



# ANNUAL REPORT

2023-2024

TABLE DE QUARTIER



COMMUNITY TABLE



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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The Peter McGill Community Table has gained new momentum this year by diversifying its activities to meet the community's needs and strengthening connections between organizations, residents, and institutions. The recently published neighborhood profile not only highlights the population growth since 2021 but also the increased cultural and socio-economic diversity in the area. This profile confirms that the Table's focus areas are still very much relevant in many respects (e.g., fighting poverty, supporting the integration of newcomers, obtaining essential services such as schools, affordable/social housing, and recreational facilities). Achieving these goals often feels like an obstacle course. That's why we must acknowledge the involvement of the Table's members and, of course, the remarkable work of the permanent team and its director. Their daily vigilance, enthusiasm, and determination help us move forward. The Neighborhood House project, launched in March 2024, is a vibrant testament to this progress. Meanwhile, the Sanaaq Center will be a true expression of a tangible, thriving Peter McGill community.

**DIANE MORISSETTE, President**

## DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

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The 2023-2024 year marked a turning point in the history of the Community Table. On the one hand, the work team has grown considerably, and today we can see the full potential of a Community Table with effective resources. At the same time, we have undertaken many projects with families, seniors, youth, and more isolated individuals in our neighborhood. Among these, the Community House came to life, showing us the vast possibilities of a vibrant downtown when we have access to public spaces to host quality activities for residents. The year was also marked by the return to France of our colleague Marion Steiner, who worked with us for 10 years, laying the foundation for what our Peter-McGill Table is becoming. I warmly thank her for all the wonderful moments we shared together. I also extend my thanks to the rest of our fantastic team, who work hard each week to strengthen the social fabric of our downtown. Finally, thank you to our partners and funders, who provide our organization with invaluable knowledge and exceptional commitment. After more than 11 years with the Neighborhood Table, I am very proud of where we have come as a community, and I wish us another great year filled with projects and achievements, starting with the long-awaited arrival of the Sanaaq Center for our community!

**STÉPHANE FEBBRARI, Director**

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## OUR MISSION

The mission of the Peter-McGill Neighborhood Table is to bring Peter-McGill residents and groups together around initiatives to improve quality of life, services and sense of belonging.

The Table aims to foster a sense of belonging to the neighborhood and encourage active participation in community life. It also seeks to create a space where stakeholders can voice their concerns and collectively identify action priorities, empowering themselves to improve the quality of life in the neighborhood.

## ACTION PLAN

Our action plan for the 2023-2024 year has been defined around three main pillars:

Axis 1 - A downtown on a human scale

Axis 2 - Engaging and enriching neighborhood life

Axis 3 - A community of solidarity

## A CONSOLIDATED VISUAL IDENTITY



Over the past year, the Peter-McGill Community Table has focused on strengthening its brand identity. This strategic approach aimed to enhance our presence within the community and better communicate our values and objectives. By concentrating on our brand image, we hope to increase the recognition of our organization and deepen our connection with neighborhood residents.

New colors were also chosen to better reflect the identity and values of the Table. Through this new online space, we aim to provide a dynamic and accessible platform for all Peter-McGill residents, further amplifying our impact in the community.

The work is far from finished, as we continue our efforts with the development of a new website currently under construction. This modern and intuitive site will be a key tool for sharing our initiatives, news, and events, while making it easier for the community to engage and participate.

# ACTIVITIES REPORT

## 2023-2024

### REPRESENTATIONS

Once again this year, the leadership of the Peter-McGill Neighborhood Table supported the work of the Montreal Coalition of Neighborhood Tables (CMTQ) as president by actively participating (in 10 meetings) in the work of its board of directors and in representation efforts with current funders. These efforts led to the addition of \$25,000 annually and recurrently to each of the City's Neighborhood Tables, including Peter-McGill.

