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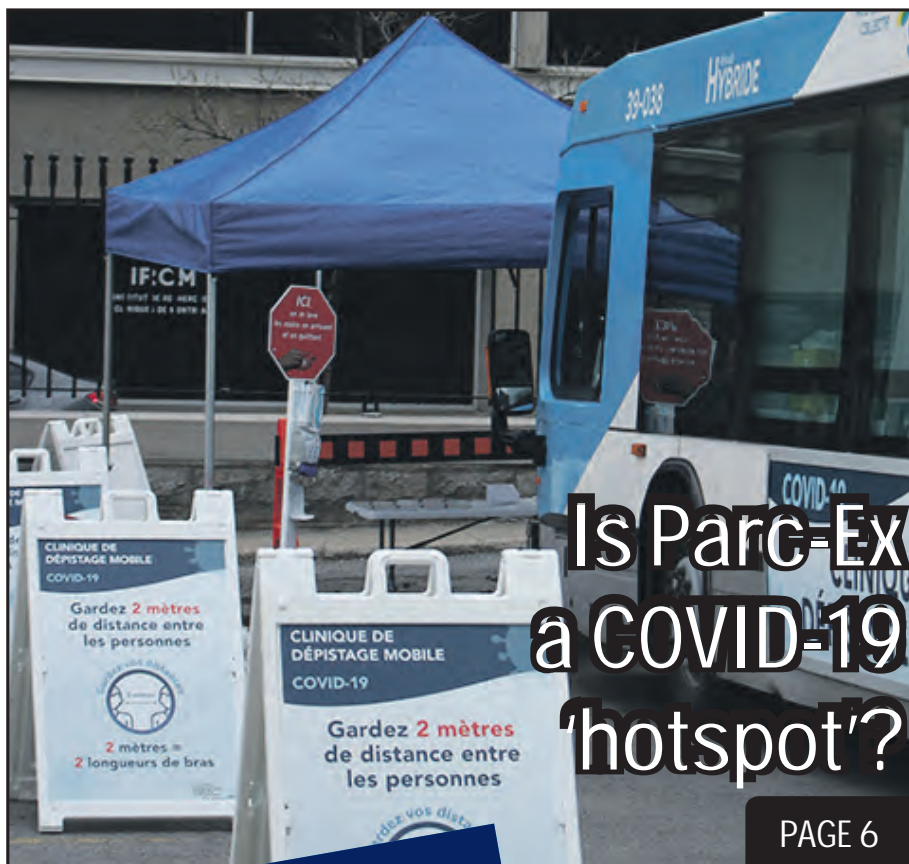
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# VSP borough council discusses police brutality, duplex conversion



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**Borough councillors of Villeray–Saint-Michel–Parc-Extension (VSP) met June 1 for their monthly session. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, elected officials having been meeting through teleconference. During the June 1 session, councillors spoke on recent events in the U.S. involving the murder of a black man, George Floyd. Borough councillors also responded to citizens' questions on duplex conversions, street safety, and sanitary corridors.**

## George Floyd

VSP borough mayor Giuliana Fumagalli opened the session by remarking on the murder of George Floyd, a black man murdered in the United States.

Floyd died because a policeman knelt on his throat, cutting off his air supply. An eyewitness recorded the murder in an eight-minute video that has now gone viral. The video has sparked protests across the world, including two held in Montreal. Fumagalli acknowledged that Floyd's murder was unjust and saddening.

## Non-profit organizations

Fumagalli also announced that sixty-four community organizations will be recognized by the borough as part of its Recognition and Support Policy for Non-Profit Organizations.

Parc-Extension councillor Mary Deros addressed residents about setting up a mobile testing clinic once again. Deros also said that the borough will install a sanitary corridor on Saint Roch street to give more space for pedestrians to use the street.

Deros also noted that June 15 is the World Day Elder Abuse Awareness. She called on residents to respect and protect the elderly, and to report abuse by calling 911.

## Proposed ban on duplex conversions

The borough received several questions on the topic of duplex transformation. Recently, the borough adopted the first reading of measures which could limit landlords from evicting tenants for the purpose of renovations.

Nineteen citizens sent in questions about duplex conversions. Fumagalli addressed Agathe Besse-Bergier, Laurie Damme Gonneville, and Marilyse Paquin.

Fumagalli said the main two justifications for adopting the measures was the housing crisis in the borough and the gentrification of Park Extension. Gentrification is the process by which a neighbourhood changes with new,

richer tenants moving in.

"These two elements have already driven families away. We are looking to keep our families in place," Fumagalli said.

Exemptions may be possible, Fumagalli said. For example, a family looking to enlarge their dwelling could apply for the PPCMOI, which is a permit for the specific construction, modification or occupancy of a building.

However, borough officials have not yet determined specific criteria which would frame these exceptions.

A public consultation on the topic will take place, though the date has not yet been announced.

## Street safety

Jonathan De Luca asked the council about street safety on St-Hubert street, from du Rosaire to Jean-Talon.

"At the moment, motorists are driving well above the speed limit, weaving their way between slower motorists, making the street dangerous for everyone. Has the borough's urban planning department considered converting the two-way street?"

Luca said that some research shows that when commercial streets become two-way, business improves dramatically, as does safety and usability.

In response, Fumagalli showed interest in the topic. However, she asked Luca to send the borough the relevant research.

Chantal Gamache-Brabant asked about increasing safety on Marquette street. Presently, Jarry street has been closed from Fabre to Christopher-Colomb. Gamache-Brabant explained that many motorists take from rue Crémazie to bypass construction, including the 193 bus.

"The cars are traveling at full speed on the street and several cars are traveling in the opposite direction," Gamache-Brabant said.

"Would it be possible to remedy the situation by installing a speedometer sign?"

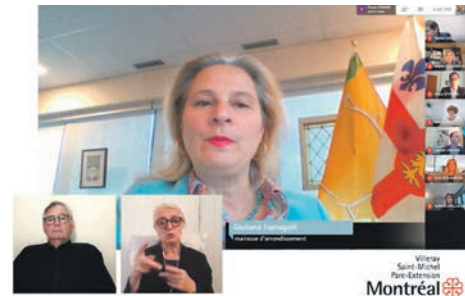
Fumagalli said she will study the proposed suggestions to reduce speed and noise issues on Marquette street.

## Defunding police force

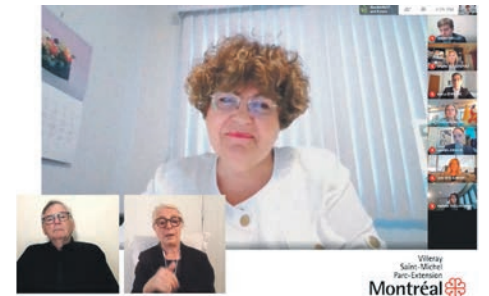
Sarah Butler asked about abolishing SVPM, Montreal's police force. Given the murder of George Floyd, along with many other people of colour, many feel that defunding the police force can reduce violence against minorities.

"In light of the events involving police violence, especially against black and minority communities, many are calling for the abolition of the police force and their replacement by alternative judicial structures," Butler said. "I would like to know if the borough councillors and the mayor would consider the calls to abolish the SPVM?"

Fumagalli began her response with a nervous



**VSP borough mayor Giuliana Fumagalli opens the council meeting. Photo: City of Montreal webcast**



**Parc-Extension councillor Mary Deros participating at the meeting. Photo: City of Montreal webcast**

smile. She then composed herself to say that brutality against minorities, like Floyd's murder, was unjust. However, Fumagalli disagreed with Butler about abolishing Montreal's police force.

"The problem is not the SPVM, it's rather a mindset that needs to change," Fumagalli said, adding that she has filed many motions in the effort to combat racism.

