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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ten years ago, our Table de quartier was going through a difficult period with little community and partner involvement, no strategic plan, little credibility, only one employee and a limited budget. Today, despite the pandemic, the Table has continued to grow. It has: a director and 6 employees with various talents and roles in project management, mobilization, communication; seven active working committees such as Youth Action, Families Downtown, Seniors Downtown, Inclusion-Immigration, Food Security, Housing and Green Spaces; a robust and concerted strategic plan, about 30 active community partners, a respectable website and an increased presence on social networks, a collective impact project that has had significant results in terms of infrastructure, such as new schools and a community center under development, as well as new green spaces.

In short, we're doing well, and that's good. There will be no shortage of challenges, especially in the post-Covid era, and I am confident that together we will be able to build a livable neighbourhood in our image. A neighborhood to live in safety, in greenery and in family. I wish you good continuity dear citizens and actors of our community, and when I see the new blood that arrives at the board of directors of our table, I leave you in full confidence.

Art Campbell, President

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

A very special year is coming to an end at the Table de quartier during which we have continued our beautiful mission of mobilization, representation and development of projects to better serve the population of Peter-McGill. The pandemic having exacerbated the existing challenges in terms of food security and isolation, we have, among other things, promoted the granting of an additional \$70,000 in the neighbourhood through our collaboration with Philanthropic Foundation Canada. In terms of cohabitation, we have organized sharing and mediation meetings around cohabitation issues that took place in Cabot Square. Thanks to the increased support of Centraide, the Ville-Marie Borough and the office of MNA Jennifer Maccarone, we were able to add a 6th human resource to the Neighbourhood Table to better respond to these challenges.

The team continues to do an excellent job of mobilizing residents on land use issues, ensuring good information sharing with partners and residents of the neighbourhood, and contributing to the development of essential services for the different populations of the neighbourhood. Of course, the pandemic has also brought its share of mobilization challenges, but we continue to work hard to maintain a quality social net.

Finally, we are very invested in the development of the future Sanaaq Community and Cultural Centre, and look forward to moving there in 2023!

All of this work is made possible by the hard work of the Table's employees, the involvement of neighbourhood residents, and our valued partners and funders. I would like to warmly thank all of them with whom I had the great pleasure to collaborate again this year.

Stéphane Febbrari, Director



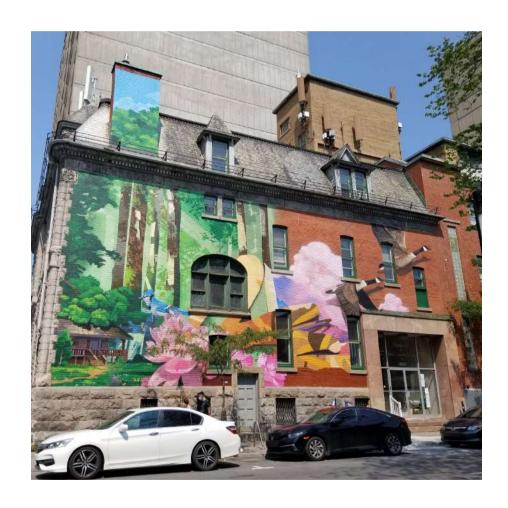
ABOUT THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Our mission

The mission of the Peter-McGill Community Council is to bring together and promote collaboration between the district's residents, businesses, workers and students, as well as the organizations that serve them. The Council aims to foster a sense of belonging to the neighborhood and encourage active involvement in community life by creating a place where stakeholders can express their concerns, collectively determine priorities for action and feel empowered to improve quality of life in the neighborhood.



A new look for our offices



The mural project with artist Ankhone, in which several young residents collaborated by sending us their visions of a "secret garden", embellishes the walls of the building in which the offices of the Peter-McGill Community Council are located. In addition, thanks to the Peter-McGill Éco-quartier initiative, the surrounding site has also been redeveloped.

OUR NEW STRATEGIC PLAN 2021-2026

The Process

With our 2018-2021 strategic plan coming to an end, through valiant efforts and member input, we have designed our new strategic plan that will now span 5 years. To build this strategic plan, we consulted and exchanged extensively with people in the neighborhood to ensure it appropriately addresses their needs.













