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LA SONORITÉ DES AVIONS S'AGGRAVE À VMR, AVEC ENCORE PLUS DE DÉCOLLAGES



Un avion d'Air Canada survole le secteur nord de Ville Mont-Royal, avec une sonorité qu'un grand nombre de résidents trouve ennuyeuse.

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Pour les gens qui habitent les secteurs nord de la Ville de Mont-Royal, l'arrivée et le départ des avions à l'Aéroport international Pierre-Elliott-Trudeau de Montréal sont un phénomène ennuyeux qu'ils supportent depuis longtemps, mais qui s'est aggravé plus récemment.

Pour des raisons de sécurité, les avions à l'aéroport décollent et atterrissent face au vent.

Ainsi, lors de vents sud-ouest, habituellement présents environ 70 % du temps, les avions décollent vers le lac Saint-Louis et survolent Montréal en phase finale pour atterrir. De même, lors de vents nord-est, ils décollent vers l'est, en direction de Montréal.

Cependant, en décembre 2023, la fréquence accrue des vents nord-est a généré une augmentation des décollages vers l'est. Lors

de vents nord-est, NAV Canada privilégie la piste sud pour les décollages et la piste nord pour les atterrissages.

Après le décollage, les jets montent en cap de piste jusqu'à une altitude de 3 000 pieds avant d'amorcer un virage.

Il serait à noter que les avions n'atteignent pas tous 3 000 pieds au même point puisque le type d'avion, la charge de l'appareil et les conditions météorologiques peuvent influencer sur le taux de montée. Les avions turbopropulsés et à pistons (à hélices) effectuent un virage aussitôt que possible après le décollage.

Au cours de la séance du conseil de ville de VMR en août 2022, le maire Peter Malouf faisait le point sur l'impact du bruit des avions au-dessus de VMR. « La Ville est transparente avec les résidentes et résidents concernant le problème de la pollution sonore causée par les avions », disait-il.

« En effet, la Ville est intervenue et a exprimé sa position et celle des résidents et résidentes de VMR auprès d'ADM à plusieurs reprises par le biais de résolutions du Conseil, en demandant de mettre en œuvre des solutions permettant de réduire l'impact sonore des avions, qui est gênant pour plusieurs personnes résidant à Mont-Royal ».

Cependant, selon le maire Malouf, il s'agirait en fin de compte d'une compétence fédérale et Transports Canada serait responsable d'assurer le respect des règles de contrôle du bruit générées par la circulation aérienne et non pas les municipalités limitrophes de l'aéroport.

Ainsi « les arrondissements et municipalités près de l'aéroport, comme la nôtre, n'ont malheureusement aucun pouvoir décisionnel sur le sujet », il ajoutait, en ajoutant que le conseil municipal de VMR faisait appel

au député libéral de Mont-Royal Anthony Housefather pour qu'il intervienne auprès du ministre des Transports.

Clarification: Dans un reportage sur l'enjeu de l'embauche d'agents de sécurité armés aux écoles dans la région, publié sur la page de la Poste de VMR le 12 janvier dernier, le gros titre aurait peut-être donné l'impression que le maire Peter Malouf se prononçait en faveur de la propagation des armes à feu. Il nous assure que ce n'est pas le cas. Nous nous débrouillerons désormais à être plus clair lors de la formulation des titres publiés au-dessus de nos articles.

Summary

For those living on streets in the northern sector of TMR, the arrival and departure of planes from Pierre-Elliott-Trudeau International Airport is a longstanding annoyance, although it's gotten even worse more recently.

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MOUNT ROYAL COUNTRY CLUB FOLDS AFTER A CENTURY MINUS A DAY



Located for most of its years in the clubhouse in the middle of Connaught Park, the Mount Royal Country Club officially terminated its existence in April last year nearly a century to the day since its founding.

Photo: Martin C. Barry, TMR Poste

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In the commotion over some of the more noteworthy news issues in TMR last year – from rising property taxes to the cost of the town's future sports complex – one event that was perhaps just as important for some Townies managed to slip by nearly unnoticed.

Almost a century to the day after it was founded, the Mount Royal Country Club ceased to exist in April last year when the organization was legally dissolved and its charter was surrendered to provincial authorities.

According to Quebec business registry records, a charter for Mount Royal Country Club Inc. was first issued on April 6, 1923. In an ironic twist, application papers seeking the annulment, liquidation and dissolution of the club were approved by the provincial registrar for organizations and businesses on April 5, 2023.

Patricia Middleton, a Thornton Ave. resident and club member since the 1970s, completed the task of submitting the legal forms requesting the club's termination. While the club no longer exists as an entity, the Connaught Park clubhouse building (whose construction dates from the late 1950s), as well as the tennis courts and bowling greens, belong to the municipality.

