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# Borough recognizes local athlete and announces speed limit reductions on Jarry



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The borough held its regularly scheduled monthly borough council meeting last Tuesday evening Jul. 5, where elected officials met to answer questions from citizens and vote on borough initiatives.

This month, the borough recognized the achievements of a local athlete while announcing a speed limit change on Jarry and the launch of two new public consultation campaigns.

The meeting takes place on the first Tuesday of each month when citizens can attend in person or virtually. Citizens can send in their questions to be answered by the mayor, city councillors and borough administrators.

Borough Mayor Laurence Lavigne Lalonde and city councillors Mary Deros, Sylvain Ouellet and Josué Corvil were present at the meeting.

## Alyson Charles recognized by the borough

This month's meeting saw the return of the signing of the Golden Book, where the borough celebrates the achievements of a resident. This time it was the turn of local Olympic speed skater Alyson Charles.

"It's an occasion to underline the career or exploits of someone from the borough," said Borough Mayor Laurence Lavigne Lalonde, adding that she thought it "important to underline the journey of an inspiring athlete, Alyson Charles."

She started speed skating at the age of 5 and trained with the *Club de patinage de vitesse de Saint-Michel* throughout her childhood, competing in the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympics. "Ms. Charles is a source of motivation, inspiration and pride for the local community in the borough," added the Mayor.

"It is a great pleasure to invite you to come and sign the borough's Golden Book," said the Mayor. In addition to the Mayor, Charles signed the Golden Book alongside her father Ralph Charles and Ginette Bourassa from the *Club de patinage de vitesse de Saint-Michel*.

## Public consultation launched for De Castelnau

During her introduction speech, the Mayor announced the launch of two public consultation campaigns for upcoming construction projects around De Castelnau in Parc-Extension and the George-Vernot Park in Saint-Michel.

"We have two consultations presently ongoing at the borough, the entire De Castelnau sector around Parc station has to be rebuilt," said Lavigne Lalonde about the area that had recently been at the centre of a citizen mobilization campaign to have a longstanding fence removed.

"In the interest of permeability between neighbourhoods and consistency of development, the streets around the Parc Station will also be redesigned to improve the quality of life in the area," wrote the City.

Residents are invited to share their suggestions for the project through the city's online consultation platform *Réalisons Montréal*. More details about the project are available on the city's website.

## Speed limit change on Jarry

The borough council also announced it would implement a speed limit reduction on Jarry West and the inclusion of a 30km/h school zone between Birnam and De l'Épée. This will lower the speed limit between de l'Acadie and Saint-Laurent from 50km/h to 40km/h.

"One of the measures put forward to improve local traffic flow, while increasing citizens' sense of safety, is to reduce speed limits on borough streets and introduce 30 km/h maximum speed zones around schools," read decisional documents published by the borough.

Many residents have complained that Jarry and surrounding residential streets are used as transitory arteries for vehicles on their way to Highway 40. The borough justified its decision stating the change would increase security around Barclay and Camille-Laurin.

"This speed reduction measure will encourage drivers to change their behaviour and ensure a safe space for all users by re-balancing the place given to different modes of transportation," added the Borough.



**Olympic speed skater Alyson Charles signed the boroughs' Golden Book, highlighting her successes as an athlete.**  
Photo: Villeray—Saint-Michel—Parc-Extension

"I must underline the great participation of citizens in the consultation process," said city councillor for Parc-Extension Mary Deros, adding that more actions will be taken to secure streets for the families and citizens of Park Ex.

## Funding to community organizations

Among other decisions, the Borough also announced it would renew its contract with the Corporation de *Gestion des Loisirs du Parc* for the reception, supervision, management and

sanitary maintenance of the William-Hingston Centre.

The Borough also announced the payment of a total financial contribution of \$5,000 to 9 local organizations in the borough, including \$500 to Maison Ghana-Canada, \$500 to Solidarité Canada-Bangladesh and \$1,000 to Villeray Running Club.

The next regularly scheduled borough council meeting will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2022. Residents can tune in virtually or in-person and send in their questions to be answered by borough officials.



**Prime Minister Justin Trudeau -who is also the MP for Papineau- had lunch recently with borough mayor Laurence Lavigne Lalonde and borough councillors Sylvain Ouellet, Mary Deros, and Frantz Benjamin. The elected officials discussed mostly about cooperating in order to achieve more services for their constituents.**





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# OPINION & Editorial



## Each Canadian owes \$56,000 in government debt *We're being bribed with our great-grandchildren's money*

Fifty-six thousand dollars. That's the average amount each Canadian will owe in provincial and federal government debt by the end of the year.

Much of this debt will likely be shovelled onto the backs of Canadians' kids and grandkids. As columnist Chris Nelson warns, "we are no longer being bribed with our own money. We're being bribed with our great-grandchildren's money."

But the debt isn't just a problem for tomorrow; it's impacting Canadians right now.

First, politicians are already hiking taxes to pay for their deficit spending.

