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VMR SE CLASSE EN PREMIER POUR LE DÉNEIGEMENT DES ARRÊTS D'AUTOBUS

MARTIN C. BARRY

La Ville de Mont-Royal est la municipalité du Grand Montréal où le déneigement des arrêts d'autobus a été jugé le meilleur de toute la région, selon les dirigeants d'un site web sur le transport collectif à Montréal.

Selon le site web Transitapp.com, un organisme qui exerce une pression pour encourager un usage diminué de l'automobile, VMR se classait en tête pour des arrêts les mieux déneigés, suivi de près par la Ville de Hampstead et l'arrondissement d'Ahuntsic-Cartierville.

En fait, parmi les 19 arrondissements et 15 municipalités, c'était des villes indépendantes où les citoyens ont une tendance à être les plus aisées qui se sont classées de l'avant.

D'après Transitapp, l'un des grands avantages hivernaux des transports en commun est de ne pas avoir à se pelleter un chemin à travers la neige jusqu'à une auto.

« Mais quand les arrêts disparaissent sous la neige, l'attente du prochain bus prend des airs d'expédition polaire, sloche en bonus et prouesses olympiques requises », racontent les auteurs de l'article sur leur site web.

En janvier, quand la première grosse tempête de l'année a fait tomber 36 centimètres de neige sur Montréal, les enquêteurs de Transitapp ont profité pour demander à leurs utilisateurs quels arrêts avaient été déneigés et quels arrêts nécessitaient une attention accrue pour ne pas tomber.

Ils ont commenté l'état de 6 500 arrêts. Sur une échelle allant de 1 à 5, VMR recevait 3,9 points, suivi de Hampstead (3,74). Classée en dernière position était la ville indépendante de Montréal-Est. La raison pour ce mauvais résultat serait qu'il s'agit d'une municipalité plutôt industrielle, avec beaucoup moins d'accent sur le transport collectif.

En ce qui aurait trait aux responsabilités de Ville Mont-Royal pour le déneigement sur son territoire, en cas de forte précipitation, le déneigement des quelque 97 km de rues et 179 km de trottoirs à VMR serait habituellement achevé de 72 à 96 heures plus tard, selon la ville.

Que vous déneigez vous-même ou que vous fassiez appel à un entrepreneur pour ce travail, vous devez savoir que chaque résident aurait l'obligation de respecter le Règlement n° 1432 de VMR sur le déneigement.

Ainsi, il est notamment interdit de pousser la neige dans la rue et sur les trottoirs, ou d'enlever une borne-fontaine. En plus, les



Selon le site web Transitapp.com, les villes indépendantes de Mont-Royal et Hampstead sont les meilleures dans la région de Montréal en matière de déneigement des arrêts d'autobus.

entrepreneurs en déneigement ont l'obligation de se procurer un permis et d'installer un poteau d'identification bien visible à proximité des aires où ils déneigent.

Town of Mount Royal has been identified by an online public transit website as the Montreal area municipality where the clearing of snow at

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bus stops is the best. The Town of Hampstead was ranked second, followed in third-place by the Borough of Ahuntsic-Cartierville. In last place was the independent municipality of Montreal East, a mostly industrial community with less emphasis on public transit.

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OTTAWA NOT USING ‘SPYWARE’ OR ‘MALWARE,’ BUREAUCRATS TELL HOUSEFATHER



Mount Royal MP Anthony Housefather sits on the House of Commons' standing committee on information, privacy and ethics.

MARTIN C. BARRY

Testifying in Ottawa recently before a House of Commons standing committee on information, privacy and ethics, several senior federal civil servants insisted to Mount Royal Liberal MP Anthony Housefather that their departments don't use “spyware” or “malware.”

The Standing Committee on Access to Information, Privacy and Ethics studies matters related to the Office of the Information Commissioner of Canada, the Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada and the Office of the Commissioner of Lobbying of Canada, as well as certain issues related to the Office of the Conflict of Interest and Ethics Commissioner.

Housefather, who is one of nearly a dozen MPs who sit on the committee, had asked Donald Walker, Chief Enforcement Officer at

the federal government's Department of the Environment, to clarify whether his department had been using technology to improperly spy on Canadians.