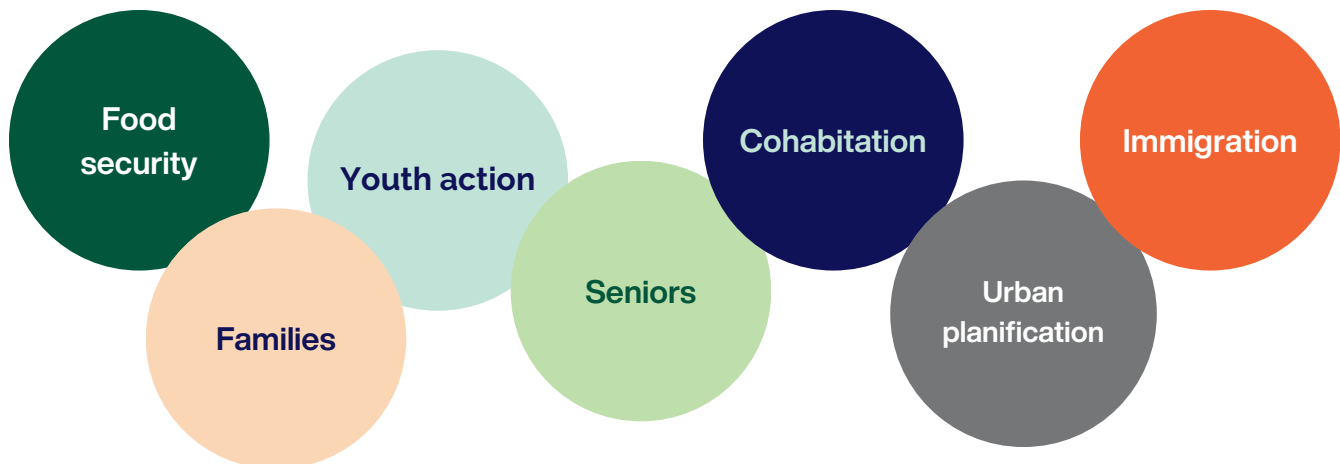
At the same time, about fifteen meetings were held with City representatives (elected officials, civil servants), around ten of which were dedicated to discussions about the future Sanaaq Center, which is expected to open in the spring of 2025 and will host the new offices of the Neighborhood Table. The center is intended to be a cultural and community hub to meet the social facility needs of the Peter-McGill residents.

The Table also actively participated in discussions about the future of the YMCA through representation meetings and involvement in the YMCA's advisory sales committee. Letters were sent to four different ministers, and two meetings were held with the offices of the Ministers of the Metropolis and Sports/Recreation. Meetings were also held with the Mayor of Montreal, the head of urban planning, the Mayor's chief of staff, the city councilor, the provincial member of parliament, and the president of the YMCAs of Quebec to advocate for keeping the building for community purposes. An intervention was also made at the Borough Council.

Representation meetings, an open letter to the media, and an intervention at the Borough Council were also made to advocate for the creation of a reflection committee on the issue of the unelected Borough Mayor in Ville-Marie. This request was rejected by the Borough.

Lastly, meetings took place between the three neighborhood tables of the Borough and its leadership, leading to a one-time \$25,000 funding from the Ville-Marie Borough.

### OUR ACTION FIELDS



## COMMUNITY HOUSE

This year was marked by the launch of the Community House, envisioned as a social laboratory aimed at providing families, seniors, and the general public with an accessible and free gathering and networking space in their neighborhood. Designed and adapted for everyone (with games, toys, tables, etc.), it also offers young adults access to a suitable coworking space and potential support (e.g., CJE).

Through this project, we aim to demonstrate the importance of sharing, socialization, and community spaces in the neighborhood, as well as to develop and promote citizen involvement and mobilization in organizing the community center (volunteering, activities, committees, etc.).

 **100 000 \$**

Funding received for the Community House.

**24 000 \$**

received from the City, which in particular enabled the funding of an outreach worker.



◀ **Who are the main users of the Maison de quartier?**

Mostly families, but more and more single adults come to work or use the computers.