Despite promising not to tax his way out of his deficits, the Trudeau government recently increased the carbon tax, booze and payroll taxes. If you're making more than \$40,000 then your federal tax bill will increase this year.

Trudeau's two pandemic budgets also contain a raft of new taxes such as luxury goods taxes, a tax on foreigners that own vacant homes, an anti-flipping tax and higher taxes on banks and insurance companies that push up fees. If the Trudeau government wasn't borrowing so much money, it would have more room to lower taxes to ease the rising cost of living.

Then there are the new taxes politicians and bureaucrats are musing about.

A report from the Ministry of the Environment includes a recommendation for a new tax on trucks that could cost between \$1,000 and \$4,000 per vehicle. Trudeau requested an analysis of a potential wealth tax to explore the "merit of the policy." The government spent hundreds of thousands on a study that recommends a new home equity tax, while Trudeau's staff met twice with the group that received federal funding to study the tax.

Taxpayers also need to worry about the agreement between the federal Liberals and the New Democrats. The NDP promised to raise nearly every tax under the sun during the last election, including hiking income taxes, business taxes, and capital gains taxes, along with imposing a wealth tax, excess profits tax, luxury tax and a tax on foreign home buyers.

Government debt also directly fuels inflation when the feds use the printing press to finance deficits. That's because the more dollars the central bank prints, the less your dollars buy. During the pandemic, the central bank printed more the \$300 billion out of thin air largely by purchasing federal government debt.

More borrowing also means more money wasted on interest charges. This year, interest charges on federal and provincial government debt will cost each Canadian more than \$1,000.

That's money that can't stay in Canadians' pockets to ease the pain of inflation because that money is being paid to the bond fund managers on Bay Street.

When politicians aren't forced to balance the budget, they are less likely to put every penny of spending under the microscope. From \$11 million spent renovating the prime minister's country retreat to spending \$8,800 on a sex toy show in Germany, \$80,000 on airplane food during a week-long trip and giving \$295 million to the Ford Motor Company, the feds are wasting a lot of money that would be better spent by the Canadians who are being overtaxed.

The first step to shrinking the government debt bill is balancing the budget, as the governments in New Brunswick and Alberta have done. Trudeau could balance the federal budget by 2024 by bringing spending down to pre-pandemic levels, adjusted upward for inflation and population growth. And Trudeau was already spending all-time highs before the pandemic.

Canadians don't have tens of thousands of dollars lying around to pay their politicians' credit card bills. Politicians need to find savings before taxpayers get clobbered.

*Franco Terrazzano is the Federal Director of the Canadian Taxpayers Federation*

## Canada should get off the Covid-19 vaccination train *COVID will go around forever, endlessly mutating but relatively benign*

If public health, a vibrant economy and preserving our constitutional freedoms were the goal, then Canadian institutions have gotten nearly everything wrong when it comes to COVID-19.

Government policy, academia and mainstream media have fallen to COVID-ism, a condition where the COVID narrative formed in March 2020 must be maintained at all costs and dissent can't be tolerated. This sickness must be stopped before it destroys our lives and our country.

The latest manifestation of COVID-ism was the announcement by the federal government that Canadians should get booster shots every nine months. This followed a report by the National Advisory Committee on Immunization.

"Protection is minimal by six months since the second dose in adults," the authors said, noting 86 per cent of Canadians over the age of five had received at least that many. Because COVID protection was "approximately 10 to 20 per cent higher following a third dose," the authors suggested booster shots should be offered, though they stopped short of recommending them.

The federal government, however, wants the vaccine train to keep chugging.

In early July, Health Minister Jean-Yves Duclos said, "Fully vaccinated" makes no sense now. It's about 'up-to-date.' So, am I up-to-date in my vaccination? Have I received a vaccination in the last nine months?"

Canada's chief public health officer Dr. Theresa Tam agrees.

"Discussions on whether the definition of up-to-date should be included in vaccine passes is an ongoing discussion," Tam said.

"I would advise getting that booster shot and masking and improving ventilation."

Maybe we shouldn't take advice from someone who calls for masking and better ventilation in the same difficult breath. The two are inherently contradictory. That's what an occupational health and safety expert testified in a disciplin-

ary hearing for Calgary chiropractor Curtis Wall, who, armed with a medical exemption, kept his face naked during the pandemic.

The expert testified that the N95 mask should be called a "breathing barrier" because it offers no ventilation. Every person he tested who wore one had such low levels of oxygen and high levels of carbon dioxide that were considered unsafe if found in the natural air.

The tribunal banned publication of the names of this expert and others who testified – an example of COVID-ism in itself. A respirologist testified that masking the general public did more harm than good and pointed to the DANMASK-19 study that found them ineffective. "In some jurisdictions, we have seen the highest rates ever despite vaccinations, restrictions, et cetera," he said.

A professor of viral immunology testified that COVID vaccines only helped where the virus reached the bottom of the respiratory tract, but the latest mutations tend not to get there.