On his Facebook page, Housefather recently stated that “this is a false claim.” However, at the same time he acknowledged that federal government departments are using “data extraction technology,” although without malicious purposes.

According to Housefather, the committee was recently studying the issue because of a growing awareness among members of the public of the use of spyware.

“Spyware is something that is a surreptitious thing, that you put it on somebody’s phone to extract information on an ongoing basis to use it for nefarious purposes,” he said, before asking Walker directly, “Do you guys use spyware at all or malware?”

“No,” replied Walker, adding that “unlike spyware, the tools that we use are for the extraction of existing data under a specific court order with the owner’s knowledge.

“So, it is not clandestine,” he added. “It is not ongoing, there is no software installed on the device, and it is not conducted remotely. So, there’s no ongoing component, which would be required for it to be spyware.”

Under further questioning by Housefather, Walker confirmed that his department uses the technology only when mandated under court order, or when someone (such as an employee) agrees to surrender an electronic

device to be analyzed with data extraction technology.

Another senior federal civil servant, with the department of fisheries, also insisted that the government isn’t using advanced electronic technology to provide close surveillance of Canadian citizens.

“Fishery officers do monitoring, control and surveillance of the fishery,” he said, while also agreeing with Housefather that the practice dates back at least a century and remains very basic and not very technological.

Walker suggested that the environment department’s existing methods of surveillance, to see that its rules and regulations are being respected, remain fairly basic, relying for example on word-of-mouth reports from compliant game hunters, so that department employees can follow up with on-site visual inspections.

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Selon le député libéral pour Mont-Royal Anthony Housefather, les services gouvernementaux fédéraux n'utilisent pas la technologie pour espionner les Canadiens de manière inappropriée. « Cette affirmation est fausse », soutient-il sur sa page Facebook.

Il avait demandé à plusieurs employés des ministères de confirmer la manière dont ils utilisent réellement la technologie d'extraction de données. Selon eux, ils se fient surtout à des méthodes existantes, plutôt que de la technologie avancée.

TIES RULE EXECUTIVE LEAGUE MATCHES AS PLAYOFFS SET TO BEGIN



TMRJetsVsPredators1: Predators goalie Luis Montoya takes a tumble defending his turf, while Jets players also stumble near the rival nets during their Feb. 14 match at the TMR arena.

Photo: Martin C. Barry, TMR Poste

MARTIN C. BARRY

An increasingly long list of tied or close matches these past few weeks in TMR Executive Hockey League play suggests the heat is rising as playoff season in late March draws near.

Since a Sunday evening match between the Capitals and the Jets on Feb. 7, only one game has ended with a win. And even that was a closely contested, high-scoring debacle between the league’s two lowest-ranked teams.

The first-ranked Caps found themselves being fought by the fifth-place Jets to a 3-3 tie in the afore-mentioned match. Immediately afterwards on that same evening, the second-to-last Predators and the third-place Senators also found themselves evenly-matched and could do no better than to end it all at 4-4.

The following Sunday (Feb. 11), the Predators and the Royals finished with a 4-4 standoff, after which the Senators and the Jets had to call it quits after playing to a 5-5 dead heat. The exception to this recent rule was a Valentine’s Day game between the Jets and the Predators, which ended with a 7-6 score favouring the Preds.

However, the tie-match pattern resumed during the second installment of that evening’s arena double-bill, when the Capitals and the Royals (their second-place rivals) played to a 4-4 finale (although both teams would probably have been eager to bring it all to a competitive end with a shootout, if league rules and arena time allotments permitted it).

Last Wednesday night’s game between the Predators and the Jets stands out as an example of the heightened energy level that players in the league reach during the closing



TMRJetsVsPredators2: Predators netminder Luis Montoya allowed this Jets goal to get past, even though the game ended 7-6 for the Preds.

Photo: Martin C. Barry, TMR Poste

stages of the TMREHL’s regular season of play.

While the first period was laboured and slow, the momentum picked up steadily in the second and third periods, with seven out of thirteen goals by both teams scored during the match reaching their mark during just the last segment.

Although the Jets were slow out of the gate, they managed to match Predators right-wing Charles Escaravage’s first period single-handed goal with a comeback at 11:43. It was fired by 20-year league veteran Luigi Caruso, assisted by teammates Christian Bassila and Nicolas Beauchamp.

