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MONTREAL AUTISM COMMUNITY LIONS CLUB MARKS ITS FIRST ANNIVERSARY



Seen here gathered in Schofield Hall last Saturday evening for the first anniversary of the Montreal Autism Community Lions Club are elected officials from the federal and provincial governments, and from TMR, along with Lions Club officials and supporters of the autism cause.

Photo: Martin C. Barry, TMR Poste

MARTIN C. BARRY

Lions Club members from all over Quebec gathered with supporters of autism services last Saturday evening at TMR town hall to mark the first anniversary of the world's first Lions Club chapter devoted to the interests of the autism community – the Montreal Autism Community Lions Club.

Town resident Lori-Ann Zemanovich founded the Montreal Autism Community Lions Club last year as a community service association to rally together, advocate for and welcome its community members and their caregivers.

As a long-time advocate for the demystification of autism, she said she wanted to raise awareness of those with autism, who live life

with special needs in a society where there should be a better understanding and support for the autistic community.

As a derivative of Lions Clubs International, the MACLC is part of a network of 1.4 million volunteers and over 50,000 Lions Clubs around the world which serve their community and help those in need. Among the elected officials who accepted the MACLC's invitation were Mount Royal MP Housefather, Mont-Royal-Outremont MNA Michelle Setlakwe, and D'Arcy McGee MNA Elizabeth Prass.

Town councillor Antoine Tayar, who attended as the official representative for Mayor Peter Malouf, quoted the Lebanese-American writer Gibran Khalil Gibran. In a brief address, he quoted Gibran's words from The Prophet, saying, 'You give little when you give of your possessions. It is when you give of yourself that

you truly give.'

"We're celebrating our first year and all the work we've accomplished and we're raising money for more work at the same time," Zemanovich said in an interview with the TMR Post.

"Those are the missions that we try to dedicate our funds to," she continued. "We try to serve our community with everything including awareness. I do a lot of keynote speaking in order to encourage sensitization, both when it come to employers or different organizations. We gather different resources within the community.

"We raise money in order to help fund integration and inclusive programming," she added. "We also do a lot of sponsoring of neurodiverse autistic artists. Three of them are

present here tonight and a lot of their artwork is here. And the third thing we're raising money for is for underprivileged children and all the special needs schools, mostly EMSB, when they're missing school supplies."

Résumé

Des dirigeants du Club Lions de partout au Québec se sont réunis à l'hôtel de ville de VMR samedi dernier pour marquer le premier anniversaire du lancement du premier chapitre Club des Lions consacré aux intérêts de la communauté de l'autisme.

Le Club Lions de La Communauté D'Autisme de Montréal a été fondé par Lori-Ann Zemanovich, une résidente de Ville Mont-Royal.

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La firme Morin Relations Publiques, mandatée par VMR, vient d'émettre son rapport sur le Quartier sportif et communautaire.

Ce rapport est réalisé suite à une campagne d'information et de consultation auprès des Monterois et des Monteroises afin de mieux cerner leurs besoins en matière d'infrastructures sportives et communautaires sur le territoire de VMR, ainsi que pour mieux comprendre leurs attentes à l'égard de leurs élus.

Vous pouvez le consulter en ligne sur le site web de la Ville à l'adresse suivante :

<https://www.ville.mont-royal.qc.ca/fr/node/12516>

THE CONSULTATION REPORT ON THE QUARTIER SPORTIF ET COMMUNAUTAIRE AVAILABLE NOW

The firm Morin Relations Publiques, mandated by TMR recently delivered its report on the Quartier sportif et communautaire.

This report was produced following information and consultation campaigns with the Townies to better understand their needs in terms of sports and community infrastructures on the territory of the Town and to better understand their expectations of their elected officials.

You can access it online on the Town's website at the following address:

<https://www.ville.mont-royal.qc.ca/en/node/12517>

VERSEMENT DE TAXES

En 2023, le second versement pour la taxe foncière est exigible le 25 mai.

Renseignements : 514 734-3021 ou 514 734-3026

TAX INSTALMENT

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Information: 514 734-3021 or 514 734-3026

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Notre service de déchetage de documents sera également offert, le samedi 13 mai seulement.

Renseignements : 514 734-3034

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Information: 514 734-3034

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Pour plus d'informations : 514 734-3042

A GARDENING PERMIT

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For more information: 514 734-3042

VENTE-DÉBARRAS COMMUNAUTAIRE 2023

La vente-débarras communautaire est de retour encore une fois cette année! Elle aura lieu le samedi 27 mai 2023 de 9 h à 13 h, à l'aréna (1050, chemin Dunkirk).