"Current data suggest that [vaccines] are not reducing the spread of the disease at all. ... In fact, the remarkable phenomenon and of concern to me is that we're actually seeing cases occurring predominantly among the fully vaccinated, which might actually be evidence of vaccine-enhanced disease," the professor said in January.

"If somebody has natural immunity, they're actually going to be the most protected in the context of Omicron, and they're going to be the ones that spread the SARS-Coronavirus-2 to the least of anybody in Canada right now."

An Israeli study in August 2021 found that people who received COVID vaccines were 13.06 times more likely to get a "breakthrough infection" with the Delta variant than those who had been previously infected in January or February of that year. Those infected previously were still almost six times better protected.

The European Union recognized that those who recovered from the virus were worthy of

vaccine passports. A vaccine certificate, test certificate or certificate of recovery allowed valid travel across borders. Recent data suggests Canada should take a similar approach when the "suspension" of vaccine passports is finally lifted.

Public Health Agency of Canada data from May 1 to June 5, 2022, reported 127,262 COVID cases. The unvaccinated here numbered 8,436 (seven per cent), while 74,118 (58 per cent) were triple-vaccinated. Hospitals had an influx of 7,625 patients, with the unvaccinated accounting for 1,065 (14 per cent) and the triple-jabbed 4,590 (70 per cent).

In those weeks, 1,707 people in our nation of 38.4 million died of COVID. Only 235 (14 per cent) were unvaccinated. The remainder were 1,472 vaccinated people – including 1,113 triple-vaxxed (76 per cent).

Shortly thereafter, our apparently triple-jabbed prime minister contracted COVID. "I feel okay, but that's because I got my shots," he tweeted on June 13.

Sure.

I have to share one final excerpt from the professor's testimony. "[W]e are all going to be infected, for the rest of our lifetimes, with the SARS-Coronavirus-2 repeatedly. It won't be as often as the flu because, again, it takes longer to mutate. ... They will be relatively mild to moderate infections, just like all the other endemic respiratory pathogens."

That means COVID will go around forever, endlessly mutating but relatively benign. Duclos himself recognized the first two points without conceding the third.

"We will never be fully vaccinated against COVID-19," said Duclos. "Like the virus, our immunity also evolves."

If only policies evolved when best evidence no longer supported them. This is why we should get off the vaccination train while it is still going slowly.

*Lee Harding*

# Residents recognized for their outstanding service

*Andrés Fontecilla presents medals from the National Assembly to six exceptional recipients*



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As part of Quebec's National Holiday celebrations, Laurier-Dorion MNA Andrés Fontecilla awarded 6 National Assembly of Québec Medals to recognize the community work of circum-scription residents from immigrant backgrounds.

The Québec Solidaire MNA wanted to highlight the exceptional contribution of groups and public figures of immigrant origin who are strongly committed to their communities and Quebec society.

"I am very proud to honour today here in my very multi-ethnic riding, these Quebecers who each in their own way have left their mark on our nation which has always been plural and mixed," said Fontecilla.

The medals are awarded by a Member of the Assembly to people of their choice who are deserving of recognition or as an official gift to Members of other parliaments.

## An inclusive Québec

Recipients included groups like Médecins du Monde, Brique par Brique and the Immigrant Workers Centre, along with Frantz Voltaire of the CIDIHCA and author of *Là où je me terre* Caroline Dawson.

"On the occasion of Quebec's National Holiday, I say yes to the future of an inclusive and fair Quebec that recognizes the invaluable contribution of immigrant communities to the building of Quebec society today," stated Fontecilla.

"Quebec society is also dependent on the hard work of immigrants and the talent of their children who have fully integrated into the Quebec nation all while consolidating Quebec's common

language, French," added the MNA.

## Brique par Brique

Parc-Extension-based community organization Brique par Brique was among the medal recipients due to their work in building infrastructure and social housing for vulnerable residents.

The group was recognized for its sustained effort to build infrastructure for social change by bringing diverse people together around community spaces and housing noted Fontecilla.

"We will continue to fight to create social housing for our communities here in Parc-Extension and this medal is the result of collective work, a motivated team with an unwavering energy to support the community by seeking concrete and sustainable solutions," said Faiz Abhuani, director and founder of Brique par Brique.

The group recently acquired a building on De l'Épée Ave where they plan to build 31 new social housing units to house low-income residents and people who have been evicted. They also recently opened a community centre on Beaumont Ave.

## Médecins du Monde Canada

Another group awarded during the ceremony was Médecins du Monde Canada, a medical advocacy organization based in the borough working to ensure healthcare for people who are excluded and in vulnerable situations.

Among other initiatives, the group spearheaded an identification and residence card program for people on precarious immigration status. The card is accepted by the City of Montreal and grants access to city services such as libraries and recreational facilities.

"Médecins du Monde is honoured to receive this recognition from the National Assembly after many years of advocacy with various governments," said Dr. David-Martin Milot,



**Dr. David-Martin Milot accepted the medal on behalf of the healthcare advocacy organization Médecins du Monde Canada. Photo: Rosa Pires**

President of Médecins du Monde Canada.