The Predators scored three times during the second period, with just one reply from the Jets. Taking credit for that trio of Predator goals were Michel Delisle, Michel Hébert and Charles Escaravage, with Robert David, Escaravage,

John Litwiller and Pierre Poitevin assisting. The Jets single goal came off Bassila’s stick, with Beauchamp giving assistance.

The Jets got real mad (the good productive kind) during the last period, scoring four times, compared to just two by the Predators. As the clock was running down, they were within breathing distance of a tie ending. However, it was not to be, although you could tell by the time they left the ice that they felt pretty satisfied with their efforts.

Résumé

Les Predators de la Ligue exécutive de hockey de Ville Mont-Royal ont défait les Jets dans un match à l’aréna municipal mercredi soir dernier.

Ces derniers temps, pendant que les éliminatoires s’approchent, les joutes ont tendance à se terminer en matchs nuls.

WHERE ARE YOUR INNER BRACES?

Martin Madden was for many years the distinguished Congressman from the state of Illinois. Then, a very brilliant young man was also elected to Congress and became a member of Madden's Illinois delegation. Shortly afterwards, Madden, the veteran, mature, philosophical Congressman, a man of firm integrity, became aware of the fact that this younger Congressman was being motivated by special interests.

It was obvious to Madden that this Congressman's votes in the Congress were being based on certain influences which he well recognized. He was concerned for the young man's future for he knew well that a person with a shady character would not last long under the bright spotlight that shines down upon a United States representative.

So Madden called the young Congressman into his office and said to him, "You know you shouldn't vote the way you did on this bill. You know who is behind it. You know the special interests that are involved in it. Why are you doing this? Why are you making this mistake?"

"Well," the young man said, "Mr. Madden, you realize, don't you, the pressures that are

on me? I want to stay in office. I want support. Don't you understand the pressures?"

"Yes," said Madden, "I very well realize the pressures that are upon all of us. But", he said, "There's one thing you might think about. WHERE ARE YOUR INNER BRACES? If you do not get these inner braces, you'll never be able to withstand the outer pressure."

These inner braces are formed through our values and our faith as we remember and use God's power to overcome whatever issue or situation would defeat us. In order to achieve God's plan for our lives we need to live in total dependence on Him. Our dependence never stops! As one writer stated: "God's power under us, in us, surging through us, is exactly what turns dependence into unforgettable experiences of completeness."

The Apostle Paul stated: "Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as being from ourselves, but our sufficiency is from God."

I have always been fascinated by the spectacle of Niagara Falls. In the summer, tourists and residents of that city are treated

to the magnificent torrent of water cascading over the rim of the Falls. Some people have tested their ability to survive the Falls by going over, in a variety of inventive contraptions, in such things as barrels of varying shapes and constructions.

But even more impressive are the Falls in ice-bound winter. There the ice encroaches from either side in an attempt to stop the flow. Yet, all in vain. The power of the water keeps on flowing to power the electric turbines at the bottom.

This represents a picture of God's power working through our oppressive circumstances. The encroaching ice on the edge of the Falls well represents our encroaching and potentially defeating adversaries. But the power of God cannot be contained by such contraptions, and it continues its mighty flow! As long as we retain our intimacy with God, nothing can stop His power and His blessing!

The late President John F. Kennedy, a victim of war wounds, bad health, and circumstance, knew this attitude well, when he said, "Anyone who believes there is fairness in this life is seriously misinformed." Then came Dallas,

Texas, November 1963!

Tragedies strike us all. Clichés abound such as: "Don't look at what you have lost, but at what you have left." That's true. But such clichés are inadequate! We are told not to let our past, with whatever personal tragedies, shackle our future. The way in which we are able to do this is not just from personal endeavor and goal-setting, but from basing our lives on the firm belief that while we have breath God is still able to use us for His purpose.

When we come face to face with our "impossibilities", listen to Annie Johnson Flint: "Have you come to the Red Sea in your life where, in spite of all you can do, there is no way out, there is no way back, THERE IS NO OTHER WAY BUT THROUGH. You have to go on if you are to grow."