◀ **What does the future hold for this project?**

There are several options open to us, and we're currently looking for funding and other possible premises, the idea being to maintain the community center over the long term.

**+10**  
events & activities organized

**80**  
people participated to the opening party

**May 1, 2024**, festive inauguration of the Maison de quartier. ▶



◀ **On May 28, 2024**, the first neighborhood assembly was held at the Community House, with around 30 people taking part.

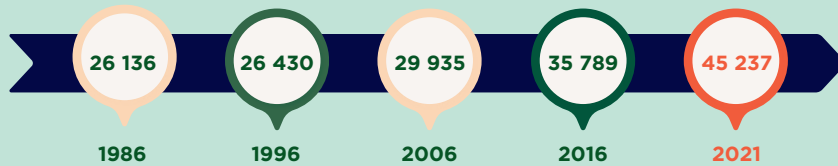
## NEIGHBORHOOD PORTRAIT

After an initial version of the Peter-McGill neighborhood profile in 2020, we decided to update it this year with the new demographic data we have. This work was carried out in collaboration with the firm **Rayside Labossière**, which we would like to thank.

The purpose of this profile is to accurately illustrate all the characteristics of this area of the city and to clearly understand the ongoing issues, such as the lack of green and community spaces, as well as disparities in living conditions (housing value, income, unemployment, etc.).

### POPULATION GROWTH

The population of Peter-McGill has been steadily increasing since 1986. The demographic growth was significant between 2016 and 2021, with 9,448 new residents during this period. This represents a major growth of 26.4%, compared to the increase observed between 2011 and 2016, which was only 6.2%.

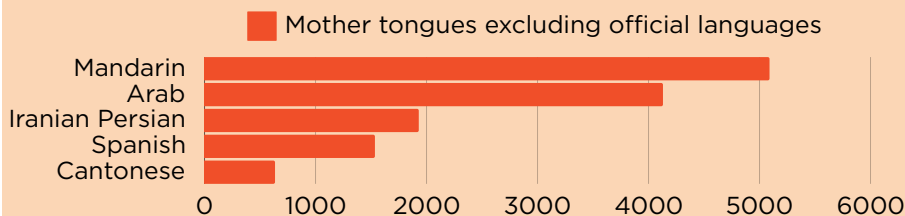


Population Growth in Peter-McGill from 2016 to 2021

### LANGUAGES

In Peter-McGill, 16,410 residents speak only English, accounting for 36.3% of the population. This proportion is higher than in Montreal (27.2%) and Ville-Marie (13.7%). Additionally, it has increased since 2016, when the figure was 33.6% in Peter-McGill.

The majority (52.2%) of residents in Peter-McGill have a non-official language as their mother tongue, totaling 21,280 individuals.

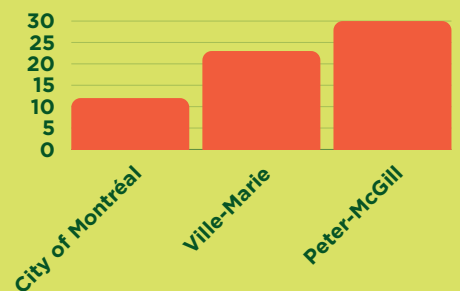


### INCOMES

#### NEARLY ONE IN THREE PEOPLE LIVE BELOW THE LOW-INCOME THRESHOLD

While Ville-Marie is the Montreal borough with the highest frequency of low income, Peter-McGill has an even higher rate than the borough itself. In comparison, 11.6% of the Montreal population is in the same situation. This rate has slightly decreased since 2016, when it was at 33.3% (Statistics Canada, 2016). The strong presence of students in the area may partially contribute to this trend.