## Health corridor

Lorena Orbis Tours asked about installing a sanitary corridor at the intersection of Jean-Talon and Querbes Avenue. According to Tours, financial institutions and bus stops make it difficult for pedestrians to keep a two meter distance – which public health officials recommend to limit the spread of coronavirus.

"I live in this corner and each time I go out, I put my health in danger because there is no 2 meters of physical distance and most people do not wear masks," Tours said.

Fumagalli said the borough prioritized the busiest street. "Obviously, with progressive deconfinement, it will be necessary to add corridors. Our team

is reviewing different streets to reach this goal. Rue Jean-Talon is one of them."

## Digital divide

Pierre Fritzner asked about the digital divide. As everything from work to doctor's appointments goes virtual, families with lower incomes are struggling because they cannot get a hold of smartphones, tablets, or laptops.

"What concrete action does the borough intend to take to resolve the problem of the digital divide in the borough?" Fritzner asked.

Fumagalli acknowledged that there is a need to ensure that each family has some minimum access to the internet. Fumagalli added she will follow the province's announcements. For examples, government of Quebec has announced measures to provide families with tablets and computers in preparation for students' return to school this coming fall. Last, Fumagalli said access to library computers could possibly be re-authorized. Libraries are currently not open for computer use.

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**En cette période de distanciation sociale, je vous souhaite de profiter de cette fête et de célébrer avec prudence. Soulignons avec fierté la riche contribution des francophones et celle de nos ancêtres.**

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# Bonne fête nationale!

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**Cette année, les Québécoises et les Québécois célébreront différemment la fête nationale. Afin de souligner cette importante journée, les élus tiennent à souligner toute la résilience, la solidarité et l'entraide dont ont fait preuve leurs concitoyen.nes dans le contexte lié à la pandémie de la COVID-19.**

Your elected officials wish you a happy Québec's national holiday. Celebrate safely the solidarity and the resilience of the Quebecers in this pandemic.

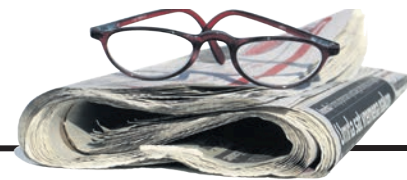
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### Complainte de la confinée.

À l'origine je suis faite comme les hommes, composée à 97% d'eau pure, de quelques traces de lipides, mais en regardant ma silhouette, vous verrez bien qu'il n'y a aucune trace de gras en moi, seulement parfois un peu d'alcool quand je ne peux y résister, mais je sais bien m'en passer, je ne suis pas accroc!

Je suis vêtue avec goût de manière attrayante, qui affiche bien mes couleurs, et vous vous rendrez compte aisément que mes formes sont faites pour épouser la main de ceux qui me désirent, qui finissent par s'attacher à moi et même, ne peuvent plus s'en passer.

Je ne suis pas jalouse des autres, je ne vous coûte pas très cher pour faire votre petit dépôt et jouir d'une présence jeune et rafraîchissante comme moi. Souvent, dans les ruelles de Las Vegas, ou sur les plages ensoleillées de Floride ou d'ailleurs, vous aimeriez qu'on vous voie en ma compagnie et qu'on vous envie de n'apaiser que mon client...

Mais voilà, malgré des promesses de nos politiciens, je suis encore confinée. Les millions s'en vont à déconfiner les amateurs de bonne bouffe et mettent même l'accent sur leur droit à des dépenses d'alcool, ceux qui aimeraient bien courir, suer en ma compagnie, mais pour moi... rien!

Que ce soit à la maison de mon chum qui m'a consacré une chambre spéciale, et, bien sûr, sur le siège arrière de sa voiture, je demeure confinée sans espoir. On me propose bien de me ramasser charitablement, mais pensez-vous? Faire plaisir aux autres sans la plus petite contrepartie? Il n'en est pas question!

Si ça se trouve, des millions de mes semblables sont dans la même situation : Nous sommes là à attendre que les ministres tiennent parole : On a promis un jour de nous reprendre, Ils l'ont promis, mais je reste confinée dans une chambre ou sur le siège de la petite auto, avec, pour prime, mon chum au volant, qui râle chaque fois qu'il me rapporte chez Métro et veut se faire rembourser les 5 sous de dépôt que je lui ai coûté!

## Le racisme, c'est quoi?... C'est toi?... C'est moi?...

*Là où il y a de l'Homme, il y a de l'hommerie*

Une des définitions les plus explicatives du racisme, est qu'il s'agit d'une «Attitude qui favorise un groupe racial en particulier et qui est hostile à d'autres groupes».

Car, comme toutes les discriminations inventées par l'homme, elle consiste à dire à tout nouveau venu sur le marché, que nous sommes meilleurs que lui, dans nos gènes, notre physique, notre culture, notre taille, notre couleur, nos croyances, nos habitudes alimentaires, bref, notre moi établi versus celui d'importation qui est le sien. Ça permet de favoriser les enfants du cru, mes enfants, tes enfants, contre ceux de ces «maudits importés» qui veulent apporter plus de justice à nos rapports, et désirent avoir des émoluments distribués au mérite, des postes distribués au mérite, des places, des sinécures, des décorations, une diplomatie distribuée au mérite, surtout qu'ils n'héritent de rien ici, sinon de quelques héritages en monnaies dévaluées des miettes de leurs familles dispersées.

Là où ils ont été, les Juifs ont suscité un racisme qui est loin d'être épuisé. Avec ce qu'ils ont sauvé d'un pays où ils ont été victimes de racisme, ils essaient de s'acheter un permis de vivre en paix, mais, les hommes étant ce qu'ils sont, en arrivent à leur faire payer cher cette sécurité, les Arabes, les Perses, les Turcs, ont imité les Espagnols, les Français, les Allemands les Russes et autres peuples européens, insécurisant «cette race là» prétendant nous apprendre à tirer le meilleur parti de nos richesses.

Pour les Noirs, amenés de force en esclaves dans des climats plus froids, les Arabes, attirés par notre mode de vie où ils ne voient que les richesses mais dont la culture, notamment le côté égalitaire que préconise les démocraties occidentales, semble souvent incompatible avec la nôtre, ils essaient de tirer le meilleur parti de deux mondes, priant pour le premier et dénigrant celui qui leur plaît tant. Une contradiction qu'ils ont de plus en plus de mal à assimiler.

Mais trêve de simplifications faciles, Il n'en demeure pas moins qu'ils offrent le flanc au racisme, comme les autochtones qui ont été acculés à s'isoler face au racisme de l'Homo Occidentalis venu les conquérir à dos de cheval, à coup de fusil, et avec des couvertures empoisonnées. (by the way, avant de tenter quelque solution que ce soit, peut-être devrions nous commencer, en cette période où les statues des grands racistes sont déboulonnées, par régler cette épine dans le pied de façon définitive).

En ce monde d'après Covid19, le temps semble venu d'ajuster le tir, et de faire partager les acquits de notre civilisation, les foules qui sillonnent aujourd'hui les capitales du monde nous le prouvent assez. Rare sont ceux qui viennent ici sur les bateaux de trafiquants d'esclaves. Ils viennent poussés par le pouvoir absolu de minable dictateurs qui les exploitent pis encore que les «affreux colonialistes». Demandez aux colonisés que vous connaissez, voire, posez-vous la question : préférez vous vos principes socio-politico-religieux au lieu des nôtres?

Préférez-vous les diktats des imams, des ultra religieux, des communistes idéologiques? Personnellement, je ne trouve pas que messieurs Trudeau ou Legault représentent des dirigeants qui ne font aucun cas des vœux de la population, je n'approuve pas pour autant les jaloux, chefs de partis traditionnels, qui tentent de les prendre en défaut face à une situation dominée par des facteurs inconnus qu'ils essaient de contrer, eux qui n'auraient probablement pas fait mieux à leur place.