Fall 2020: 2 major events, one on the assessment of the 2018-21 plan with an exchange on the elements to remove, add and modify. Another event on a presentation of the neighborhood portrait followed by an exchange on the issues to prioritize. Over **100 participants** in total for these two events.

Winter 2021: surveys on the actions to be prioritized and the desire to get involved on the major issues identified + individual interviews with targeted groups. About **60 respondents**.

Spring 21: 2 focus groups on axis 1 and 2, then axis 3 and 4. About 40 participants in total.

Summer 21: Drafting of the plan with a committee of board members and team - 3 meetings

Fall 2021: Presentation of the strategic plan and discussion with about 50 members of the Table.

The 4 main themes

Through this process, our strategic plan was defined along 4 main themes:

Theme 1 - An Affordable Downtown

Encourage land use planning that considers the needs of residents as well as contribute to the development of 500 new affordable social and community housing units.

Theme 2 - A Sustainable Neighbourhood

Contribute to the creation of 2 new significant green and recreational spaces, 3 green alleys, and 5 small parks and/or social spaces and preserve existing green spaces while facilitating controlled access to institutional green spaces.

Theme 3 - An Engaging and Enriching Neighbourhood Life

Encourage the development of a sense of belonging to the neighbourhood and stimulate citizen involvemen, promote the inclusion of a diversity of residents and/or users in the activities of the Table de quartier and contribute to a more harmonious cohabitation between the different populations of the downtown area.

Theme 4 - A Community in Solidarity

Stimulate the development of food security initiatives, contribute to the improvement of the services for all residents of the neighbourhood while supporting neighborhood organizations and promoting solidarity between groups.

ACTIVITY REPORT 2020-2021

Urban Planning and Community Life

Collective Impact Project approach (CIP) - My Peter-McGill

Launched in May 2017, My Peter-McGill is a project involving neighborhood residents and organizations to support the development of public spaces in the neighborhood. According to the residents consulted as part of the CIP, there is a real sense of frustration about the little place they are given in the development choices for their neighborhood leading to a risk of demobilizing their involvement. The development of the district is in the hands of the entrepreneurs. The absence of elementary school as well as the lack of green and recreational spaces also leads to a withdrawal of certain communities into themselves, resulting in a decrease in the social mix and, consequently, challenges of inclusion. The lack of social housing also contributes to the difficulty of inclusion and retention of families in the downtown core. Providing the urban space with collective facilities that foster a sense of belonging and a connection between people is seen as a priority.

The goal of the initiative is to revitalize and mobilize around these common civic assets through advocacy and coalition building activities as well as citizen mobilization actions with all residents of the neighbourhood.

With the pandemic and virtual mobilization, we have learned several things over the past year. In particular, the fact that individual follow-ups with a smaller number of citizens can have a positive impact. Indeed, the participants really feel that they are making a difference. Furthermore, allowing residents to develop and present their projects themselves to elected officials and borough employees is a very motivating aspect of their involvement. This is especially true since the citizens are then much more informed about the way the various city departments operate and the processes involved in carrying out projects.

The past year has shown us that the increased presence of mobilization agents, even online, is necessary to maintain citizen mobilization in the neighbourhood. It would be impossible for 1 employee (project manager) to effectively carry out partnership development, political representation and citizen mobilization.

Neighborhood Life & Green Spaces Committee

The Neighborhood Life Committee was able to work remotely on the creation of a brochure mapping the green spaces (parks, gardens, green alleys, etc.) in order to propose a green path to the residents of the neighborhood. Combined with the mapping of vacant lots and surface parking lots, the committee members began the process of converting a vacant lot into green space. This project was presented and selected as part of the participatory budget process.

However, the project was not retained in the final phase of the program. The committee also designed a new space on the Evangel site, in collaboration with La Pépinière. A sum of \$5000 was obtained thanks to the support of Centraide to develop the space. The new green space was inaugurated in September, and since then seems to be very appreciated by the inhabitants of the neighborhood.