According to an informal history of the Mount Royal Country Club compiled by Yvette Croteau and published in a limited run in 1999, "a group of residents of the Town thought of attracting more people to the idea of forming a Club in the Town; they never gave up their dream and finally all their efforts were successful."

In October 1921 (two years before the club was incorporated), a special meeting was presided by then-mayor T.S. Darling, during which "it was unanimously decided to organise a Club in the Center Town."

Since a golf course was also operating in TMR at the time and the town was "a beautiful setting," this influenced a decision to begin referring to the fledgling organization as a "country club." Quebec Lieutenant Governor Sir Charles Fitzpatrick signed the letters patent for the club's incorporation.

While the club building has been located for most of the MRCC's existence in the middle of Connaught Park, according to Croteau's research the original club house was located on part of the land where Annunciation of our Lady Church now is located.

For most of the club's existence, according to the history, the tennis courts and bowling greens have been leased by the town to the club, which in turn maintained a membership list and oversaw the comings and goings of tennis players and lawn bowling enthusiasts.

The town took over most of the MRCC's functions more than 20 years ago, Middleton added, although the club charter was renewed periodically in order to keep holding social activities.

Under its membership-based formula, the MRCC enjoyed a certain cachet of exclusivity. On warm summer days, the clubhouse would be a place where members could gather inside and socialize on comfortable seating while enjoying refreshments, or under sun umbrellas outside on the deck overlooking the tennis courts.

According to Middleton, the beginning of the end set in around the early 2000s, when the Quebec government pushed through the forced merger of TMR with the City of Montreal (although this was later rescinded).

"We had operated independently up to then, but our contingency fund was going down," she said, noting that the MRCC still had to fulfill certain responsibilities for maintaining the grounds and facilities.

Résumé

Parmi une foule de nouvelles locales l'an dernier, une qui a peut-être réussi à passer sans trop de préavis était la fermeture du Club de loisirs de Mont-Royal (Mount Royal Country Club) dans le parc Connaught. Situé en plein milieu du parc au centre-ville, le club fut établi le 6 avril 1923. La dissolution légale de l'organisme a eu lieu le 5 avril 2023.



A memento of the Mount Royal Country Club still hangs on a wall in the lounge area of the clubhouse.

Photo: Martin C. Barry, TMR Poste

SENATORS HELP BUMP ROYALS OUT OF FIRST SPOT IN EXECUTIVE LEAGUE PLAY



There was a dash for the puck in front of the Senators net during third period play in their match against the Royals at the TMR municipal arena last Wednesday evening.

Photo: Martin C. Barry, TMR Poste

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The TMR Executive Hockey League's currently third-place Senators helped displace the previously first-ranking Royals into second spot during a double-bill of matches at the town arena last Wednesday evening, when the Capitals surged later that night into first place.

Although the Royals began the 8 pm match favoured by the fact their veteran centre is Christian Beauséjour, who ranks number one in the league's list of top scorers, the Senators were first to get up on the scoreboard.

An even more experienced league veteran, Sens right-winger Luigi Caruso (with more than 20 seasons of play to his credit), opened the scoring at 02:37 of the first period, assisted by wingman Mathieu Gagnon-Oosterwaal and defence Daniel Levasseur.

Beauséjour replied for the Royals more than three minutes of play later when he managed to steer the first of his team's three goals past Senators netminder Michael Gathercole, who managed to hold up things for the Senators until the end.

Before the first period had finished, Oosterwaal avenged that last Royals shot, raising the score to 2-1, with assistance from Caruso and Sens left-wing Pierre Poitevin. The Senators came on strong during the second period, scoring two of the 13-minute segment's three goals.

Sens No. 9 defenceman Martin Lacroix beat the puck past Royals goaltender Avi Elmaleh (currently listed as the league's number two nets defender, behind the Capitals' fast-rising first-season goalie Matthew Maxham).

Lacroix was assisted by number two

league scorer Chris Mandelos (who earlier this week was two overall playing points behind Beauséjour), and Sens centre Carl Bellehumeur, the number four on the top-10 scoring list.

During the subsequent periods, Bellehumeur came through twice for his team, scoring at 09:07 in the second, raising the score to 4-1, with the single-handed assistance of Mandelos. The Sens' scoring streak was interrupted a little more than a minute of ice time before the end of the period when the Royals' Alex Antonatos brought his team a little closer to equalizing matters, assisted by Tom Wilson.

Bellehumeur scored the second of his two goals at a minute and nineteen seconds into the third period, assisted by Senators Captain Takao Shibata (he's played 961 games since 1991-92) and Chris Mandelos.

The Royals were able to take advantage of two minor penalties assessed to Senators' defencemen Louis Samuel and Stephen Murphy in the second and third periods, although it turned out to be too little in the end.