Pour plus d'informations : 514 734-2928

2023 COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

The Community Garage Sale is back again this year! It will take place on Saturday, May 27, 2023 from 9:00 to 13:00 at the arena (1050 Dunkirk Road).

For more information: 514 734-2928

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Pour en savoir plus, veuillez visiter le site web :

www.quebec511.info

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As of April 3, the construction of a pedestrian bridge over Autoroute 15 (Décarie) will cause some inconveniences on the network of the Ministère des transports et de la mobilité durable.

For more information, please visit the website:

www.quebec511.info

OUVERTURE DES TERRAINS DE TENNIS

Les terrains de tennis ouvriront le 6 mai.

Pour plus d'informations : 514 734-2928

OPENING OF TENNIS COURTS

Tennis courts will open on May, 6.

For more information: 514 734-2928

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Town Hall - 90 Roosevelt avenue H3R 1Z5

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Renseignements / Information : 514 734-3034.

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UNE LOCATAIRE REMET EN QUESTION LES CALCULS DU MAIRE SUR LES LOYERS

MARTIN C. BARRY

À la suite d'un nombre d'affrontements en février et en mars entre le maire Peter Malouf et certains citoyens se plaignant de l'impact des hausses de taxes sur les propriétaires d'immeubles et les locataires d'appartements, la situation se répétait encore une fois au cours de la séance du 25 avril du conseil municipal.

Darlene Cattiny, une locataire de l'avenue Brittany, contestait les données que le maire Malouf avait utilisées pour défendre les hausses imposées dans le budget municipal 2023, qui avait été publié en janvier.

« J'aperçois un bon nombre de mes voisins ici ce soir », disait-elle, en soulignant qu'ils avaient tous reçu leurs hausses de loyer, et que le propriétaire devra payer une augmentation de 45 % pour la taxe municipale sur l'immeuble. « On transfère ça à nous ».

La question qu'elle voulait poser au maire? « Avant que vous procédiez à adopter ce modèle de taxation, étiez-vous conscient de la manière dont les choses fonctionnent à la Régie du logement, comment ils font leurs calculs, et des procédures actuelles au cours d'une séance judiciaire quand c'est le temps de fixer le loyer? » disait-elle.

Prétendant que ses calculs étaient précis, le maire soutenait que la hausse, résultant directement de l'augmentation imposée par la ville, pour un locataire payant un loyer de 1 700 \$ par mois, reviendrait à 2,5 %.

Citant un autre exemple, il disait que l'augmentation sur un loyer de 800 \$ par mois devrait être 4,26 %, prenant en compte seulement la hausse imposée par Ville Mont-Royal.

Or, le reste, selon le maire Malouf, ce sont des dépenses répercutées par les propriétaires parce que leurs évaluations ont augmenté. « Peut-être aussi leurs dépenses qu'ils



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Photo : Martin C. Barry, TMR Poste

ont refilees. Je ne sais pas ce qu'ils font. Nous n'avons aucun contrôle sur ce que les propriétaires peuvent facturer aux locataires.

« C'est leur droit de facturer ce qu'ils veulent et c'est leur droit en même temps de ne pas facturer. Ce que je vous présente c'est la tranche représentative de la ville. C'est la chose la plus importante ».

Quand Mme Cattiny soutenait que la hausse du loyer pour son appartement se rapprocherait

plutôt à 45 %, le maire la conseillait de déduire le 2,5 % du montant de sa hausse, « et ça représente de combien les propriétaires vous facturent pour leurs dépenses », lançait-il. Mme Cattiny remettait en question la procédure que le maire avait utilisée pour calculer ses résultats.

Summary

Following a number of heated debates in February and March between Mayor Peter

Malouf and some owners and residents over the impact of property tax increases on apartment buildings and subsequent rent hikes, there was more of the same during the April 25 town council meeting.

Darlene Cattiny, a tenant on Brittany Ave., questioned Mayor Malouf's claims that TMR is directly responsible for only a small percentage of the hikes imposed on apartment building owners in the 2023 budget.

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PRE-COVID LIFE RESUMES AT MRUC WITH 'SPRING SALE'



Volunteers in the jewellery department during the Spring Sale last Saturday at Mount Royal United Church. Photo: Martin C. Barry, TMR Poste

MARTIN C. BARRY

With members at Mount Royal United Church resuming some pre-Covid activities, they seized on an opportunity last weekend to host a Spring Sale, drawing hundreds of town residents.