## Immigrant Workers Centre

The Immigrant Workers Centre was also awarded a medal due to its sustained work in the field of defending the rights and dignity of immigrants.

"To know that our work on the ground for all these years on behalf of workers is recognized, our struggle to improve their working conditions and to advance social and economic justice in Quebec, is quite an honour today," said Mr. Eric Shragge, President of the Board of Directors of the Immigrant Workers Center.

The centre has been operating since 2000 and works closely with immigrant workers across the city. Their main objectives include popular education about workers' rights and improving living and working conditions for immigrant

workers, reads their website.

## Many more recipients

Other laureates included l'Association des Locataires de Villeray (ALV), Frantz Voltaire and Caroline Dawson.

The ALV has been advocating for tenants' rights for 45 years now, which Fontecilla said was worth recognizing especially given the increasingly severe effects the housing crisis is having on people in the area.

Caroline Dawson was also awarded the medal for sharing her family's story of integration into their host society in her novel *Là où je me terre*, while Frantz Voltaire was recognized for his work with the Centre International de Documentation et d'Information Haïtienne, Caribéenne et Afro-Canadienne.



Here is a little recap; Maria has qualified for the Study at MD Anderson in Houston Texas, with the amazing Dr. Nieto. This clinical trial consists of infusing cord blood-derived natural killer cells combined with experimental molecule named AFM13.

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# Canada Day returns to Park Ex

*Residents gather to celebrate Canada's national day after 2-year hiatus*



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After over two years of pandemic lockdowns and bans on large outdoor gatherings, Park Extension finally came together again to celebrate Canada Day with music, dancing, food and games at the Parc Metro plaza.

Organized by the National Bangladeshi-Canadian Council (NBCC) for its 18th edition, the event on Jul. 1 attracted hundreds of residents from all walks of life who wanted to celebrate their country.

"Following the COVID-19 pandemic, the National Council of Bangladeshi-Canadians (NBCC) organized the 155th Canada Day in Park Extension following the multiple restrictions related to the pandemic, which gave a



Celebrations kicked off at around 2 PM and ran into the evening until around 8 PM with a free halal barbecue. Photo: Monir Hossain



Hundreds gathered to celebrate Canada Day with music, dancing, food and games at the Parc Metro plaza. Photo: Monir Hossain.

successful result in the format of an outdoor event that was able to gather hundreds of people," wrote organizers, who added the event was a glowing success.

"It's Canada's largest annual celebration with multicultural Canadian communities in Park Extension, Montreal," added organizers.

## Day-long event

The event is a long-running tradition in Parc-Extension. In a neighbourhood made up of many immigrants, some people are celebrating Canada Day for the first time in their new home.

"They wave them (flags) and say 'we're proud, it's the first time we had the Canadian flag,'" remarked Monir Hossain, president of the National Bangladeshi-Canadian Council. "There's nothing better we can do than make children happy," he added.

Celebrations kicked off with a free halal barbecue, musical acts, dancing and a cake cutting ceremony performed by local children.

Musical acts included local artists Karl Philippe Fournier, Giselle Numba One, Federico Uribe and Lucy Lambert.

## A diverse neighbourhood

The event was also attended by Borough Mayor Laurence Lavigne Lalonde, Parc-Extension city councillor Mary Deros as well as staff from the Papineau constituency office for Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

Although the Prime Minister did not attend in person, he extended his greetings to those gathered at the celebration. "It is with great pleasure that I extend my greetings to all the residents of Papineau and of our great country," wrote the PM in a statement that was read to

the crowd.

"Canada takes its strength through its diversity whatever our beliefs, our origins, the colour of our skin, our language or our sexual orientation. We are all equal in this great country," continued the statement by the Prime Minister.

"I would like to wish Montrealers a happy Canada Day," said Borough Mayor Laurence Lavigne Lalonde who attended the celebrations with her family. "After two years of the pandemic, I am really glad to be here with all of you in Parc-Extension to celebrate the diversity of our community," she stated.