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L'art autochtone

REGARD SUR LA CULTURE AUTOCHTONE

EXPRESSION DE SOI ET IDENTITÉ

Les élèves de Tzveta Tocheva de l'école secondaire Mont-Royal.
Exposition du 10 février au 10 mars 2024
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Vernissage jeudi 15 février de 17h à 19h

Cette exposition réunit des œuvres des élèves en secondaire 3 de l'école secondaire Mont-Royal. Guidés par leur enseignante Tzveta Tocheva, les élèves ont créé des œuvres uniques inspirées de l'art autochtone.

Tout d'abord, les élèves ont été exposés à l'Histoire fascinante des Nations autochtones et aux œuvres réalisées par les artistes autochtones nord-américains. Les élèves ont pris conscience que l'art est un moyen de communication et de partage entre les générations, les cultures et les époques. En observant l'art autochtone, les élèves découvrent des valeurs comme l'harmonie, l'équilibre, le respect et la tolérance. Aujourd'hui, plus que jamais, ces valeurs prennent tout leur sens et en particulier pour les nouvelles générations qui chercheront à rétablir l'équilibre.

À travers la création d'une œuvre personnelle, les élèves sont amenés à s'exprimer en s'appropriant ces valeurs universelles. Ils recherchent l'harmonie et l'équilibre dans le travail de

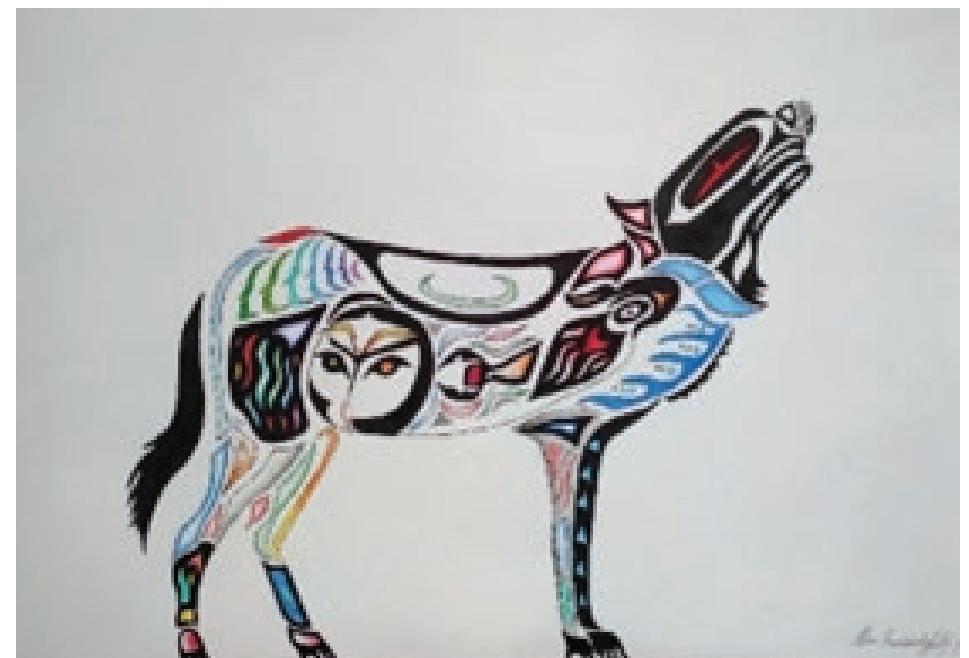
composition des formes ainsi que par le choix des couleurs. Les élèves ont donc été amenés à faire des choix et à affirmer leur personnalité dans la réalisation de leur œuvre.

Lors du processus de création, ils ont exploré le domaine spirituel qui est au cœur des valeurs de plusieurs Nations autochtones d'Amérique du Nord en faisant le choix d'un animal totem et en apprenant davantage sur sa symbolique.

Ce projet PEI (programme international) amène l'élève à faire une réflexion sur ses propres valeurs et prendre conscience des liens qui unissent les peuples à travers le temps. L'objectif commun a toujours été le maintien de l'équilibre pour un avenir meilleur.

L'art, porteur de message, est aussi un espace qui permet l'expression et l'affirmation de soi. Pour les élèves, ce projet était une expérience authentique. Par leur esprit de recherche et leur créativité, ils ont créé des œuvres tout à fait uniques et empreintes de leur personnalité.

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