From 10 am – 2 pm on Saturday, baked goods, used clothing, second-hand books, as well as indoor and outdoor plants, were spread out on tables in the church hall and meeting rooms.

After shopping for clothes in the boutique and from the bake table for sweet treats, a boxed lunch (soup, sandwich and dessert) could be picked up and taken out for \$10.

"We couldn't really do this during Covid – it was just too complicated for distancing and things like that," said Jessica Gauthier, a church member who was overseeing the flower and plants table.

"We needed to have a get-together for the town's people to come out and socialize and have fellowship while also helping raise some money," said Gwen Kirton, who headed the organizing committee. Kirton is a 60-year member of Mount Royal United Church.

Mount Royal United has been gradually resuming activities after a three-year hiatus. The congregation started getting back into gear by hosting a bazaar last November, "and we did quite well at it," Kirton said.

She said they decided to hold onto some of the clothing gathered for that event, to sort out the winter gear and offer the items more suited to spring and summer at last Saturday's Spring Sale event.

Everything was marked down half-price in order to clear it out. As for the remaining items, several Montreal-area charities were invited to come in and pick out what was left over for their own clients and fundraising purposes, Kirton said.

"So, if any charity wants to come in, they can just call the church and they'll get in touch with me," said Kirton.

At the jewellery table, featuring items which were repaired and polished by longstanding townie Rina Eugeni, a half-dozen volunteers were especially willing to help.

"It's a hobby," Eugeni said of her devotion to the jeweller's art. She said she used to do it for St. Mary's Hospital. She said it took months to get several tables of jewellery for last Saturday's Spring Sale into shape. "I work on it constantly," she said.

For those observant enough to notice, out on the church lawn, the organizers had placed a brand new sign proclaiming a "bazaar" inside. According to Gauthier, it replaced an older version that featured a caricature of an Inuit person.

The new sign was painted by Ray Murphy. MRUC is currently seeking suggestions for a name for the new character, who is being referred to simply as "the events gal" for now. In the meantime, MRUC Minister David Clinker has left on a sabbatical. Rev. Robert Thompson has stepped in until Rev. Clinker's return.

Résumé

Les paroissiens à l'Église Mount Royal United organisaient une Vente printanière samedi dernier, attirant plusieurs centaines de Monrois. Parmi les articles que l'on pouvait y trouver étaient des bijoux, des vêtements, des livres et des biscuits.

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His life is filled with the results of his "rebel heart". Belafonte was called "The King of Calypso" after his ground-breaking hit "The Banana Boat Song" in 1956. His movie career followed. He was a key strategist and fund raiser for the civil rights movement. His political consciousness was shaped by the experience of growing up as the impoverished son of a poor Jamaican mother who worked as a domestic servant in New York City. He supported both Martin Luther King and Nelson Mandela in the civil rights and anti-apartheid movements. He came up with the idea for recording the 1985 hit song, "We are the World", which assembled a constellation of pop and rock stars to raise money for famine relief in Africa.

The state funeral of the late President of the United States, George H.W. Bush, was held at Washington's National Cathedral, December 5th, 2018. Regardless of their political differences, he was honoured by a variety of dignitaries, celebrating his life of 94 years. From his youth he was brought up with a commitment to public service. It was a celebration of a life lived to the full, from his exploits as a young pilot in World War II, to his early years as a businessman in Texas where he and his family shared a duplex with

some "ladies of the night", to his final years of retirement when he raced his speedboat, Fidelity, to the dismay of his secret service guard. It was a life of commitment, establishing projects of "points of light" to transform society, and a celebration of his marriage of 73 years to his beloved wife, Barbara.

These men, and countless other women and men, inspire us with their zeal and energy, striving to make their communities more compassionate. Their example is a beacon for each one of us as we strive to live a life worth celebrating. In that regard, we need to live each day with vibrance and purpose. The Buddha stated, "The biggest mistake we have in life is thinking we have time." So, inasmuch as we are able, we invest ourselves fully in each day, and begin NOW.

Rarely does a movie come along as powerful or as memorable as 1989's DEAD POET'S SOCIETY. The poignant film sees Robin Williams star as English teacher John Keating, who emboldens a group of boys at an ultra elite conservative prep school to become free thinkers. And in so doing, he helps them build confidence, find their true sense of self, challenge the status quo, and, yes, seize the day. He opens their eyes to a world filled with poetry and courage and, in so doing, inspires all who watch the movie.

