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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The role of a community council, especially in such a sensitive and heterogeneous area of the city, is crucial for all Montrealers. This year, the efforts made by the team of the Peter McGill Community Council to reach out to, consult and coordinate with various groups on a continuous basis on important issues were exemplary. By ensuring that the most vulnerable and underrepresented people are systematically considered, and by advocating for a sustainable and affordable vision and projects in the changing downtown, the actions taken by the Table with the support of its members and partners will positively affect generations to come. In this sense, the annual report provides an overview of what makes the heart of Montreal a welcoming place for all. Enjoy the report!

AMEL GHERBI, President

MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

I am pleased to introduce the annual report of the Peter McGill Community Council again this year. In this period of change, the Table has been very fortunate to have a stable team that has been able to achieve great things for the benefit of the downtown community. First of all, our collective project was renewed for at least another 3 years to ensure a green and harmonious development of the downtown area where everyone will find their place! We also obtained new funding for housing and food security projects. Finally, we have undertaken a campaign to increase the membership of the Community Council and to take steps with our partners to obtain an integrated service for people of immigrant backgrounds in the downtown area. If the Table continues to grow every year, it is due to the commitment of our members and partners, as well as to the funders who support our mission. I would like to warmly thank all these people who have contributed in one way or another to improving the quality of life in our downtown area!

STÉPHANE FEBBRARI, Director



OUR MISSION

The mission of the Peter-McGill Community Council is to promote the gathering and consultation of residents, merchants, workers and students in the neighbourhood, and the public and community organizations that serve them.

The Community Council aims to promote a sense of belonging to the neighbourhood and active participation in community life, and to create a forum where stakeholders can express their concerns and collectively determine priorities for action in order to give themselves the power to improve the quality of life in the neighbourhood.

STRATEGIC PLAN

Our strategic plan has been defined according to 4 main themes:

Axis 1 - An affordable downtown

Axis 2 - A sustainable neighborhood

Axis 3 - An engaging and enriching neighbourhood life

Axis 4 - A community of solidarity

MEMBERSHIP



During the year 2021-2022, the Table focused on promoting its membership. In view of the crisis of participatory democracy and the desire of the Community Council to be more inclusive by encouraging the participation of a greater diversity of people in its activities, it was high time to review our practices to reach more residents of the neighborhood. The team's reflections led to the implementation of a strategy, the creation of new recruitment tools and the launch of a membership campaign. During the year 2022-2023, the Table's work will be to ensure the follow-up of this campaign, to consolidate it and to spread it through the different activities of the Community Council.

The exercise carried out at the membership level also made it possible to review the practices of inclusion within the Community Council, in particular with regard to the hiring of human resources and representation within the Board of Directors.