## Put together by the community

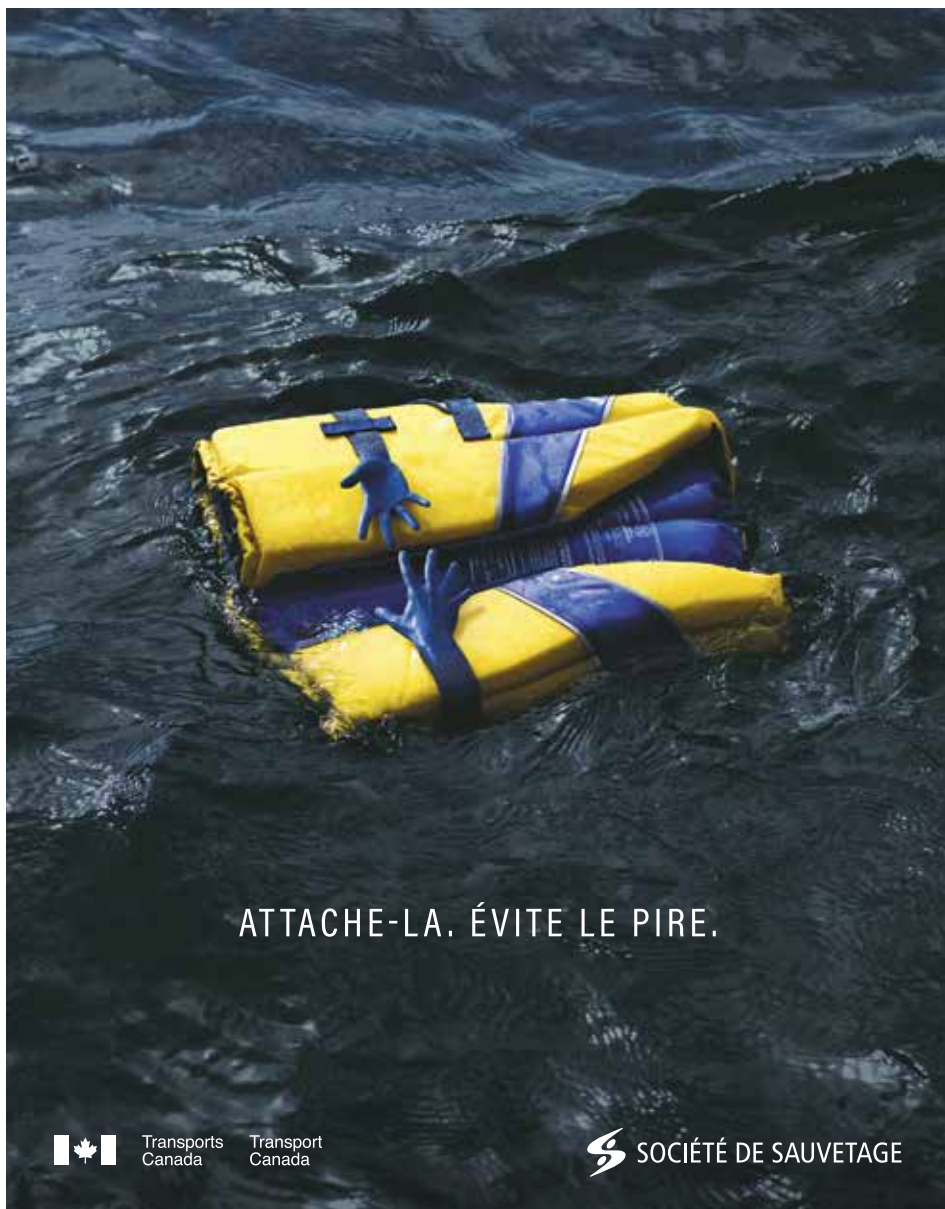
After celebrations wrapped up, the National Bangladeshi-Canadian Council thanked all those who had participated and those who helped organize the event.

"This would not have been possible without the help of our sponsors and especially the help of our community," said Hossain in a statement.

"We would like to thank our sponsors: the Government of Canada, Canadian Heritage, City of Montreal Villeray—Saint-Michel—Parc-Extension, Maxi, Pharmacie Dimitra Alevetsovitis and Wissam el-Chayeb Inc." read the statement.

"We would like to thank our artists and our volunteers as well as our special guests as well as our artists," continued Hossain, adding "our special and final thanks go to the local community of Parc-Extension who supported the realization of this event and will continue to do so in the future for our next events."

Organizers indicated that they hoped to hold a bigger celebration next year for their 19th edition.



A cake cutting ceremony was performed by local children. Photo: Monir Hossain

# Park Ex City councillor Mary Deros denounces the complete disorganization of the City

*These days going to Park Ex is an adventure*



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An adventure of ancient Greek mythological proportions similar to the myth of the labyrinth. You come in hard and you come out even more difficult. The news in an interview with the city councillor Mary Deros reveals the huge difficulties that the already paved suburb has to face. The veteran politician, who has been elected to the Park-Extension for many years, receives dozens of calls every day from indignant citizens who cannot enter the small suburb, and it is even harder to get out of it. A large series of projects has made the lives of citizens difficult while, from what Mrs. Deros told us, at the moment there are even risks of accidents, especially in the evenings.

### The beginning of the Odyssey

The evil has been going on for several months, according to the councillor. Mayor Valerie Plante had promised that she would entrust experts with the control of the execution of the works to be done in Park-Extension without making life difficult for citizens. 'But this did not happen, or at least as the indignant Mrs. Deros says, "we have not seen the results of this coordination." The municipal councillor recalls that last year, the same problems were created with numerous



construction sites of the Municipality, while at the same time, films were being made, closing even more roads. The complete lack of coordination was obvious.