Photo: Plan of the converted space produced by La Pépinière





Photos: Construction and inauguration of the new space on the Evangel site

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A second discussion-café was also organized by the Neighborhood Life committee and the mobilization agents, concerning the development of green spaces. Ms. Cathy Wong, our district's elected representative, as well as MP Jennifer Maccarone were present to better understand the needs of the forty or so participants, in addition to announcing upcoming projects. Our mobilization agents were able to contribute to the search for funding for projects related to the process.

In addition, the Seeds to Tables series, a community-based urban agriculture project, was able to continue despite the pandemic. Thanks to TD Park People, residents were provided with free materials to garden on their balconies. The project also offered coaching sessions to participants to educate them on various aspects of gardening, some of which were done at a social distance in local parks.

Housing and public spaces

To raise awareness on housing issues in the neighbourhood, a Vox Pop was organized in Cabot Square with the collaboration of Roulo-Boulo to discuss housing concerns in the neighbourhood and more specifically the issues on the former Montreal Children's Hospital site, where the 174 social housing units that were promised to residents have disappeared from the project. This initiative allowed Peter McGill residents to express their views on the lack of affordable, social and family housing in the neighbourhood. All of the testimonies were compiled into a video that was then distributed on our social networks in the hopes of raising awareness about housing issues in Peter-McGill.





vacant lots with the potential of become social housing



Photo: Participants in the exploratory walk.





Photo: Distribution of gardening equipment for Seeds to Table



Photo: Coaching session for Seed to Table on the green space of Concordia's visual arts pavilion





Peter-McGill

+400 Views on our Vox Pop video

Photo: Vox Pop on housing needs in the neighborhood.

There was also the exploration and visit of 5 vacant lots in the neighborhood that have a lot of potential to become social housing and that we hope will be prioritized.

In the hopes of furthering this idea, a research project locating and analyzing potential social housing sites has been proposed and will be undertaken by Masters students at McGill University.

The Table de quartier is also a member of the oversight committee of the Grands Travaux, to ensure that the needs of residents are taken into account in the major renovations on Sainte-Catherine Street, McGill College Avenue and Peel Street.

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In addition, the Royal Vic Coalition for the Public is mobilizing efforts to keep the former Royal Victoria Hospital in the public domain, protect it from privatization and prioritize social uses. The coalition has launched a study with the Community University Research Network (CURE) to address gaps in the QIS approach. Other coalition initiatives include organizing community marches, issuing an open letter to the media, and soon releasing a memorandum to the OCPM.

Citizen journalism

The Peter McGill Citizen Journal aims to facilitate the creation of a platform for residents and neighbors to express themselves on community and neighbourhood issues.



This online journal has grown considerably over the past year. Through a partnership with Carrefour Jeunesse-Emploi Montréal Centre-ville, funds were obtained to offer various internships to young people to contribute to and manage the Journal. In the fall, the Journal hired a publishing director intern. The student intern has brought a new focus to the Journal by targeting different sectors of the community and expanding our reach through social media. The Journal's Instagram was created and is steadily gaining followers and reached 100 followers in October.



Last year, the Journal published more than 30 articles in a variety of formats (articles, podcasts, visuals and vox pops) and languages (French, English and Spanish). The Journal continues to cover neighborhood news and issues and provide a platform for residents to express themselves and raise awareness in their community.



Photo: Facilitation of a workshop on the Citizen's Journal to students of the Connexions program



Photo: Royal Vic Coalition for the Public march

Education/Schools

In the Peter McGill neighbourhood, families with school-age children are forced to send their children to schools outside the neighbourhood.

However, 2 new schools are planned to be built in the neighbourhood: on the grounds of the former Bourget Academy, which is scheduled to open in 2024, and the Grand Séminaire, whose opening date is still under discussion.

Community Center

Sanaaq Centre



Photo: Rendering of the Sanaaq Centre's community café.

We attended 4 planning meetings held over the summer between the Borough, the New World Institute (NWI), which helped frame the discussions, and various other community organizations. While all planning meetings have already taken place, the final presentation of the proposed governance model has been postponed to an as yet undetermined date. Plans for the Sanaaq Community Café have progressed and the selection committee for the community organizations that have proposed to be project carriers will be held on September 24. At least two of the proposed carriers are organizations from the borough of Ville-Marie.