Alberto del Burgo

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# THAT'S WHAT I'M THINKING

Robert Vairo



## Police injustice and violence. In Canada you say?

**W**hat are we Canadians to make of all this? My memory of the first US riots was Detroit 1967. The violence, looting, fires, and destruction lasted "one long hot summer". Most of us remember the Los Angeles riots of 1992 when four cops, 3 of them white, were found not guilty following the violent beating of African American Rodney King. It was the first time we all saw video of a beating on our TV screens. A man named George Holliday, with his brand new then cutting-edge Sony Handycam 8-millimeter video camera recorded the beating from his apartment balcony at around one in the morning. In today's terms, George's video went viral, and made history. Not the clearest video but it did pick up the sounds of the police batons repeatedly hitting Rodney King for eight minutes. Wait. EIGHT MINUTES? That's the SAME length of time Minneapolis cop Derek Chauvin knelt on George Floyd's neck and killed him. Is this just irony, or the Voice from above sending us a message? This time it was a 17 year-old Darnella Frazier, who was walking along the sidewalk with her nine year- old cousin. She bravely pulled out her smart phone and started recording this horrific scene unfolding in front of her. That's how we know in both cases that it lasted eight minutes. I saw a picket at one of the protests that read "How many have not been filmed". What the protestor is saying is there are hundreds of these cases with no police officer held accountable, and the 'victim' never believed. So if this latest brutal scene had not been recorded, there would have been no trial of the four and no riots. The same applies to the Rodney King beating of 1992. Thank technology, yes, but much more importantly, thank the brave souls who did the recording. George Holliday in 1992, and Darnella Frazier, thank you for your bravery. She and her Mom have had to move from their south Minneapolis home because of social media threats.

Canada has no stones to throw at our American neighbours. Some of the members of our RCMP, provincial and local police forces are equally as guilty. 99% of violent criminal police behavior are never recorded but some are. Like the black 20 year- old Laval man pulled by his Marley hair braids for allegedly asking "what investigation about me?". Disturbing video. It can be most influential in a court of law and the court of public opinion. What about the RCMP method of arrest in Nunavut where the cop drove up to the apparent suspect, opened his police pick-up truck door to slam the Inuk man to the ground. It's under investigation, by the RCMP. In New Brunswick, a 26 year- old indigenous woman allegedly wielding a knife, was shot and killed by a local Edmunston police officer. No video for this tragic loss of life, but social media, "citizen journalism" speaks very loudly and world- wide.

Justin Trudeau, feeling safe from usually powder puff questions from the national networks and newspapers, was stung by an excellent question from CBC reporter Tom Parry at his now well past 'best before' date daily briefings. Perry asked about Trump and the use of the army, then followed up with this. "I'd like to ask you what you think about that and if you don't want to comment, what message do you think you are sending?" Trudeau's advisors never prepared him for this, so the one- time drama teacher remained silent for...drama, or could he just not bring himself to criticize the US president. And the silence lasted 21 seconds. Again thanks to our recording technology. His experience as prime minister and drama instructor should have produced some response. Alright, let me answer the question for you Mr. Prime Minister.

"Some policemen in Canada are failing to discharge their duties in a compassionate and respectful way. They will not listen, much less read a plethora of recommendations that range from the National Inquiry Into Indigenous women, to court recommendations, to coroners' reports. The chorus protesting racism and injustice in the US is equally applicable in Canada. Time for me to end these daily hearings, and get back to full Parliament to work on major reforms of police handling of cases by different levels of law enforcement."

That's what a true Canadian leader should have answered. Not with 21 seconds of silence. That's what's I'm thinking. I'm Robert Vairo.

# Free COVID-19 testing at Parc metro this weekend



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**The health and social services, CIUSSS West Central, have converted city buses into clinics to test for coronavirus in high-priority regions. The bus clinic is coming to Park Extension for a fourth time from Friday, June 12, to Sunday, June 14. The clinic will be parked at Parc metro, on Hutchison street, and will operate from 10 am to 4 pm.**

Testing is free to anyone regardless of immigration status or health insurance coverage. Residents can come even if they don't have the provincial health insurance plan or if their insurance cards have expired.

Although on-site nurses will not turn anyone away, the clinic is especially open to residents who:

## Are presenting flu-like symptoms

Are not presenting symptoms, but have been in contact with someone who is confirmed positive for COVID-19

Residents don't need an appointment to come in. However, the clinic can do a maximum of 200 tests per day.

It also stops taking new residents to line up fifteen to twenty minutes before it closes at 4 pm. Therefore, residents coming in the late afternoon should plan to come latest by 3:45 pm to make sure they can get tested.

# Small indoor gatherings allowed from June 22

*Guests still need to keep a distance of two meters*



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**This Monday, June 8, Quebec officials gave the green light to allow indoor gatherings. Up to ten people from three different households can meet in private residences, as long as they follow social distancing.**

This measure will apply in Montreal from June 22.

## Three different households, two meters

People must practice social distance of 2 meters, even indoors.

The government says hosts should clean surfaces before and after gatherings.

Quebec's public health strategic advisor, Dr. Richard Massé, clarified that not everyone will have the space to invite ten people at once, especially given the 2 meter distance. In this case, hosts should limit the number of guests they invite at once.

## Note who comes over

Additionally, the government strongly recommends that hosts note the names of people who come indoors.

Noting down names can help the government trace the spread of COVID-19 in case of an infection. Once someone tests positive, the government can reach out to other community members that may be at risk of being infected.



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# Park Extension may be COVID-19 'hotspot'

*Health professionals say they must keep testing*

## Cases in the borough

Villeray-Saint-Michel-Parc-Extension has 2,045 confirmed cases of COVID-19 as of this Tuesday, June 9.

126 people have died due to the illness. Health and social services CIUSSS confirm that the VSP borough had a positivity rate of 13.42% as of June 2. That means 13 out of every 100 VSP residents are likely to test positive for COVID-19.

Park Extension especially seems to be vulnerable. From May 19 to May 31, mobile clinics in Park Extension did 1,174 tests – 437 of which tested positive. This means the Park Extension district has a rate of 12.61%.

By comparison, the positivity rate for all of Canada is 5%.

Dr Anne Andermann, Specialist in Public Health and Preventive Medicine at McGill Faculty of Medicine, says higher positivity rates could indicate Park Extension may be a COVID-19 "hotspot" in Montreal.

## Contact tracing

Family doctor Dr Melanie Lussier says health services want anyone who has been in contact with a positive case to get tested.

"The purpose of tracing contacts is to look for others in the community that came in contact with an infected person for the good of the whole community," Dr Lussier said.

Household members of positive cases should be tested since the biggest way COVID-19 spreads is in households.

"Whether or not these persons have symptoms, these contacts should be tested to identify cases that may be missed otherwise," Dr



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Andermann said.

## Test, test, test

Zina Benshila is the Deputy Director of medical services for frontline workers at CIUSSS for Montreal North. She agrees that testing more in hotspots is the best way forward. "The more we test, the more we can protect the most vulnerable," Benshila said in a press briefing Tuesday, June 8.

"We are also working hard to process tests as quickly as possible," Program Administrator Cathy Dresdell added.