### The Park-Extension impregnable fortress

At the moment on Ogilvy Street, the road has been closed from Querbes to Hutchinson while Champagneur Street has been closed from Ogilvy to Jarry and is expected to reach further afield shortly. Buses that cannot pass through their old routes must change routes, creating

even greater traffic chaos. Hydro Quebec, which is digging to change its systems and the water company, which is changing its tubes from pencil to copper, have added many more headaches. Mary Deros stressed that the traffic problem has also aggravated the situation with the collection of garbage, but our newspaper will deal with it in a separate article.

### Dangers and indignation

"In many of the projects, people have to walk on very small sidewalks and pass by stepping on wooden boards, which is very dangerous, especially for older people, especially in the

evenings," Mary Deros said. Amid the many phone calls from indignant citizens, Ms. Deros has to deal with the discomfort of the citizens who complain that they have literally spoiled their summer holidays trying to pass through the streets of Park Ex.

Speaking with the traffic manager of the municipality, Mrs. Deros received the answer that the works are absolutely necessary to be done, but without mentioning anything about the design of the various construction sites about how this could be done in such a way as to serve the people. The traffic officer of the municipality of Montreal assured her that next year, this kind of problems will be over, giving breathing space to the martyred suburb.

### Trudeau in Park Ex

Speaking about her suburb, the City Councillor also talked to us about a meeting that the Prime Minister of Canada had Justin Trudeau with the various elected representatives of Villeray-Saint-Michel-Parc-Extension. During the meeting, he referred to the prime minister's dissatisfaction with the Quebec government, mainly on the issue of federal funds allocated to low-rent programs for families with financial problems. During this conversation, the issue came to light that many of the funds earmarked for these low-cost housing programs have been allocated by the Quebec government, in other areas that are more favourable to their political careers.

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# Royal LePage maintains its 2022 forecast for the Greater Montreal Area

*Expecting property prices to show year-over-year increase of 12.5% in the final quarter of the year*

- Royal LePage expects continued price appreciation in the Greater Montreal Area through the remainder of 2022. Price forecasts for the greater regions of Toronto and Vancouver are reduced to reflect softening demand.
- Buyers are expected to adjust their purchase budget in response to rising interest rates, while sellers maintain high resale value expectations.
- Bill 96 on Quebec's official and common language to push some West Island residents to sell their homes to relocate out-of-province.
- Other regional markets in the province begin to see a shift in buyer behaviour as the summer market kicks off.

The Royal LePage House Price Survey and Market Survey Forecast released today show that property prices in the Greater Montreal Area continued to increase in the second quarter of 2022, while a slowdown in sales caused by successive interest rate hikes were observed.

According to the Survey, the aggregate price of a property in the area increased 13.9% year-over-year to \$585,700 in the second quarter of 2022. During the same period, the median price of a single-family detached house rose 18.1% year-over-year to \$660,400, while the median price of a condominium rose 11.7% year-over-year to \$452,500. Pricing data, which includes

both resale and new construction properties, is provided by Royal LePage's sister company, RPS Residential Property Solutions, a leading Canadian real estate appraisal firm.

"We are seeing a shift in buyer behaviour in the real estate market, with rising interest rates being the main factor," confirmed Marc Lefrançois, licensed real estate broker at Royal LePage Tendance in Montreal. "As the Bank of Canada announced interest rate hikes against the backdrop of high inflation, buyers began to seriously reassess their financial capacity, which reduced their enthusiasm and slowed down demand for properties in June. Sellers are not adjusting as quickly and are still keeping their expectations very high regarding the market value of their property. We are entering a new chapter signalling healthier price appreciation in the Greater Montreal Area and in the majority of Quebec markets during the second half of 2022," said Lefrançois.

Royal LePage anticipates that the aggregate price of a property in the Greater Montreal Area will end the year 12.5% higher in the fourth quarter of 2022 compared to the fourth quarter of 2021. Meanwhile, the country's other two major urban centres, the Greater Toronto Area and Greater Vancouver, have seen their forecast reduced from 16.5% to 3.0%, and from 15.0% to 5.0%, respectively, as softening demand has

resulted in quarterly price depreciation.

In the longer term, Lefrançois does not see a lasting softening in demand. Real estate remains an essential commodity and Canada continues to suffer from a structural housing deficit. Lefrançois believes that the softening market should be temporary, although it is influenced by a wide range of economic factors that are difficult to predict. Full employment and the upward trend in wages should cushion the negative effects on the economy and real estate market, not to mention the savings accumulated by households during the pandemic, which continues to stimulate the economy.

"Multiple offers are now becoming a rare occurrence and properties are selling in a few weeks, rather than a few days, as was the case at the height of the demand surge," noted Lefrançois. "Softening demand is not a cause for concern and was expected since the strength of the real estate market had become unsustainable. Properties are still selling well but at a slower pace."

listed two properties for sale in the West Island in recent weeks for owners who are looking to leave the province for this reason."