At 07:44 of the final period, the Royals' Tom Wilson, with help from Justin Freedin and Christian Beauséjour, managed to raise the score to a potentially enticing 5-3, but had run out of steam by the time of the closing buzzer.

Résumé

L'équipe des Sénateurs en troisième place dans la Ligue exécutive de hockey de Ville Mont-Royal ont défait les Royals, qui ont été déplacés au deuxième rang, dans un match qui avait lieu à l'aréna municipal de VMR mercredi soir dernier.

Faith

IS THE LONELINESS EPIDEMIC SOLVABLE?

In his documentary, HOW WE BECAME THE LONELIEST GENERATION, Altraide asks "Why does it seem that less people are talking to each other in public? Why do we collectively prefer the dim glow of a smart phone screen? Do you remember your childhood neighborhood? Chances are you probably felt that it was one big family where everybody knew each other, celebrated together, and offered help when needed. In recent decades this seems no longer the case. People seem to keep to themselves and, as a side effect, people are more lonely today than ever before.

"Loneliness is on the rise globally and it's been declared a health risk. In 2017, former US Surgeon General, Dr. Vivek Murthy recognized the growing trend of loneliness based on scientific research, as THE LONELINESS EPIDEMIC. British Prime Minister Teresa May, recognizing the gravity of this problem, appointed Tracey Crouch in 2018 as the first Minister of Loneliness to seek solutions to the problem.

People sometimes confuse loneliness and solitude, but they are not the same. You can feel lonely even though you're physically with other people. Loneliness is the feeling of being disconnected to others even if they're right next to you. Dr. Murthy states, 'The pandemic simply poured fuel on what was already burning.'

We are made for each other yet live apart.

In the 70's hit program Mork and Mindy, Mork (played by Robin Williams) is an alien come to earth and he states, 'Loneliness is a disease of the spirit where they feel no one cares about them.' His alien boss replies: 'Are you saying that earthlings make each other lonely?' Mork says: 'Many times it's just the opposite. They make themselves lonely. They're looking out for No.1 and they don't have room for No. 2.'

The alien says, 'It's too bad that everybody down there can't get together and find a cure.' To which Mork replies, 'Well, here's the paradox. If they did get together they wouldn't need one.'

Why have we drifted from each other? The trend began before smart phones and the pandemic but, since the 2000s, social interaction has taken a nosedive. Gen Z came of age in the midst of the explosion of the most radical expansion of communication - the cell phone. High schools and universities are filled with people sharing the same space but with every idle minute looking at their phones.

This is something that wasn't even the case 15 years ago. It's a platform that keeps us entertained but separated. The ones most affected are not the elderly but the young. In previous years younger people were not considered a lonely demographic, but in 2015 the BBC's Loneliness project found that the rates of loneliness among young people were similar to that of elderly people. In a recent

Harvard study, 61% of people 18-25 reported feelings of profound loneliness. This compared to 30% among other age groups.

In Japan large numbers of young people aren't dating and a large number don't have any friends. Some live their lives as 'shut-ins' who can sit in their rooms for months or even years only venturing out to eat and use the toilet. In the bedrooms across Japan more than a million people have retreated completely with feelings of hopelessness. This seems like an emerging trend in Asia. In China they are called "the Hidden Youth".

As for the Japanese, to cope with the Loneliness Epidemic, they've tried to innovate themselves out of the situation by inventing the concept of 'renting relationships' where you can pay for temporary companionship and emotional support. You can hire people to act as your friends, family members, or even pose as your girlfriend/boyfriend.

In the West, the market is using the new AI boom to target lonely people in more bizarre ways. For example, Caryn Marjorie is a social media influencer with over 2 million followers on SnapChat. Recently she created her own AI Chatbox called "CARYN AI". It can replicate her voice, personality, and appearance, and all it costs for users is \$1 per minute. In her intro she says, "I am a real person. I might not be sitting right next to you but I'm using this audio-

chat platform to connect with you in real time. I'm a young, curvy woman with a petite body, brown hair, soft skin, a bubble butt and full lips. I'm here to talk and have fun with you."

She makes \$5 million/month doing this. Her listeners and "chat friends" are 98% male. It is primarily audio based, and tailored to the needs of each listener. AI allows her to chat personally with any number of people at the same time, as long as they pay \$1/minute.

The challenge is to find the solution to connecting with others. Dr Gerry Breshears writes, after examining modern church trends, "What we are seeing is this incredible movement where small churches are dying and fewer churches are becoming bigger. People are searching for the desire for community, and they're not getting it.

"Here's the other interesting thing the researchers found. They found that the vast majority of this 40% of the people who are not going to church, have said they would come back if there was community, Churches need to strategize on this principle: people want community."

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