ACTIVITIES REPORT

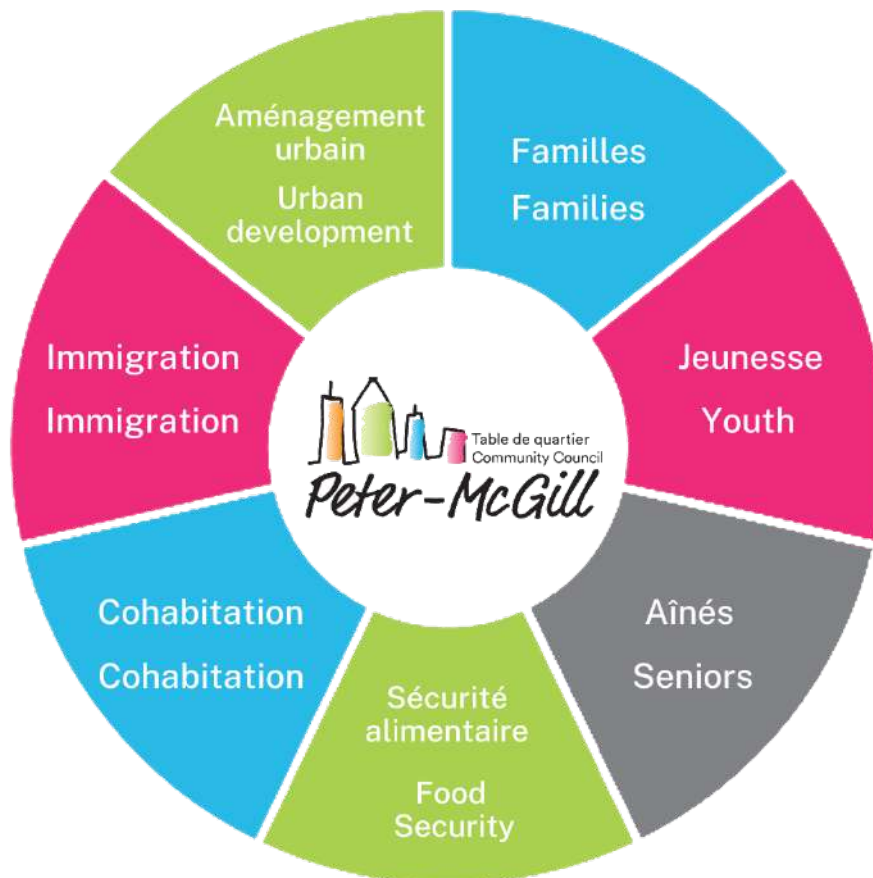
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REPRESENTATIONS

Once again this year, the Community Council's management supported the work of the Montreal Coalition of Community Councils (CMTQ) by actively participating (20 meetings) in the work of its Board of Directors and in representation efforts with current and potential funders. As a result of these joint efforts, an annual amount of \$100,000 was allocated to each of the 31 community councils in Montreal for the next five years.

At the same time, seven meetings were held with city officials (elected representatives, civil servants) to put forward the point of view of residents on the issues of democratic deficit in Ville-Marie and on the needs in terms of infrastructure and land use planning. The organization of a municipal candidates' debate in Peter-McGill in the fall of 2021 also allowed our members' voices to be heard on these issues.

OUR FIELDS OF ACTION



URBAN DEVELOPMENT

The Peter McGill Community Council's Collective Impact Project (CIP) focuses on **urban development issues and problems, particularly the lack of green and public spaces and the need for social housing**. The urban development projects focus on the creation of new green and public spaces and the inclusion and harmonious cohabitation within them, among other things, through the animation of public spaces and the creation of greening and maintenance brigades in collaboration with groups offering services to people experiencing homelessness.



Christa Smith

 **47 000 \$**

Funding obtained from the DRSP for a **study on the volume and potential of social housing development**.

 **30 000 \$**

Funding obtained for a **greening and clean-up brigade project by the City of Montreal**.

 **129 000 \$**

Funding obtained for a **new CIP project**.



et Alice Bosivert



◀ **Development of a new public space**, by the Neighborhood Life Committee, on the Evangel site, in collaboration with La Pépinière.

5000 \$ received in funding for the project.

15
active members on the Neighborhood Life Committee

▶ **Creation of and participation in the Royal-Vic Coalition**, which organized a demonstration in September with approximately 75 participants. Our recommendations were taken up by the OCPM in its analysis of the Royal-Victoria requalification project.



+20
articles written for the citizen journal.

5
interns for the preliminary study of the lots targeted for the right of pre-emption.



▶ **Demonstration for social housing at The Children's Site**: June 2, 2022 with about 50 participants.

COHABITATION

Our Cohabitation mandate aims to **foster greater understanding and inclusion between vulnerable and marginalized people in the neighbourhood and residents, students, merchants and other groups**. It seeks to reduce inequalities and align the availability, access and use of community resources and spaces for all demographic groups through collaborative activities, with multiple stakeholders, on issues of health, safety and general neighbourhood well-being.



30 000 \$

Financing of **rehabilitation and awareness projects (brigades and workshops)** in collaboration with Résilience, Chez Doris, the Downtown YMCA's Dialogue program, La Table and the Peter-McGill Eco-quartier



◀ **Organized a donation drive** by the Eco-Depot for winter clothing for Resilience.