Lefrançois believes that further inventory could emerge due to households that have gone into debt by acquiring secondary residences. Some members of this group who have chosen fully variable rate financing, without taking into account the increase in interest rates, could be more vulnerable and end up having to put their property back on the market. Stock market disruptions could also affect the assets of certain households that were considering buying a property and push them out of the market. That said, inventory is trending upwards and will likely offer more options to buyers in the near future, while contributing to balancing supply and demand.

## Royal LePage House Price Survey Data

Detached single-family home			
Montreal Region	Median price Q2 2022	Q2 2022 - Q1 2021 Change (%)	Q2 2022 - Q2 2021 Change (%)
Centre	\$1,114,600	4.9%	6.2%
East	\$630,400	2.7%	20.3%
West	\$822,400	3.4%	11.4%
North Shore	\$520,800	4.2%	23.3%
South Shore	\$596,100	2.7%	15.5%
Greater Montreal	\$660,400	3.8%	18.1%

Condominium			
Montreal Region	Median price Q2 2022	Q2 2022 - Q1 2021 Change (%)	Q2 2022 - Q2 2021 Change (%)
Centre	\$535,100	0.8%	6.9%
East	\$453,300	0.8%	6.7%
West	\$423,900	1.3%	6.0%
North Shore	\$359,900	2.6%	21.5%
South Shore	\$384,700	2.9%	14.8%
Greater Montreal	\$452,500	1.3%	11.7%

\*The data in the above table may not correspond to those previously reported for the same period due to later updates in the market.

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# In Memoriam & Obituaries

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## Funeral rituals: more varied and personalized than ever

Funeral rites and rituals are evolving and diversifying at an increasingly rapid pace. Today, all manner of options are available to create a ceremony that truly reflects the personality of the deceased, no matter what his or her values were.

To say goodbye and pay your last respects to a loved one, it's possible to organize the funeral service at the location of your choosing, whether that's at home or somewhere the deceased enjoyed spending time (a golf club or a library, for example). Of course, it's important to get permission from the venue beforehand.

Cremation allows for various rituals when it comes to spreading the ashes. Ice urns and organic urns, for instance, are now commonly available on the market. The former are ideal for spreading ashes in the water: as it melts, the container slowly releases the ashes in the desired body of water. The latter are made from a biodegradable material and dissolve in the soil; the ashes are released and a tree eventually grows where the urn was buried.

Finally, grieving families have endless options when it comes to choosing a place to gather and celebrate their lost loved one. Nowadays, funeral personalization has very few limits, so don't hesitate to explore the possibilities.



**CRUZ, Nery Rolando Rubio**  
1954 — 2022

In Montreal, on Sunday July 10, 2022, at the age of 67, passed away Nery Rolando Rubio Cruz, husband of Miriam Cristina Alvarez Gonzalez.

Besides his wife, he leaves to mourn his children, his grandchildren, his brothers and sisters, as well as his brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, nephews and nieces, and several other relatives and friends.



**TARDIF, Gaëtan**  
1949 — 2022

In Quebec, on July 9, 2022, at the age of 73, Mr. Gaëtan Tardif passed away.

He is survived by his sister Rita Tardif, who took care of him until the end, his aunt Dorothée Levesque, his niece Sylvie Marquis (spouse Marco Bourassa), his nephews Vincent and Nicolas Houde, Philippe Tardif, the children of Sylvie, Justine, Antoine and Émile Morazain, his great friend Manon Bourgie, his cousins, as well as several relatives and friends.



**BRIDEAU, Rémy**  
1933 — 2022

In Montreal, on July 9, 2022 at the dawn of his 89th birthday, Mr. Rémy Brideau, son of the late Marie-Louise Paquet and the late Alphonse Brideau, passed away. Freed from his suffering, he joins his great love and wife Thérèse Bélanger, and several members of his family.

He is survived by his children Guy (Kimberley) and Renée; his grandchildren Catherine (Cédric), Anne-Marie (Jocelyn), Maryse (David), his great-grandchildren Tyler, Adrianna and Lydia; his sisters Rita and Marguerite, his brother Charles, as well as many relatives and friends.



**HIKspoors, Lambert**  
1933 — 2022

In Montreal, on July 7, 2022, at the age of 89, passed away Mr. Lambert Hikspoors, widower of Mrs. Adeleida Litjens.

He is survived by his children William (France), Maryann (Martin) and Hank (Radhika), his grandchildren Nathan, Mark, Malcolm, Alisha and Deven as well as other relatives and friends.

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# HOROSCOPE

Week of JULY 17 TO 23, 2022

The luckiest signs this week:  
**TAURUS, GEMINI AND CANCER**



## ARIES

Your body may be on the job, but your heart will want to party. A promotion announced at work should provoke some demonstration of your joy. Vacation is meant for fun; try to enjoy it.



## TAURUS

You'll have lots to get done while dealing with some confusion. Take a few moments of reflection before springing into action. You'll refill on imagination and be able to create a true masterpiece.



## GEMINI

You have a great entourage, but you'll inevitably have to raise your voice to be heard. You may feel some fatigue after that, so be sure to get some rest. You may need to rely on hindsight this week.