When the teacher, Mr. Keating, brings his class to stand in front of the picture of former graduates of the school who had passed away some time before, he says to the boys: "They're not that different from you, are they? Same haircuts, full of hormones, just like you. Invincible, just like you feel. The world is their oyster. They believe they're destined for great things, just like many of you. Their eyes are full of hope, just like you. Did they wait until it was too late to make from their lives even one iota of what they were capable? Because you see, gentlemen, these boys are now fertilizing daffodils. But if you listen real close, you can hear them whisper their legacy to you. Go on, lean in. Listen. You hear it? CARPE DIEM. Seize the day, boys.

Make your lives extraordinary."

One of the poets who inspired the boys was Henry David Thoreau who wrote: "I went into the woods because I wanted to live deliberately. I wanted to live deep and suck out all the marrow of life. To put to rout all that was not life; and not, when I had come to die, discover that I had not lived."

When influential men and women pass on, we can look at the positive contributions of their lives and ask ourselves: what am I doing in my life that will be celebrated when I'm gone?

I recall Ted Kennedy's eulogy for his brother Robert when he said, "Few of us will have the greatness to bend history itself, but each of us can work to change a small portion of events, and in the total of all those acts will be written the history of this generation. Each time a person stands for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, they send forth a tiny ripple of hope, and crossing each other form a million different centers of energy and daring, those ripples build a current that can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance."

Ours is an age of massive polarization, fuelled by a relentless and all-pervasive force of social media. It's easy to allow our ideals and energy to shrivel in the defeatist mind-set of

"What can I do?"

Our Creator calls each one of us to change our sphere of influence, tapping into our individual gifts and relationships, realizing that we have only been given this day, at this time, to live a life worth celebrating. We say with the Dead Poets: "CARPE DIEM. Seize the day, boys. Make your lives extraordinary."

**Dr. Brian M. Gazzard, resident of town
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OPEN LETTER

That's all you're "permitted" ... 90 seconds is what Mayor Malouf has now decreed or he'll cut off the microphone on your question at Town municipal meetings. This tactic curtails what he doesn't want to answer or can't. It limits your time to adequately formulate your question, provide background information, and reply to his non-90-second rambling to follow.

No one cuts off his mic.

I'm a professional, longtime property owner, well aware of procedure and respectful as acknowledged by previous Mayors. Since to my recollection Mr. Malouf rarely attended Town meetings except prior to elections, perhaps he's unfamiliar with involved residents and what is here deemed acceptable demeanor. We're not some redneck swamp!

At this month's meeting, he made no effort to address me correctly (I'm not "Madame Romano") regardless my years as active property owner who served on previous Mayors' committees. Therefore I'll simply address him here as Mr. Peter.

My question revolved around Mr. Peter's revised "tax formula" which has outraged residents. At the March session, one respected, senior property owner was "escorted" out-- by police --when he dared express his concerns. This unwarranted muscle-flexing tactic never occurred with previous Administrations. We're not delinquents!

At last week's meeting, Mr. P. decided to cut off the mic when I asked a pertinent question re. major tax hikes --"SAJO excluded"- particularly for apartment buildings with dire repercussions as expressed by outraged owners and tenants. Mine is a single-family home but I speak on their behalf as well. I will not be treated as a unruly school kid nor will I honor this sort of behaviour. I immediately left the hall while in the background he waffled on -- for more than"90seconds." No one heard my question nor on the Webcast which appears to have been edited.

Therefore, here IS my question in full, picked up by other residents :

Why up to 47%tax hikes for buildings over 6 units? But not SAJO. It's lose-lose for both owners and tenants who are protesting escalating rents or leaving. Mr. P's reply at the previous meeting was "it's business." No it isn't. Owners are faced with mortgages, exorbitant taxes, maintenance , etc. and can't sell "at profit" since no one will buy except at major loss or declare bankruptcy. Plus pay capital gains. Here come renovations and more condos we don't need.

SAJO: check with Town finance department, it's public info. SAJO's Mtl. evaluation went up by approx. round-figure a \$ million BUT Municipal taxes went DOWN by 1%.... Furthermore, they purchased St. Peter's Church a few years ago and left empty since. Residents protested against demolition but it still remains a "religious institution" thereby tax-exempt. Now they've been approved to proceed.

Question:will SAJO pay taxes retroactive, Mr. Peter...? That's alot if cash. And what about that little issue re. your office campaign rental during elections at their location... Check February issue of Journal de Montreal for details.

The finger points in the same direction with a similar theme: no answers.

Conclusion: I and other residents will not be silenced nor treated like rampant kids. I will ask the same question at the next meeting and hopefully get a viable answer for my taxes paying your salary, Mr. Peter.

Dr. Romana Rogoshewska --not "Madam Romano"

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