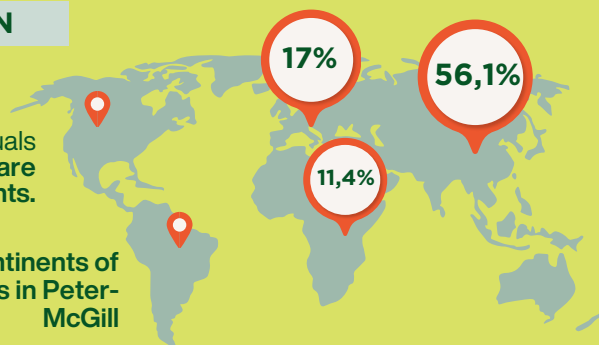
Concentration (%) of people below the low-income threshold.



### IMMIGRATION

67.1% of the individuals living in Peter-McGill are immigrants.

Percentages of Continents of Origin for Immigrants in Peter-McGill



### HOUSEHOLDS

8605 (32,0 %)

OF HOUSEHOLDS ARE FAMILY TO PETER-McGILL.

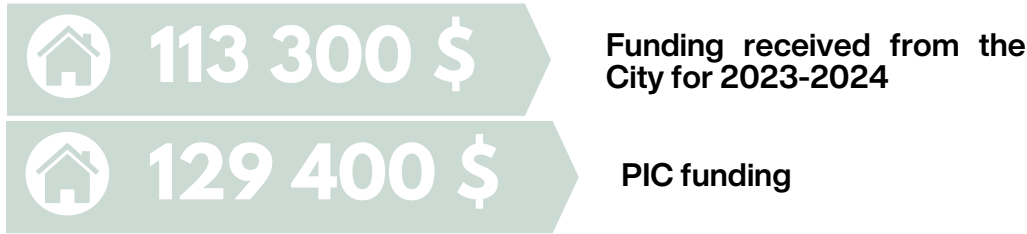
14 870 (55,3 %)

PEOPLE LIVE ALONE IN PETER-McGILL, THE MAJORITY OF HOUSES.



## URBAN PLANIFICATION

The Collective Impact Project (PIC) of the Peter-McGill Neighborhood Table focuses on urban planning issues and challenges, particularly the lack of green and public spaces and the needs for social housing.



These budgets are divided among the district's organizations.

### « A roof for all »

- ◀ Promote access to social and affordable housing for residents of the Peter-McGill district through the development of new social housing units.

This project has led to the creation of a new committee on social housing, which aims to deepen the debate on the issues created by downtown gentrification and the housing crisis.



- **october 26, 2023** Cohabitation
- **november 2, 2023** The Downtown YMCA and municipal democracy
- **november 8, 2023** Housing issues affecting families



- ◀ **march 22, 2024, Social housing forum**

Over a day, participants discussed the challenges of downtown housing and took part in workshops such as a neighborhood walk, discussions on social housing and a creative workshop on the theme “How to create a roof for everyone”.

▶ **47 participants**

- ◀ Creation of a social housing committee

This committee brings together citizens who wish to discuss social housing issues in the downtown area.

**4 citizen meetings took place.**



## Let's move in Peter-McGill

Let's move in Peter-McGill is a project developed by the Neighborhood Table in collaboration with several of its partners: Innovation Jeunes, Le Monastère, CJE Centre-Ville, and Action Réfugiés Montréal. A series of cultural and sports events were organized during the summer of 2024 to make the most of the neighborhood's outdoor and community spaces. These events included activities such as olympiads, jam sessions, art workshops, circus performances, and more.

- ▶ 11 workshops were organized by Pénélope, our mobilization officer, to promote and enhance the green spaces in the neighborhood.
- ▶ A total of 55 participants