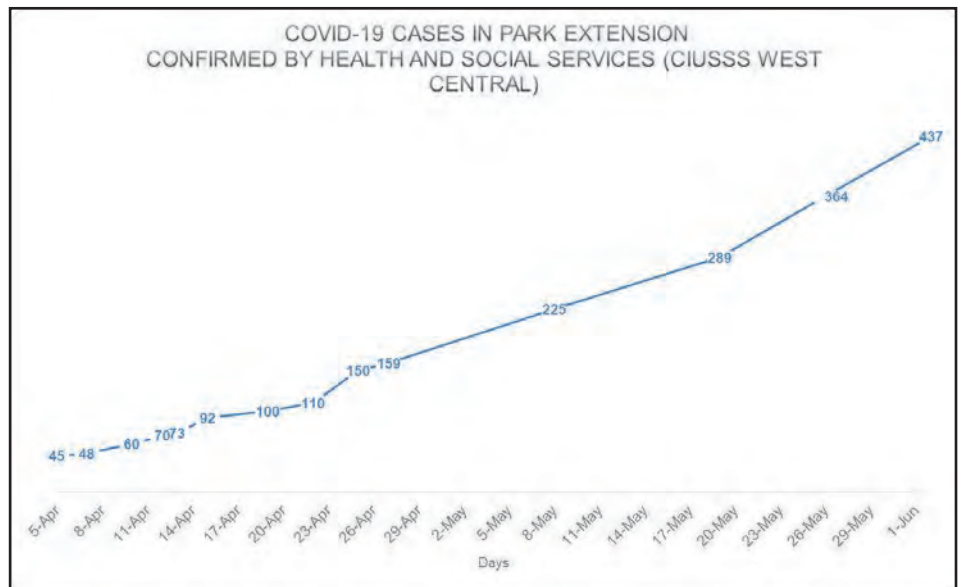
## Special interventions

"Special approaches are needed to protect people in neighborhoods where there is overcrowded housing, newcomers or asylum seekers who may not know English or French," Dresdell said.

For Park Extension, this may mean setting up a permanent testing clinic where residents can come any day of the week, without appointment.

Health services installed permanent testing sites in Montreal North and Saint-Michel, where COVID-19 spread after healthcare workers, who had minimal equipment in long term care facilities, came into contact with others in their neighbourhood.

"We know that Montreal North is a tight-knit neighbourhood," Dresdell said.



**Rise of COVID-19 cases from start of April to June.**

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When it comes to housing conditions, Benshila says Park Extension is similar to Montreal North, where multiple families may live in one household.

"In these cases, we need to adapt the isolate rules to fit the realities of people in the neighbourhood," Benshila said.

## Prepping for heatwaves

Right now, a mobile clinic can do a maximum of 200 tests in one day.

However, residents report issues getting tested

when a heat wave late May reduced testing hours. "The heat inside the bus clinic creates a safety concern," Benshila said. However, health services are brainstorming ways to fight the heat as summer begins.

"We have to find large public spaces where people can keep a two meter distance," Benshila said.

"It's a balance between finding a good public space and making sure most people in the neighbourhood will be able to get there."



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# Park Ex residents working at manufacturing plant, fear safety amid COVID-19 outbreak

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*At least eight infected workers of LumenWerx, live in Park Extension*

Multiple employees of a LumenWerx facility have come forward to report unsafe working conditions in a manufacturing plant. At least 10 employees have tested positive for COVID-19 at the facility, Parc-Extension News has learned. At least eight infected workers live in Park Extension. One infected worker is hospitalized. Despite multiple employees testing positive, the facility remains open.



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LumenWerx is a lighting manufacturing company with a facility in Ville Saint Laurent. Facility workers include many South Asian immigrants, who take a bus or carpool to work.

Additionally, employees claim their supervisors are harassing them to keep working,

despite COVID-19 symptoms and lack of protective equipment.

The first COVID-19 case was confirmed early May. However, the infected worker was allegedly told to not share the fact he had tested positive with other workers.

**Twelve LumenWerx employees spoke to Parc-Extension news on the condition of anonymity, due to fear of being fired. We are giving workers pseudonyms to protect their identities.**

## Earliest case May 4, supervisor infected

Workers from multiple sections of the facility say they have COVID-19 or know someone in their section that has tested positive. The facility has a production chain of five sections. An order will go through many sections to be completed.

Bibek, a worker that has tested positive for COVID-19, said his manager confirmed the plant had one of their

earliest cases in the first week of May. Now, the supervisor himself has tested positive for COVID-19.

"This supervisor manages about 70% of our work," another worker added. "He visits our work stations all the time."

## Unsafe working conditions Insufficient equipment

Each worker receives one cloth mask at the beginning of their week. They receive six single-use gloves, one for each day.

Many workers, including Akbar, say plastic gloves were prone to breaking, making it impossible to work with screws and mechanical equipment.

"We told them we didn't have enough to do our work," Akbar said. "They said: this is all the company can give you."

Employees receive a pair of fabric gloves for a whole week. Fabric gloves cannot be cleaned during breaks. Last, each worker also receives one single-use mask for an eight-hour shift.

Many workers say the facility has not reliably provided them with hand sanitizers. Sipu, an employee at the facility, says he often came to work to find no disinfectant available.

When he asked management, they said they did not have sanitizer left.

## No disinfection between shifts

Common spaces, workstations, and tools may not be sanitized between shifts, workers allege.

Primtu, another worker with COVID-19, says supervisors cannot maintain a distance of two meters due to the technical nature of light manufacturing. Even when a two-meter distance is possible during work, physical distancing is not enforced during break time. 15 to 20 workers line up to reheat food during breaktime.

## Difficulty isolating

Workers infected with COVID-19 say isolation is difficult because of overcrowded housing in the Park Extension neighbourhood.

Akbar lives in Park Extension with four family members in a one-bedroom apartment. He lives with his partner, his child, and a relative over 70.

Saddu has a family of five, including three young children, living in a two-bedroom apartment in Park Extension.

The hospitalized LumenWerx employee shares a modest apartment in Park Extension, with 7 to 8 people living in one household.

## Lack of transparency

The earliest positive case dates back to May 4, Parc-Extension News has learned. However, workers were not told the facility had COVID-19 cases. Employees only found out after they or their friend had become infected.

Bibek shares his supervisor, who has COVID-

19, admitted during a confrontation to giving false reasons.

"He said he left work because he had 'too much wine,'" Bibek said. "That made me really suspicious." Makju, yet another worker with COVID-19, said he got a similar answer when he asking about a missing colleague.

## Persistent harassment

Workers expressed frustration at ongoing issues in the company, saying their voices go unheard.

Parth, who has worked at the facility for years, says approaching human resources only worsens matters.

"If you say anything, they fire you," Parth said. "If they keep you, they mistreat you."

Bibek said he was harassed for wanting to take a day off, which his contract allows. He shares that when he needed to visit a doctor, his boss called him to ask for the doctor's direct phone number.

"We have to choose between making a living and being treated with dignity," Bibek added.

## Still hiring

Despite multiple positive tests in May, the facility has not closed. In fact, a job listing made by LumenWerx reveals the company held a "walk-in day" on May 28 at the facility to hire job-seekers.

Bibek said he does not want new employees to risk their lives, nor get trapped in the toxic cycle of working at the facility.

"We used to learn about slavery in school," Bibek said. "At work, we live it with our own eyes."

A health inspector allegedly visited the facility the first week of June.

Moreover, workers claim their supervisors knew ahead of time to expect a visit. In preparation, their supervisors moved worktables away from each other to create an illusion of physical distancing for the health inspection.

However, the inspector did not speak with employees without the presence of a supervisor. Bibek says that LumenWerx should temporarily close the facility and test all employees.

"They have a responsibility to test its workers," Primtu agreed. "The government needs to investigate the unsafe conditions at the facility."

*At the time of printing, we do not have any comments in writing from LumenWerx representatives. We reached out the Project Manager which allegedly has COVID-19 and the Human Resources Manager. We have also contacted the company's President & CEO, the Chief Technology Officer, the Vice President for Business Operation, the Vice President for Project Management & Customer Satisfaction, and one Regional Sales Manager.*

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- ✓ **toute autre maladie, condition ou situation nécessitant des suivis assidus avec un professionnel de la santé ou des services sociaux.**

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## Consultation par téléphone ou en personne



Souvent, les consultations peuvent se faire par téléphone avec un professionnel de la santé ou des services sociaux. La consultation téléphonique est privilégiée dans le contexte actuel de pandémie, si votre condition le permet.