Neighbourhood realities

Food Security

A basic plan for the Food Security Committee was developed over the summer. It was presented to the Food Security Committee in early September. The plan currently has 5 axes, including emergency funding for food insecurity, education and research, urban agriculture projects, and more. The committee will spend the next few months refining the plan to identify the highest priority objectives and solicit additional partners.

Over \$33,000 in Philanthropic Foundations Canada (PFC) funding was allocated to Innovation Jeunes' food baskets and market projects. We also helped Les Mains du Quartier, another food distribution organization, to receive funding and support from Moisson Montréal. Finally, we are helping a third distribution organization, Partage et Solidarité, to find a downtown location for the fall.



obtained for the food basket projects and the Innovation Youth Market

Cohabitation

We have regularly attended Cabot Square Safety Committee meetings, and have begun contacting organizations to address cohabitation issues in Cabot Square. We are committed to relaying information between the committee and resident groups, and to taking into account the opinions, needs and concerns of the resident community and other stakeholders.



Photo: Graph presenting the five fundamental axes of the Community Food Security Plan

Public Health / COVID19

The Philanthropic Foundations Canada (PFC) provided approximately \$70,000 in funding to fight the pandemic, primarily in the areas of care and support seniors, food assistance and vaccination campaigns, through the Table de Quartier Peter-McGill, CIUSSS Centre-Ouest, Innovation Jeunes, Groupe Harmonie and The Yellow Door. The organizations conducted a total of ten deconfinement activities for seniors, reached more than 200 residents by telephone and produced 1100 units of information In addition, around 150 people were material. vaccinated through mobile clinics and vaccivans promoted jointly at the Canadian Centre for Architecture (CCA), St. Jax Church and Cabot Square during the summer, in addition to appointments made at pharmacies and the CLSC, etc.



Families - Downtown Families Committee

Peter-McGill has 3025 families in the neighbourhood, including more than 1400 children aged 0 to 5 years and 835 children aged 6 to 12 years.

With the future construction of 2 schools in the neighborhood, we anticipate a significant increase in the number of families and children in the neighborhood. However, for the time being, the lack of adequate and affordable schools and housing encourages families with more than one child to move out of the neighborhood. These circumstances make it difficult for families to participate, mobilize and share information and resources, issues that have increased during the pandemic.



With the benevolence of the Downtown Family agent and the collaboration of several partners, several projects have been accomplished in order to help and mobilize the families of the neighbourhood. Of these projects, the drop-in daycare and the stroller break have each welcomed 6 new children since last year.



Photo: The Daycare, now located at Innovation Jeunes



Photo: The inauguration of the Ankhone murale (left) with Councilwoman Cathy Wong (right), inspired by the drawings of local children.

In addition, the Parent Multiplier program, composed of 2 cohorts (9 moms in total), organized 14 face-to-face workshops on resources and services: daycare, school and health systems, winter in Quebec with young children, nutrition (Diet Dispensary), exploratory walks, culture and history of Quebec (Innovation-Jeunes), citizen mobilization (CIP) and language development (CLSC)

The Mapping Project was designed to better understand the families in the neighbourhood and to better reach them. To do this, data from a questionnaire produced by Innovation Assistance was analyzed, and allowed us to draw up a portrait of the needs of certain families, and thus to explore several avenues of family outreach.

Families Downtown also produced a bilingual resource directory to gather and share neighbourhood resources and services to families. It will be finalized and distributed in September 2021, and will be updated and improved annually.



The video of COVID-19 mothers' testimonials is available on our YouTube channel: Table de quartier Peter-McGill

In addition, a video capsule that gathers testimonies of mothers in time of COVID-19 was created, to show the pandemic reality of families in the neighborhood, and how local resources and services helped them.