■ **New series of meetings with CIUSSS** on drug and alcohol issues in the neighbourhood and continued participation in **the Cabot Square Safety Committee**.

■ Setting up of a **pilot project "Les éclaireurs"** by the CIUSSS and the Table, aiming at creating a network of community workers and training them to be able to identify people in psychological and mental distress.

◀ **Residents' meeting to discuss cohabitation issues** with a presentation of the cohabitation plan by the borough in December.

■ Conducting focus groups on needs and concerns regarding **access and inclusion in future Sanaaq Centre programming**.

+30

meeting
participants

FOOD SECURITY



The Food Security Committee was formed to **support groups in the implementation of food security initiatives**. The committee aims to reduce financial, social and physical barriers to adequate food through the development of collective and sustainable projects.

◀ **Support for the Innovation Jeunes farmers' market** in St. Jax and the experimental implementation of social economy tools.

■ **Creation of a social economy guide** and implementation of an awareness plan for the commercial food sector in the neighbourhood.

13

active committee
members

■ **A study on food security issues, space and commercial sector work** was conducted with HEC students.

◀ **Networking campaign** that attracted many new members to the committee.

SENIORS

The seniors' committee's objective is to **break the isolation of seniors, reduce access barriers to resources** (related to mobility but also access to information - e.g. digital divide), as well as to pool resources for seniors and promote the co-creation of services according to their needs.

- Review of priority issues after 2 years of the pandemic: **focus on isolation and deconditioning**, lack of recreational activities and digital access, providing a better overview of available resources.
- A third component of the **Ainé.e.s déconfiné.e.s project**, initiated in 2020-21, will be submitted in the summer of 2022. Piloted by Yellow Door, in collaboration with Groupe Harmonie and the Table, this component will focus on a **cybercafé space** offering seniors the opportunity to develop their computer skills, as well as **free outdoor activities** and a monthly booklet including information and resources on **health and well-being**.

2
New projects
on track for
2022-2023!

YOUTH

The Youth Action Committee focuses on the **well-being of youth aged 12 to 30** in the neighbourhood. Together, the committee's member organizations and institutions aim to foster the development, access and complementarity of the neighbourhood's resources and services for youth, as well as to promote their physical and mental health and facilitate their involvement in the neighbourhood through collective projects and activities.

 **3400 \$**

Funding of resources to **encourage exchanges between local youth groups in Montreal** and to promote local issues at the regional level by Réseau Réussite Montréal.

200
youth joined by the
community worker.



◀ **Youth participation in the Peter McGill Block Party** on June 2.

50
youth present at the
block party at
Cabot Square



■ **Continuation of the Youth Brigade:** introduction to volunteering with neighborhood organizations to encourage the social integration of youth.

6
youth contributed to the
Citizen Journal and the
Neighborhood Life
committee.



◀ **Facilitated workshops** to develop critical thinking skills for youth as well as a visit from Jennifer Maccarone to discuss civic engagement.

■ **Conducting thematic activities** that promote **positive mental health** (positive body image, healthy and equal sexual relationships, etc.)

◀ **Outside activities:** art exhibit on social inclusion and an outing to La Ronde.

FAMILIES

The Families Downtown Committee aims to **harmonize child development services and activities** such as services for 6-12 year olds, literacy and kindergarten preparation resources, etc. The committee focuses on the dissemination of support services for parents and the creation of opportunities for interaction and socialization for families in order to better reach the most isolated and/or vulnerable families, including families from recent immigrants.



15 561\$

Funding for a **project to support the most disadvantaged families (workshops** and distribution of essential baby items) by the borough of Ville-Marie.

450

families receive the weekly newsletter

- **New partnerships** with Famijeunes and Fondation de la Visite to develop the perinatal service offer.

- **Maintenance of links, support and referral** to family resources and continuation of drop-in daycare and stroller break services.