Si vous devez vous rendre en personne à votre consultation, soyez assuré que les mesures nécessaires sont mises en place pour garantir votre sécurité et celle du personnel. Tout individu visitant un milieu de soins, comme un hôpital, une clinique, un cabinet de médecin ou un groupe de médecine de famille (GMF), devrait porter un masque artisanal (couvre-visage) ou de procédure. Cette recommandation s'adresse autant au patient qu'à son accompagnateur. De plus, si vous avez des symptômes s'apparentant à la COVID-19, le personnel pourrait vous demander de porter un masque de procédure.

## Comment obtenir une consultation ?

**Vous devez d'abord déterminer si vous présentez des symptômes d'allure grippale, de gastroentérite ou s'apparentant à la COVID-19.**

**Si vous présentez ces symptômes**, quel que soit le motif de votre consultation en médecine de famille, composez le 418 644-4545, le 450 644-4545, le 514 644-4545, le 819 644-4545 ou le 1 877 644-4545. Les personnes malentendantes (ATS) doivent appeler au 1 800 361-9596 (sans frais).

Après une évaluation de votre état de santé, si cela s'avère nécessaire, vous serez dirigé vers une clinique désignée d'évaluation ou une autre ressource qui peut vous recevoir, de façon sécuritaire, dans le cadre de la pandémie.

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### → Si vous avez un médecin de famille

- Communiquez avec la clinique ou le GMF que vous consultez habituellement pour prendre rendez-vous. Vous pouvez vérifier l'offre de consultations médicales et psychosociales en cherchant le nom de votre clinique ou de votre GMF dans le répertoire des ressources : [sante.gouv.qc.ca/repertoire-ressources](https://sante.gouv.qc.ca/repertoire-ressources)
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- Communiquez avec Info-Santé ou Info-Social en composant le 811 pour obtenir des conseils ou être dirigé vers une ressource appropriée.
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- ✓ **cancer;**
- ✓ **or any other disease, condition or situation that requires regular follow-up with a health or social services professional.**

At any time, you can call Info-Santé staff if you have questions or concerns about your health, or Info-Social staff if you need psychosocial support.



## Consultation by telephone or in person



Often, consultations with a health or social services professional can be done over the telephone. Telephone consultations are being prioritized during the pandemic (depending on your condition).



If you have to go to your consultation in person, rest assured that the necessary measures have been taken to ensure your safety and staff safety. Anyone who goes to a health care facility, such as a hospital, a clinic, a doctor's office or a family medicine group (FMG), should wear a homemade mask (face covering) or procedure mask. This recommendation applies to both the patient and the person accompanying the patient. If you have COVID-19 symptoms, the staff might ask you to wear a procedure mask.

## How do I consult a health professional?

**You must first determine whether you have flu symptoms, gastroenteritis symptoms or COVID-19 symptoms.**

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Your health condition will be assessed and you will be referred, if necessary, to a designated assessment clinic or another resource where you can be seen safely during the pandemic.

**If you do not have any of these symptoms** and you need a consultation, proceed as follows:

### → If you have a family doctor

- Contact the clinic or family medicine group (FMG) that you usually go to to make an appointment. You can check whether your clinic or FMG offers medical and psychosocial consultations by searching your clinic or FMG's name on the Finding a Resource page: [sante.gouv.qc.ca/en/repertoire-ressources](https://sante.gouv.qc.ca/en/repertoire-ressources)
- If you are unable to reach your clinic or FMG, call Info-Santé or Info-Social by dialling 811.

### → If you do not have a family doctor

- Call Info-Santé or Info-Social at 811 for advice or to be referred to an appropriate resource.
- You can also contact a clinic that provides services to people who do not have a family doctor, such as a super clinic.

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# MNA Fontecilla speaks at protest for asylum seekers' rights

## Frontline workers excluded from provincial training program

**Andrés Fontecilla, the legislative assembly member for Laurier-Dorion, participated Saturday, June 6, at a rally to demand that migrant workers serving in essential services receive status.**



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Debout for Dignity, known by its French initials DPLD, organized the rally. The protest began from Justin Trudeau's constituency office on Crémazie street. Fontecilla, like most attendees, wore a mask given the COVID-19 pandemic. Fontecilla says he wanted to show his solidarity for asylum seekers and immigrants who work in essential economic and health sectors.

"These workers deserve the gratitude of Canada and Quebec," Fontecilla said in an interview with Parc-Extension News. "This recognition must translate into the regularization of their migratory status so that they can have permanent status in Quebec."

Fontecilla is a member of the Quebec National Assembly, where he represents the electoral district of Laurier-Dorion. Laurier-Dorion includes Villeray and Park Extension. "I will do everything I can to support these requests with the Government of Quebec and with the Department of Immigration."

### Legault must pressure federal government

The federal government has the final say on granting permanent residency. However, the provincial government has the ability to step in. One way would be to create a regularization program for asylum seekers and immigrant workers who work in essential fields like health, food, agriculture, and warehouses.

Quebec Premier Francois Legault said in a press briefing last month that he would consider bringing asylum seekers working in healthcare as immigrants. Legault reasoned that asylum seekers need to prove they have legitimate fear of prosecution in their country of origin.



**Andres Fontecilla speaks at the protest held Saturday, June 6.**  
**Photo: Andres Fontecilla**

However, Legault said that he would have to consider files "on a case-by-case basis."

The provincial officials have drawn criticism. Fontecilla says this response is not enough.

"In fact, it's dangerous," Fontecilla said. "With the current immigration minister, Mr. Simon Jolin-Barrette, 'case by case' can mean refusing the files one by one." Fontecilla referred to how Minister Jolin-Barrette got rid of 18,000 immigration files during the study of Bill 9. More recently, Jolin-Barrette decided to not to grant rights to thousands of foreign student professionals who were already established in Quebec.

"A fair and equitable program would include all the asylum seekers who have helped Quebec through this crisis, especially in the long-term senior care facilities," Fontecilla said.

### "Double-standard" training program

Quebec has launched a training program, which involves a three-month training period, to address staff shortage but also to give people in the health care system a break.

However, the program excludes asylum seekers. Only Canadian citizens and permanent residents can apply.

Fontecilla says this creates a double standard where workers doing the same job don't have the same rights.

"Before the pandemic, the senior care facilities hired – in large numbers – asylum seekers, because it is devalued work, very badly paid and with dismal working conditions," Fontecilla said. "Now that the government recognizes the importance of this work, that it is ready to pay well for this difficult work and to hire thousands of people, suddenly, asylum seekers are no longer entitled to it! When nobody wanted this job, we liked to hire them; today, when it becomes interesting, they are excluded on a technicality."

### Working conditions related to COVID-19 outbreak

Many migrant workers become recruited through employment agencies that violate rights. Often, newly arrived workers may not even know what their legal rights are.

Senior care facilities often do not have full-time permanent positions. As a result, workers end up rotating from facility to facility.

Outbreaks in Montreal-North, Rivière-des-Prairies, and St-Michel illustrate how the lack of permanent positions puts communities in danger.

"Our immigrant workers must have the same working conditions, the same wages and the same protection as beneficiary attendants who are permanent residents or Canadian citizens. We cannot maintain a two-tier system where professionals doing the same job do not have the same rights."

### Frontline workers deserve residency

Fontecilla believes another These people fight with us and don't hesitate to take care of vulnerable people. It is high time that we recognize this immense contribution on their part by granting them permanent residence.