Youth - Youth Action Committee

Peter-McGill has 525 youth between the ages of 13 and 17 and over 7,800 youth between the ages of 18 and 24

The Youth Action Committee is committed to promoting consultation and fostering complementarity between the downtown resources involved with youth. It initiates the implementation of actions aiming at the engagement of youth and an adequate response to their needs, including four main orientations:

- 1. Encouraging an optimal access to the resources and services of the neighborhood for the youth)n integrated service offer with the future schools
- 2. Promoting physical and mental health of young people
- 3. Enable youth involvement in the neighborhood
- 4. Encouraging participation and involvement of all relevant actors

The Youth Action Committee has produced a bilingual directory to better inform youth of the resources and services in the neighbourhood. It will be finalized and released in September 2021, and will be updated and improved yearly.



Photo: The Summer Brigade with Jennifer Macaronne

50,5%

of Peter McGill's population are young adults (15-34 years)

The youth worker, who was hired in November 2020 by the YMCA, provides a reference point for the youth of the neighbourhood and supports them with regular, individual and personalized follow-up. She was able to reach 80 new young people of the neighborhood,, thanks to referrals and partners, a review of communication strategies (Facebook and Instagram pages) and her participation in various partner events and activities.

new youth reached

Amongst the activities offered by our partners, the Youth Brigade, which includes the Summer Brigade (CJE and partners) and Youth Outings, has allowed youth to go on socialization outings as well as to participate in volunteer activities that allow them to get involved in citizenship.

In the program "Moi dans mon quartier", Innovation Youth clubs (creative writing, graphic novel, digital), helped youth express themselves on several subjects that affect and concern them, and also to develop their digital and artistic knowledge.

Lastly, LOVE Quebec has started a sexology project which allows youth to share questions and concerns in a safe space.

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Seniors - Seniors Committee

The main objectives focus on creating more social spaces in the neighbourhood, as well as increasing the number of activities and services offered to seniors. With a growing sense of social isolation, fostering a sense of belonging and community is imperative to the well-being of the community. The committee is also focusing its efforts on the mobility and food security issues faced by older residents of the neighbourhood.

Led by Groupe Harmonie in partnership with the Downtown YMCA, The Yellow Door and CIUSSS, the Peter McGill Table has participated in numerous consultation meetings to ensure the follow-up and development of a project that has encouraged seniors in the neighbourhood to socialize. This project also aims to assist seniors with vaccinations and to provide information on health measures: "Deconfined Seniors".



The committee also made representations to the CIUSSS centre-ouest to have a vaccination center close by for seniors in the downtown area, which resulted in a temporary vaccination clinic at the CLSC métro in April to allow older people to avoid long trips. A temporary clinic at the downtown YMCA in June was also organized to meet the need for proximity.

Immigrants - Immigration Committee

More than 60% of the neighborhood's population is of immigrant origin, yet the lack of services and resources makes the neighborhood a transitory place for many of its residents,

The immigration committee has three main objectives: to support groups and stakeholders to promote better inclusion and collaboration (organization of training, informal and thematic exchanges), to develop outreach activities for people of immigrant background and to raise awareness about the challenges of inclusion.

Overall, the committee's objective is to ensure a better reception of people of immigrant background, i.e. the inclusion of foreign students, refugees and permanent residents.

The Immigration Committee organized an exchange on the theme of a welcoming community following the surveys conducted with 300 people of immigrant background, mainly foreign students. This exchange brought together about twenty partners and allowed the identification of actions that are priorities for the neighbourhood.

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partners participated in the exchange on the theme of welcoming community



Inclusion

In 2018, the Table hosted an anti-oppression workshop for our community partners, facilitated by the Center for Community Organizations (COCo). Since then, our team has been meeting on a regular basis to discuss issues of inclusion within our organization, based on the realization that our membership base, event participants and team did not necessarily reflect the Peter McGill neighbourhood as a whole. The Table team, along with a member of the Board of Directors, developed an inclusion plan to make the organization more inclusive, one of the outcomes of which was the creation and implementation of a territorial recognition statement at our public events.