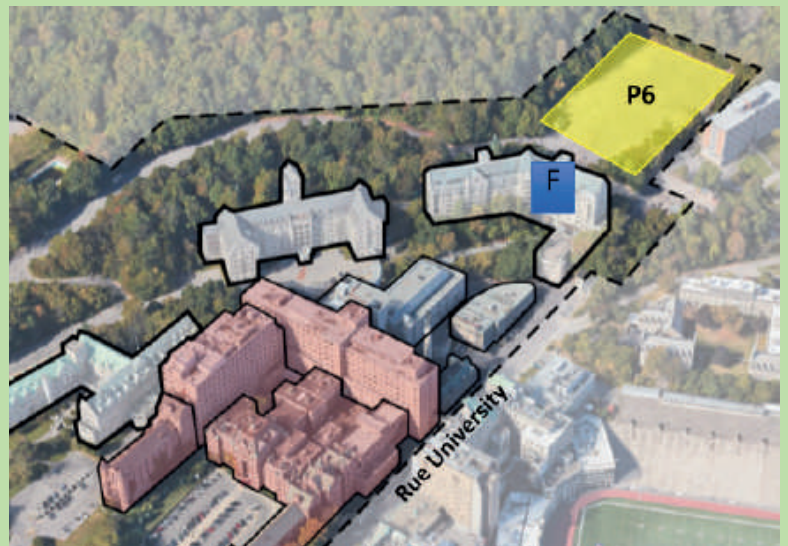
## Green spaces

The neighborhood life committee aims to create and animate more green spaces in the neighborhood.



- ◀ In July 2023, several activities took place at the Hawarden space, including the creation of a mural, barbecues, and movie nights for residents.

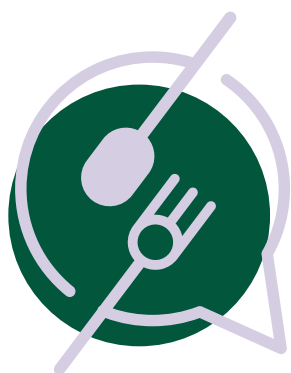
- ▶ In April 2024, a feasibility study was conducted to explore the potential for developing urban agriculture behind the former Royal Victoria Hospital in Montreal (P6).



## FOOD SECURITY

The food security committee was established to **support groups in implementing food security initiatives**. The committee aims to reduce financial, social, and physical barriers to adequate nutrition by developing collective and sustainable projects.

**12**  
organisms in  
the committee



### Launch of the Kitchen Corners program

- ◀ This year, in **May**, we **officially launched the Kitchen Corners** program with the help of a supervisory subcommittee made up of five partners and the community center.
- We inaugurated the Kitchen Corners by creating a community web page, promoting community cooking activities with innovation support and setting up a **FREE kitchen equipment loan system** at the Community House.
- ▶ **22 subscribers to the equipment library.**



**260 000 \$**

The total funding for the Kitchen Corners program amounts to \$65,000 per year for four years, with the possibility of applying for an additional \$15,000 per year for the last two years of the program in November.

**Funded partners** : Alima et Innovation Assistance.

**Other partners of the PASTA funding coordination committee** : CABM, Centre des Réfugiées, & Sollicite.

## COHABITATION

The Cohabitation mandate aims to foster **better understanding and inclusion between vulnerable and marginalized individuals in the neighborhood and residents, students, merchants, and other groups**. It seeks to reduce inequalities and harmonize the availability, access, and use of resources and community spaces for all demographic groups through collaborative activities with multiple stakeholders addressing health, safety, and the overall well-being of the neighborhood.

**+40**  
participants  
engaged in  
the Brigades

- ◀ The main project of the cohabitation mandate is the **Neighborhood Wellness Brigades**, with Résilience, Chez Doris, Sollicite (formerly SAESEM) and the Hadley Community since this year.
- First homeless services meeting on **June 17**.



**280 000 \$**

**Total funding for the Brigades from the Ville-Marie neighborhood until December 2025.**

## SENIORS

The seniors' committee aims to break the isolation among seniors and reduce barriers to accessing resources (related to mobility as well as access to information - e.g., digital divide).

The seniors' committee brings together representatives from various organizations to improve the quality of life for seniors in the neighborhood. It identifies their needs, coordinates activities, and develops annual guidelines. The committee also promotes social inclusion and active aging while ensuring follow-up on initiatives that benefit seniors.