"Our governments today have a unique opportunity to write an episode in our history that we will be proud of. We must ensure that our immigrant brothers and sisters can continue to build their lives with us. They make a huge contribution to our society and that is the

minimum we can do to show our gratitude."

### Systemic racism

In 2018, the top five birth countries of asylum seekers in Québec were Nigeria, India, Mexico, the United States and Haiti. In other words, many asylum seekers are also people of colour.

Fontecilla believes that many problems of immigrant communities and asylum seekers connect to systemic racism. Systemic racism

refers to the ways that institutions exclude and harm racial minorities.

"There is no doubt that there is systemic racism in Quebec," Fontecilla said. "To move forward, we must first admit it."

"As for the rights of asylum seekers, I think there is a deep problem of understanding and recognizing the contribution of these people to Quebec society. To fight for the rights of immigrants is to fight for Quebec and its future."



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# CFIB-Quebec welcomes amendments to province's economic recovery law

## Small/medium businesses will be protected from evictions and property seizures



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The Quebec branch of the Canadian Federation for Independent Business says it is pleased with amendments the Legault government has decided to make to Bill 61, the law enshrining the re-launch of the post-COVID-19 economy, since the changes reflect suggestions the CFIB had made.

### Amendments welcomed

Among the amendments, the Quebec CFIB said in a statement issued last week, were suggestions apparently taken up by the government with potential impact on small and medium enterprises facing eviction from leased premises, and regulations affecting liquor license owners making things a little easier for them during the COVID-19 recovery period.

"Numerous SMEs, especially affected by the crisis, weren't seeing their preoccupations being taken into consideration by the proposed law that was tabled," François Vincent, vice-president for Quebec of the CFIB, said last week.

### No commercial evictions

"But today, things changed," he said a day later. "They are pleased to see that the amendments will make it possible to protect those who are in difficulty against evictions or seizure of property on leased premises, and they will also offer several restaurateurs new avenues to explore. In the name of these SMEs, I thank the government for improving on its proposed law."

According to the Quebec CFIB, the following measures will now be included:

Protection of commercial lease-holders against all forms of eviction or seizure of property on rented or leased premises (Article 35.1);

Loosening of rules for liquor permit holders, allowing them to provide up to one-third of their business in the form of deliveries (Article 38.1); Permission to differentiate prices for alcoholic beverages sold for consumption on premises from those sold for take-out (Article 38.2).

### A concerted effort

These CFIB suggestions were also included: A reduction in the cost of a seasonal alcohol permit in proportion to the prorated number of days it isn't used (Article 40.5); Permission to continue selling alcohol or bar service to certain clients even when food service is over (Articles 40.3 and 40.4); Loosening of rules surrounding promotion and publicity for alcoholic beverages (Article 40.5).

"To get through this crisis which is without precedent, the cooperation of all players as well as action by government are necessary," François Vincent added. "Today, we are taking another step forward to protect businesses in all the municipalities of Quebec. Now it's the turn of parliamentarians to make good these measures by adopting this draft law before the end of the session."

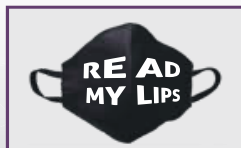
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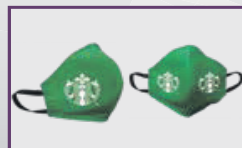
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## CMHC tightens mortgage insurance rules starting July 1

The government-backed Canada Mortgage and Housing Corp said on Thursday it would tighten rules for offering mortgage insurance from July 1, after forecasting declines of between 9 and 18 per cent in home prices over the next 12 months.

The move would make it harder for riskier borrowers, who offer downpayments of less than 20 per cent to access CMHC's default mortgage insurance.

CMHC is establishing a minimum credit score of 680 instead of the current 600, the group said in an emailed statement.

It will also limit total gross debt servicing ratios to its standard requirement of 35 per cent of annual income, compared with a threshold as high as 39 per cent currently, and total debt servicing to 42 per cent versus as much as 44 per cent now.

Under the current gross debt service ratio cap of 39 per cent, a family with an annual income of \$100,000 and a 10 per cent down payment would have qualified to buy a home valued at up to \$524,980, Laird calculates. Under the new rules, that same family can only get approved to buy a home worth \$462,860 — a reduction of 12 per cent.

The biggest news coming out of the announcement from the CMHC is that they did not increase the minimum down payment from 5 percent to 10 percent.

### 1 in 3 mortgages in Canada

Some 35 per cent of Canadian banks' mortgages are insured, their financial statements show. CMHC is the top mortgage insurer, while Genworth MI Canada and other private companies also provide similar products.

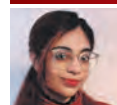
Despite evaporating activity in the housing market due to the COVID-19 pandemic, prices have continued to rise as listings have fallen off alongside demand.



# UdM campus threatens Park Extension housing and community, report says

## Organizers say that Park Ex is already taking a hit

A report released Wednesday, June 3, considers the negative impacts of Université de Montréal's MIL campus on Park Extension. This report, published by Park Extension Anti-Eviction Mapping Project, comes just as the university welcomes Daniel Jutras as its new rector.



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### Risk of 'studentification'

The report says the opening of the campus has already changed the housing market for the worse. More UdM students want to live in Park Extension, displacing families rooted in the neighbourhood.

"We have witnessed a rise in evictions, rent increases, and landlord harassment aiming to force tenants from their homes," Darwish said.

A team, led by a professor at UdM's department of Geography, documents the recent impact of UdM's new campus on the neighbourhood.

Violaine Jolivet's team research studied 665 public listings to rent, posted online since April 2019. More than a third of the listings mentioned UdM or the MIL campus.

### Good intentions, little action

Public messaging from UdM included a plan to develop student housing. However, the university has sold the land put aside for student housing to private developers.

Shazma Abdulla researches Social Policy and Planning at York University. She believes the absence of student residences worsens the housing crisis.

"The initial layout of the campus included student residences that would include between 800 and 1500 units," Shazma Abdulla said. "We believe that UdM should take up this idea to limit its impact in Park Extension."

Alessandra Renzi is associate professor of communication studies at Concordia University and a member of the Anti-Eviction Project.

Renzi believes the report shows how UdM's promotional messages differ from its actions.

"Not only are these actors pretending they aren't doing damage, they're actually pretending they are doing good for the neighbourhood," Renzi said.

### Renovictions, rent hikes

Gentrification happens when richer tenants move into historically lower-income neighbourhoods. Renovictions happen when tenants are evicted because landlords say they need to renovate the building. Often, the building gets rented to richer tenants or sold to a property developer.

"UdM is the front of a larger design to 'redevelop' the area," Renzi said. "Gentrification of Park Extension will mean that families and recent immigrants will lose their really strong networks."

Renzi said that it is hard to track renovictions, especially because many tenants cannot realistically fight evictions.

"Families might not fight the eviction for many reasons," Renzi said. "For example, because of the language issues. They may not even know their rights, or they may be afraid."

### Sale of family-run bakery

The report outlines the negative impact of gentrification on small, family-run businesses. In November 2019, residents of Park

Extension came together to dispute the sale of the Homemade Bakery at the Montoni Group, which planned to demolish the bakery to build over 100 luxury residential units on the site.

Renzi says the demolition of the bakery should worry family-run businesses in town.

"As we have seen in Mile End and the Plateau, the new tenants find the nice little stores cute and exotic at first. But after a while, they want fancier restaurants. So the impact on small, family-run businesses is going to be huge."

### Absence of social housing

The bakery's demolition is also controversial because it was taken down to build luxury condos, not social housing.

Right now, only 54 of 225 social housing sites promised by PDUES, the *Plan de développement urbain, économique et social*, are being built – none of which are in Park Extension.

