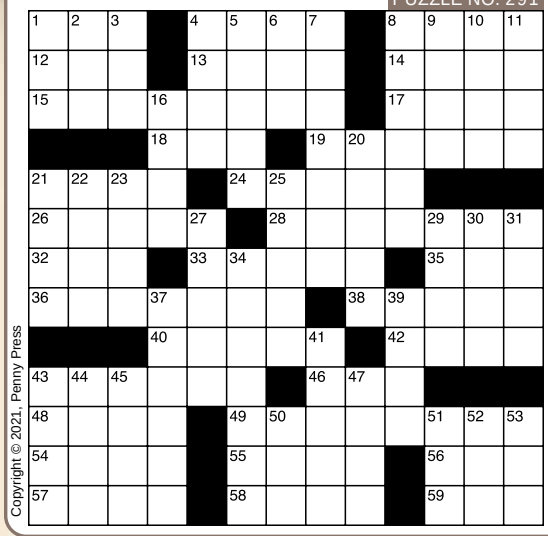
AQUARIUS
If you want to see results at work, focus on the details in your negotiations. Don't stress about your love life; it's going great. You may even receive a proposal from your partner this week.

PISCES
Believe in your skills. This confidence will push you toward an upper management position with more responsibilities. Your social life will require you to invest more effort. Your friends will ask you to organize all sorts of outings and activities.

Coffee Break

CROSSWORDS

PUZZLE NO. 291



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ACROSS
1. Capture
4. Health spots
8. Extinct bird
12. Unprocessed metal
13. Salon treatment
14. Steamy appliance
15. Alumna or alumnus
17. Overhang
18. Irritate
19. Wedding paths
21. Week elements
24. Beetle Bailey's superior
26. Build
28. Small beads
32. Snaky fish
33. Exceed
35. Humor
36. Picasso's board
38. Musical drama
40. Hideouts
42. Computer operator
43. Walk leisurely
46. Normal
48. Circle
49. Sundae ingredient: 2 wds.
54. Eye
55. Region
56. Bikini piece
57. Like Kojak
58. Make ____ meet
59. Small gardening plot

DOWN
1. Seasonal beverage
2. Botch things up
3. Steeped beverage
4. Horse goad
5. Summits
6. Painting, e.g.
7. Smudged
8. Fuel type
9. Taken by mouth
10. "Lonesome ____"
11. Wallet items
16. Phonograph record
20. Arctic structure
21. Not shallow
22. Surface measure
23. Scream
25. More prone
27. Demolish
29. Meadow munchers
30. Car's "shoe"
31. Top-billed player
34. Employ
37. Ran off to wed
39. Cat sigh
41. Be extravagant
43. Messy person
44. Roman garment
45. Dinner bread
47. Experts
50. Swindle
51. Taper off
52. "We ____ Not Alone"
53. Ticked off

Sudoku

HOW TO PLAY:

Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9 only once.

Each 3x3 box is outlined with a darker line. You already have a few numbers to get you started. Remember: You must not repeat the numbers 1 through 9 in the same line, column, or 3x3 box.

PUZZLE NO. 984

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						5		
9	5			1				7
7		2			6	4		

Last Issue's Answers

CROSSWORDS

S	W	A	Y	■	A	W	L	■	S	A	W	S
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B	Y	E	■	G	O	R	G	E	■	E	A	T
■	■	S	P	A	T	■	H	E	P	■	■	■
R	E	T	A	G	■	H	E	R	O	I	N	E
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R	E	A	L	T	I	E	S	■	S	E	L	L
T	A	M	E	■	L	E	T	■	I	N	T	O
S	P	E	D	■	S	K	Y	■	S	T	O	P

Sudoku

6	9	4	7	8	5	1	2	3
7	2	3	6	9	1	5	4	8
5	8	1	2	4	3	9	7	6
3	6	5	9	7	8	4	1	2
2	1	8	5	3	4	6	9	7
4	7	9	1	2	6	3	8	5
8	3	2	4	6	9	7	5	1
1	4	6	8	5	7	2	3	9
9	5	7	3	1	2	8	6	4

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- Lemons (3)
- Bananas (4)
- Oranges (3)
- Lettuce
- Avocados (2)
- Tomatoes (3)
- Cucumbers (2)
- Red onions (mini) (10-15)

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