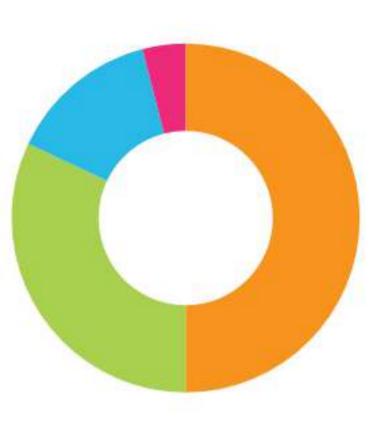
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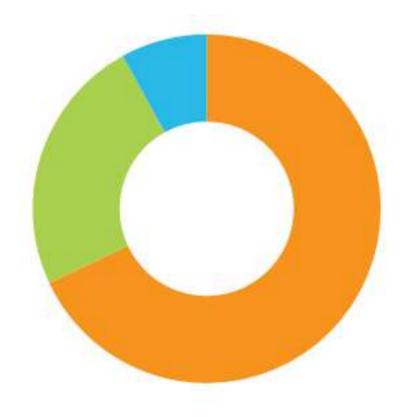
Financing





4% Philanthropic Foundations Canada





Expenses

68%	Salaries
24%	Transfers of funds to organizations for group projects

MEMBERS OF THE TABLE DE QUARTIER PETER-MCGILL

Residents

In 2020-2021, the Table consisted of 119 resident members.

Institutions

Arrondissement de Ville-Marie

Bibliothèque et centre d'informatique Atwater

Bureau de Marc Garneau

Bureau de la députée de Jennifer Maccarone

Collège Lasalle

Université de Concordia

CIUSSS Centre-Ouest de l'île de Montréal École de technologie supérieure (ÉTS)

École FACE

École de restauration et du tourisme de Montréal

English Montreal School Board Evangel Pentecostal Church

Le 1000 De La Gauchetière, propriété d'Ivanhoé Cambridge

Musée des beaux-arts de Montréal

Musée McCord Musée Redpath

Trafalgar School for girls Université Concordia

Université McGill - Social Equity and Diversity Education Office

Organizations

Action des femmes handicapées Montréal

Afghan Women's Centre Amis de la Montagne (Les)

L'anonyme

Armée du Salut - centre booth

Art Déco Montréal

Association des familles du parc Percy-Walters

Association du Village Shaughnessy Association récréative de Milton-Parc

Association des résidents de Victor-Hugo/Lucien l'Allier

Association Salam-Paix de Montréal Bibliothèque des jeunes de Montréal

Carrefour jeunesse-emploi Montréal Centre-Ville

Catholic Action Montreal

Centre Greene

Centre de la jeunesse et de la famille Batshaw

Centre d'Action Bénévole de Montréal

Centre d'Amitié Autochtone Centre d'écoute Face-à-Face

Centre de réfugiés

Centre des femmes de Montréal

Chez Doris

Coalition montréalaise des groupes jeunesse LGBT

Comité Logement Ville-Marie

CPE Dawson
CPE Jardin de fruits
CPE l'enfanfreluche

CPE McGill Cybercap

Direction Chrétienne

Dispensaire diététique de Montréal

E.N.C.O.R.E

English Language Arts Network

Entraide bénévole Métro Équiterre

Evangel Montréal

Exeko

Fondation des services communautaires catholiques inc.

Fondation Jeunes Étoiles

Foyer pour femmes autochtones de Montréal

FRJ

Garderie Lasalle des petits

Groupe communautaire l'Itinéraire

Groupe Harmonie

Iciéla

Innovation Jeunes

Institut des troubles de l'apprentissage

INTER-LOGE Jubilee Montréal

Librairie coopérative de solidarité Université Concordia

Maison Benoît Labre Moisson Montréal Net Impact Montréal NOVA Montréal

Office Municipal d'Habitation de Montréal

Projet Chance Projet Love

Projets Autochtones du Québec SAESEM (Éco-quartier Peter-McGill)

Seniors Action Quebec Social Justice Connection St. Georges' Anglican Church

St Jax Montréal

St Stephen's Anglican Church

Tel-Aide

Voyagez Futé Montréal

WomenAWARE

Y des femmes de Montréal

Yellow Door YES Montreal YMCA centre-ville

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La Table de quartier Peter-McGill est fière de faire partie des 30 membres de la Coalition montréalaise des Tables de quartier





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