### Artificial intelligence (AI) hubs

The City of Montreal has given millions of dollars to attract artificial intelligency (AI) companies and startups. The UdM science works closely with AI companies, like the Microsoft Research hub which moved to the Mile-Ex neighbourhood.

"It changes the face of the neighbourhood when certain professionals move in," Renzi said. "It makes it hard for people to find affordable housing."

### Social mandate: practice what you preach

The first building on the MIL campus is home to four departments in the Faculty of Arts and Science.

The University plans to open two new wings in the coming years.



Norma Rantisi is a professor in Geography, Planning and Environment at Concordia University. She thinks UdM has a responsibility to reduce the harm caused to long term residents in its neighbourhood.

"Several universities have taken initiatives to recognize their own responsibility to society, by encouraging a better alignment of their activities with different community needs," Rantisi said. "UdM can learn from these examples."

### Moving forward

Rantisi says the time to act is now. She supports the report's recommendations to hold a series of public discussions on the matter.

The City of Montreal has a tool known as the fight right to refusal, which allows the city to purchase land for public purposes. According to Rantisi, Montreal could enforce this right to improve social housing and to protect the displacement of Park Extension residents.



**Prof. Alessandra Renzi is associate professor of communication studies at Concordia University and a member of the Anti-Eviction Project.**

**Photo: Avleen K Mokha**

"Particularly, we need to see the identification of sites from the City. So far, only one has been identified."

However, Rantisi believes the City should identify sites in cooperation with the borough council and local community groups.

"Progressive planning centers around the voice of the people," Rantisi said. "Planning skills should further the needs and wants of the community. But not just any member of the neighbourhood – especially, the most marginalized."



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# Recruitment of workers for CHSLDs undermines home care, says PSW lobby group

*Quebec forgetting home-based support workers, who are still earning \$23,000 a year*

More than two months after the COVID-19 pandemic started, an organization representing the interests of home-based personal support workers says the PSWs are being taken for granted by the Quebec government, leaving elderly and handicapped home-bound patients helpless, they claim.



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According the réseau de coopération des entreprises d'économie sociale en aide à domicile EÉSAD, home services provided by the member PSWs are currently on "life support" for several reasons. The federal government's Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) is motivating home-based PSWs to stay off the job because it pays more, the group says.

## Workers drawn away

As well, they say the provincial government's new salary increases (up to \$49,000 annually) to personal assistants working at CHSLDs is also drawing away home-based PSWs (who are typically paid around \$23,000 annually). As well, the CHSLD personal assistants will be receiving new benefits as government workers, which their EÉSAD counterparts will not be entitled to.

"All these measures put into place are helping to decimate, from week to week, the EÉSAD network which is trying to serve elderly or



vulnerable persons who have chosen to live in their own homes," said Josée Massicotte, a spokesperson for the at-home PSWs.

Since the start of the pandemic, according to Massicotte, the PSW work force has dwindled from 550 PSWs to only 83 who are still working. The association is suggesting that home-based PSW's salaries should be greatly increased, the work of the PSWs should be given more professional recognition, and the financial stability of the EÉSAD network should be increased.

## Their clients are suffering

Massicotte provided several examples of EÉSAD clients and what they are going through

now.

Jonathan is severely handicapped and quadriplegic. As such, he can't do his own housekeeping nor can he prepare his own food. Before the COVID-19 pandemic started, a PSW went into his home once a week to clean and every two weeks to prepare meals. Now after more than 10 weeks, his home has become very untidy, and he also needs help doing his clothes washing. While he's been an EÉSAD client for years, they have no workers available to tend to his needs.

Marthe and Jocelyn are parents in a family that is currently being supervised by the Quebec youth protection office. Marthe has mental health problems and suffers from depression.

Jocelyn is confined to a motorized wheelchair and has to receive nourishment in liquid form through a straw. They have a four-year-old son who has an attention-deficit disorder. The youth protection office has ordered that their housekeeping should be done by a PSW once a week, and this is a condition for them to keep their child. However, according to Massicotte, this family hasn't been able to receive help from an EÉSAD PSW through most of the COVID-19 pandemic.

## Unable to get PSW help

Nicole lives in a subsidized low-rent housing project and has reduced autonomy. She tends not to do proper housekeeping in her apartment. Her sister who lives outside Montreal used to come help her, but can no longer do so because of COVID-19 travel restrictions. A worker at the housing project informed the EÉSAD that Nicole had become depressed and was no longer eating. As well, her apartment is now very untidy, garbage is accumulating and not being disposed of properly and the smell is getting out into the public hallway. The EÉSAD has almost no one to help her.

Finally, Rita is 96 years old and has had a leg amputated. Currently, she is receiving EÉSAD service at home. However, at the beginning of the pandemic she didn't receive service for two weeks. Isolated and regarded as highly vulnerable, she has no family to provide help and no other other means other than EÉSAD support to receive food. According to the EÉSAD network, her usual PSW has been contemplating quitting to seek the better-remunerated work at CHSLDs.

# Quebec issues reminder about backyard pool safety regulations

*Upsurge in pool sales predicted, following COVID-19 pandemic*

(PXN) In view of a drastic increase in backyard swimming pool sales anticipated this summer because of distancing rules made necessary by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Quebec Municipal Affairs Ministry has issued a reminder to potential new pool owners about the regulations regarding the installation of this type of equipment in Quebec.

Among other things, the rules state that all new swimming pools must be surrounded by a protective fence, unless it is an above-ground pool with a height of at least 1.2 metres, or at least 1.4 metres in the case of a pool that can be taken apart.

In the case of a protective fence, it must be 1.2 metres high, and must be able to prevent a spherical object measuring 10 centimetres from passing through. As well, it must be built

in such a way as to not facilitate anyone climbing on it.

## Rules to be followed

In addition, any access gate to the pool must be equipped with a security mechanism that allows the gate to close and lock automatically. Any patio or terrace adjacent to the pool must be equipped with a surrounding fence and gate in order to restrict access.

A municipal permit is required to build, install or to replace a pool, or to erect any kind of structure giving access to or restricting access to a swimming pool. The ministry noted that municipalities may adopt stricter rules than those contained in the provincial regulations. Pool owners are invited to learn more from their respective municipal authorities about the local regulations governing swimming pools.



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Health Canada advises consumers stop using Akwaton International Multipurpose Wipes



Health Canada is advising Canadians to stop using Akwaton International Multipurpose Wipes. These disinfectant wipes are labelled to contain polyhexamethylene guanidine hydrochloride (PHMG) at a concentration of 0.05 per cent (500 ppm).

According to Health Canada, this ingredient is used as a biocidal disinfectant, but it is not approved for use in Canada. It can cause skin irritation or an allergic reaction, especially in vulnerable populations such as children.

Health Canada says this product has not been authorized, which means it has not been reviewed for its safety, efficacy or quality.

Since January 2019, Fosfaton-Akwaton International Ltd. has distributed an estimated 588 boxes (25 wipes per box) in Canada. In addition to not being authorized by Health Canada, the product expired in November 2015. As a result, says the health agency, the active ingredient may no longer be effective and the water in the product may have evaporated, raising the concentration of PHMG.

Health Canada recalls certain hand sanitizers



Health Canada is advising people across the country that certain hand sanitizers are being recalled from the market because they contain industrial-grade ethanol that has not been authorized for use in hand sanitizers in Canada.

According to the federal ministry, industrial-grade ethanol contains impurities that are not found in the type of ethanol approved for use in manufacturing hand sanitizers, such as technical-grade, food-grade or pharmaceutical-grade ethanol. In addition, chemicals that may not be approved for use in hand sanitizers are added to industrial-grade ethanol.