- ◀ **Creation and dissemination of multilingual videos** to help immigrant families to:
 - Prepare for winter
 - Prepare their child for kindergarten
 - Better understand the Quebec school system.

- **Met with the Minister of Education's office** to follow the progress of the school project on the Grand Seminary site. News is expected in the fall of 2022.

- ◀ **Participation in "Peter-McGill en fête"** on June 2 at Cabot Square: approximately 350 visitors, including a large number of families.

- **Organization of focus groups with families** in the neighborhood in the spring of 2022 to reconnect with families and validate their needs after two years of the pandemic in order to adapt the service offer.



IMMIGRATION

Despite the fact that 63% of the total population of the territory is of immigrant origin, the Peter-McGill neighbourhood does not have a reception agency for immigrants. Therefore, the partner organizations and institutions have set the objective of **establishing a central reception service for immigrants in the neighbourhood.**

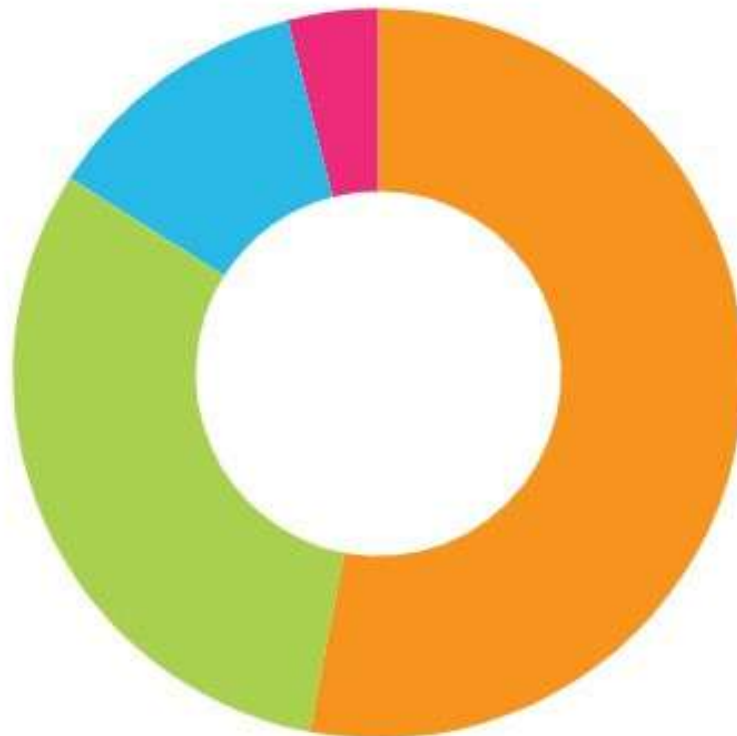
New project underway to better welcome immigrants!

- During the 2021-2022 year, the partners worked on a common vision for the creation of a welcoming structure for immigrants in Peter-McGill.
- The goal for 2022-2023 will be to find one or more funders, as well as pursuing partner collaboration.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW 2021-2022

Funding

- 53%** ● Centraide
PIC, Initiatives Montréalaise
- 31%** ● Government of Quebec
Emploi Québec, Initiatives Montréalaise, DRSP
- 12%** ● City of Montreal
Sorties Jeunesse, Initiatives Montréalaise
- 4%** ● Philanthropic Foundations Canada



Expenses

- 78%** ● Salaries
- 15%** ● Transfers to organizations for group projects
- 7%** ● Operating costs

MEMBERS OF THE TABLE DE QUARTIER PETER-MCGILL

Residents

In 2021-2022, the Table had 119 resident members.

Institutions

Arrondissement de Ville-Marie
Bibliothèque et centre d'informatique Atwater
Bureau de la députée de Jennifer Maccarone
Collège Lasalle
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
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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et de services sociaux
du Centre-Sud-
de-l'île-de-Montréal

Québec 

Montréal 



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

Jennifer Maccarone


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