## CANCER

You'll find yourself with a host of responsibilities on your hands, and time will be scarce. Even on vacation, you'll need to use a diary to coordinate the activities you want to do.



## LEO

You'll take a spontaneous vacation. You'll find the pleasure you're looking for. You may consider the idea of going back to school to launch a new, more stimulating career.



## VIRGO

You'll be emotional, which signals that you need to make a change. After some effort and a big clean-up, you'll find your smile again. It's all a matter of simply getting your priorities back in line.



## LIBRA

You'll be well equipped to negotiate in both business and personal matters. Don't refrain from shopping; you'll find some true treasures at ridiculous prices. You'll also be able to resolve a conflict.



## SCORPIO

You'll have a hectic week both at work and at home. Vacation or not, there'll be numerous details to consider and adjust to satisfy everyone. You'll need to keep an eye on every detail.



## SAGITTARIUS

You'll feel a sense of ease when all eyes are on you. If you open your mouth, people will hang on to your every word; don't leave anything out. There's a lot to be proud of.



## CAPRICORN

You'll spend part of the week at home. You'll get several tasks done to improve your environment and quality of life. You'll welcome a family member into your home.



## AQUARIUS

You'll travel some distance to be with your family. You'll give yourself a vacation in line with your expectations without sparing any expense.



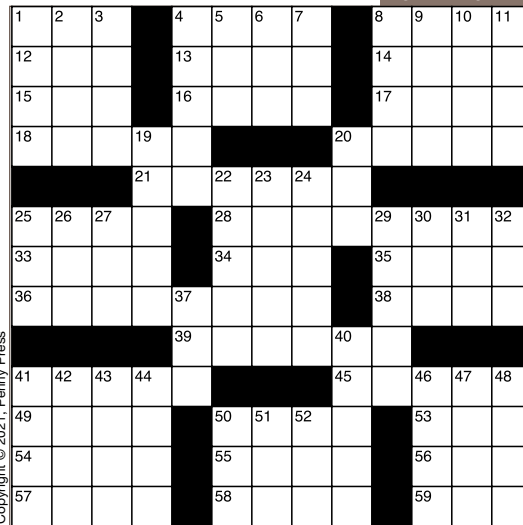
## PISCES

Despite sending out numerous invitations to take part in an activity, you'll find responses are slow in coming. Everyone will show up in the end. The summer may inspire you to consider a whole new career.

# Coffee Break

## CROSSWORDS

PUZZLE NO. 129



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### ACROSS

1. Because
4. Printed mistake
8. Sitting above
12. Chopper
13. Leash
14. Longing
15. Peg used by golfers
16. Card game stake
17. Cultivate
18. Discontinued
20. Celestial visitor
21. Refund
25. Deli order
28. Sticky substance
33. Filled with wonder
34. Shoe tip
35. Specialists
36. Evolves
38. Corrosive liquids
39. Joins
41. Between
45. Deck opening
49. Gold fabric

### DOWN

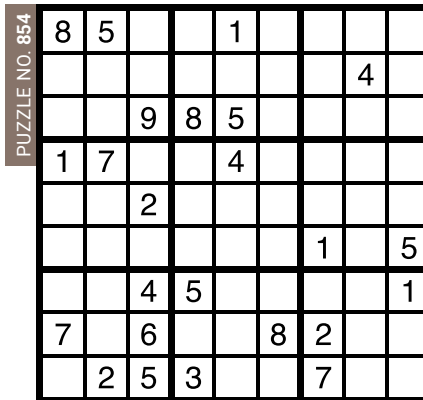
1. Doom
2. Yoked beasts
3. Marsh plant
4. Barter
5. Craving
6. Peach seed
7. "\_\_\_ Good Cop"
8. Convertible, e.g.
9. Cut to size
10. Eyeball
11. Animal skin
19. Eat away
20. Average mark
22. Majorette's wand
23. Pass into law
24. "\_\_\_ Foolish Things"
25. Used to own
26. Fleecy mom
27. Gun, as a motor
29. Mexican sauce
30. Frozen
31. Sign of triumph
32. Double curve
37. Chair support
40. Limerick
41. Porters
42. Manufacture
43. Indication of future events
44. Robin's retreat
46. Sprig
47. Apple's middle
48. Command to Fido
50. Unmatched
51. Woman's undergarment
52. Cock an \_\_\_

# 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.**

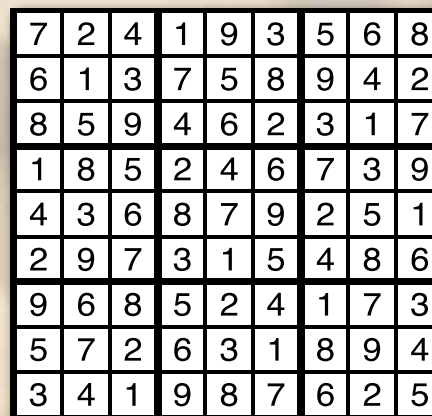


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