Frequent use of these products may result in dry skin, causing irritation or cracking. Since industrial-grade ethanol has not been approved for use in hand sanitizers in Canada, the department says it has not reviewed it for safety or efficacy. Here is a list of affected products:

Product	Recalling Company	NPN or DIN	Lot numbers	Expiry Date	Date Added
Eltraderm Hand Sanitizer – 70 % Ethyl Alcohol	Eltraderm Limited	80098540	0217	April 2022	June 6, 2020
Hand Sanitizer	Contract Packaging Distributions Inc.	80098453	8613026 8613042 8613048 8613055 8613057 8613058 8613061 8613064 8613066	April 2022	June 6, 2020
Gel 700 Hand Sanitizer	Nature's Own Cosmetic Company Inc.	80100166	8613026 8613042 8613048 8613055 8613057 8613058 8613061 8613064 8613066	May 2022	June 6, 2020
Sanilabs Hand Sanitizer 70% Ethanol	Sanilabs Inc.	80098769	6069	April 20, 2022	June 6, 2020
6075 Walker Emulsions Hand Sanitizer	April 28, 2022 Walker Emulsions Ltd.	80098678	209638	Not printed on the label	June 6, 2020
Hand Sanitizer Désinfectant pour les mains	Walker Emulsions Ltd.	80100040	210061	Not printed on the label	June 6, 2020

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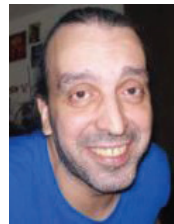
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**MUZZO, Antonio**  
1935 - 2020

It is with deep sadness that the family announces the passing of ANTONIO MUZZO on Saturday, June 06, 2020 at the age of 85. He will be sadly missed by his beloved wife Graziella Caputo Muzzo, his loving children Mario (Antoinette), Silvana ( Miro) and Robert (Geneviève), his cherished grandchildren Michael, Lisa (Luca), Brenden, Jessica, Nicolas, Chloé and Luca as well as other relatives and friends.



**DINIZ, Elder**  
1963 - 2020

At his residence in Montreal, on May 30, 2020, at the age of 56 years, passed away Mr. Elder Diniz after a very long fight against the disease. He is survived by his spouse Monique, his son Jaime, his father Joaquin (Maria de Melo), his mother Maria as well as several cousins and friends. He was the brother of the late Peter Diniz.



**GRAVEL, Francoise**  
1937 - 2020

In Montreal, Monday June 1, 2020 passed away, at the age of 82, FRANCOISE GRAVEL. She is survived by her son Emmanuel (Haida Renée), her sisters Éliane (Paul-Henri) and Dolores, her grandchildren Michelle Ornella, Yanis Emmanuel, Maelys and Marc, her friends Jacqueline Lemay and Rachel Paquin as well as several other parents and friends. Ms. Gravel was part of the group of God's volunteers.



**PREZIOSO, Giuseppe**  
1940 - 2020

It is with great sadness that we announce the sudden death of Giuseppe Nicola Prezioso (Nick) on Monday June 1, 2020, two days after the celebration of his 80th birthday. Nicola was a devoted and loving husband of almost 59 years, Carmela Mezzanotte. She was not only the love of his life, but also his best friend and partner in everything he did. Her last minutes reflected their relationship, cooking together and joking. He cherished his family life and was very proud of his three children; Johnny (Sharon), Felicia and Antonietta (Paolo).



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Week of June 14 to June 20, 2020

The luckiest signs this week:  
GEMINI, CANCER AND LEO



## ARIES

You'll need to reassess your budget in detail. A group trip that you helped plan will guarantee new discoveries and adventure.



## TAURUS

You'll react impulsively to a particular situation. Remember that it's important to consult the people around you. Think carefully before you make a decision to avoid financial troubles.



## GEMINI

If you're faced with a lot of unanswered questions about your life, you'll have some kind of revelation this week. A dream may reveal the solution to a professional problem.



## CANCER

This week will be stressful, and you'll need time to rest and recuperate. You'll also have some ideas about changes you can make to your home decor or elsewhere around the house.



## LEO

Despite some reservations, you'll be tasked with organizing a social event. Whether it's at your home or elsewhere, many of the people you love will come together.



## VIRGO

Every big project begins with a dream, and you'll be inspired to put your ideas into action. You're seeking a more interesting personal and professional future.



## LIBRA

You'll feel overwhelmed with emotion this week, but the experience will inspire profound change. This may prompt you to embark on a revelatory pilgrimage.



## SCORPIO

You and your partner must learn to share your goals and move forward together. At times, it's necessary to take a step back so you can see the path ahead more clearly.



## SAGITTARIUS

You'll be involved in important negotiations at work that'll cause a lot of stress. Even if you're not single, someone may declare their love and leave you confused.



## CAPRICORN

A bruised ego may be what you need to strengthen your self-confidence. It's not always easy to find yourself in the spotlight.



## AQUARIUS

One of your children will impress you with an accomplishment. You'll be filled with pride, even if it's a small achievement. Your outspoken nature will lead you to great success at work.



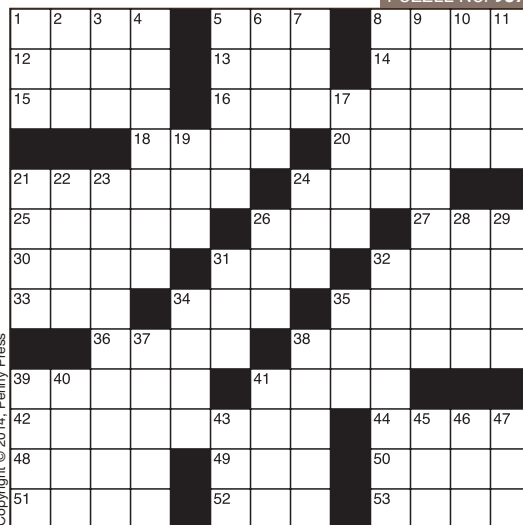
## PISCES

You may decide to sell the family home, especially if your kids moved out a while ago. The time has come to live a more passionate life.

# Coffee Break

## CROSSWORDS

PUZZLE NO. 987



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## ACROSS

1. Smear
5. Sleuth
8. Small carpets
12. Monster in a fairy tale
13. "\_\_\_ Life to Live"
14. Milky gemstone
15. Lady's man
16. Ocean scene
18. Misfortunes
20. Hurler
21. Seeps out
24. Tidy
25. Aspired
26. Beret or beanie
27. Wet earth
30. Branding \_\_\_
31. Jimmy
32. Extremely
33. Permit

## DOWN

34. Manta \_\_\_
35. Burn slightly
36. Cake froster
38. Colored
39. Swiped
41. Advanced, as money
42. Floor covering
44. Tooth pain
48. Abel's father
49. Breach
50. Hoodlum
51. Howl
52. Stomach
53. Viewed
1. Boxer or dachshund
2. Length of life
3. Coffee server
4. In the middle of
5. Medicinal portions
6. Lab suffixes
7. Herbal beverage
8. Frosting flavor
9. Rental housing
10. Package sealer
11. Large quantity
17. Footfall
19. Kooky
21. Scoop out water
22. Former Italian currency
23. Full of feeling
24. Thumbs-down vote
26. Bawl
28. Desire
29. Changed hue
31. Golf goal
32. Old
34. Angler's tool
35. Moral misdeed
37. Walk noisily
38. Lure
39. Do in, as a dragon
40. Ocean cycle
41. Hawaiian feast
43. Breakfast food
45. Shy
46. Tend the garden
47. "Howards \_\_\_"

# 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. 712

5			9	7				8
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## Last Issues' Answers

## CROSSWORDS

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## Sudoku

3	9	6	5	1	4	7	2	8
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7	6	1	2	4	5	8	9	3
6	1	8	4	5	3	2	7	9
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Following the most recent requests from the provincial government regarding the spread of COVID-19, we wish to confirm that all Cinémas Guzzo will be closed until March 26th.

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