- Development of a seniors' survey to find out more about the needs and expectations of the neighbourhood's over-55s. The survey could be completed online or in person.
- Creation of a resource directory to counter the digital divide.

On **June 13**, we organized the **Seniors forum** at the **Community House**, attended by some 30 people. At this event, seniors were able to meet local organizations and enjoy workshops and conferences in a convivial atmosphere.



## YOUTH ACTION

The aim of the youth committee is to bring youth partners together around the table to find solutions to the issues facing young people in the neighborhood. The committee has several projects for 2024-2025: defining the youth worker offer, finding new funding, working on a multi-year plan, setting up year-round events to meet the needs of young people, setting up a youth committee...



- ◀ Setting up community kiosks at the FACE school on the subject of student retention.
- ◀ Coalition of a youth council in partnership with Jennifer Maccarone's youth council.



- ◀ **May 25, 2024**, Mental health fair
- Thematic activities to promote **positive mental health** (positive body image, healthy sexual relationships, etc.).

## COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

This project is based on funding from the CIUSSS, allowing professionals in the sector to create initiatives for the community.

Several events have taken place in this regard :

- Meli-melo for Christmas
- Meli-melo professional photo
- Lunch and learn: Staying in school
- Lunch and learn: Identifying a person vulnerable to suicide (Centre de prévention de suicide de Montréal)
- Lunch and learn: Projet Éclaireurs (CIUSSS)
- Lunch and learn: CIUSSS Youth and Family Services
- Lunch and learn: McGill SEED employability program
- Lunch and learn: Immigration humanitaire (Montréal city mission)
- Youth Mental Health Fair



The Éclaireurs network has also been established, a mental health project initiated by the Ministry of Health and Social Services, aimed at increasing the adaptability and resilience of individuals and communities during and after a pandemic.



This mental health promotion initiative aims to identify and support individuals with fragile psychological states while facilitating access to resources and services. The "Éclaireurs" are key individuals or professionals already present in their community, trained in psychological first aid.

## IMMIGRATION

The Immigration Committee brings together various stakeholders (organizations, public services, associations) to improve the integration of immigrants. Its goal is to identify their needs, coordinate services, and develop actions that promote their social and economic inclusion. The committee also monitors initiatives and encourages collaboration among stakeholders to facilitate the reception and integration of immigrants.



◀ Launch of the **INclusion** project in collaboration with the CREMCV and the CIUSSS.

The objective is to develop and implement an integrated local social inclusion plan aimed at promoting the welcoming, long-term settlement, and full participation of immigrants and other ethnocultural minorities in the Peter McGill area.



**Funding received from the Chagnon Foundation for the next three years.**

## FAMILIES

The downtown family committee brings together family partners in the neighborhood to address the issues and needs of families through collective and coordinated projects. The aim is to make the neighborhood as suitable as possible for families, offering a diverse range of services that align with their expectations and profiles.



Funding was received this year from the DRSP to enable the **distribution of baskets** containing essentials for babies as well as food products to families in the neighborhood.



■ The **Community House** has created a new meeting place for families. This space allows us to distribute the baskets and facilitates opportunities for parents and children to connect.



### Several activities took place this year:

- october 31, 2023 ● Halloween at CUSP : 100 families participants
- december 9, 2023 ● End of the year party : 40 families participants
- march 28, 2024 ● Coco hunt: 20 families take part
- april 8, 2024 ● Eclipse activity
- may 11, 2024 ● Mothers' picnic
- june 20, 2024 ● Last day of school



## ASSOCIATIVE LIFE

This year was marked by the hiring of a community engagement officer in **September 2023**. The objective for this year was to develop membership, enhance community engagement among partners and residents, support volunteers, and promote the neighborhood table.

### Members management



We welcomed **36 new members** in 2023-2024.

- 18 resident members ;
- 6 student members;
- 11 members of a student association, organization, institution or community group;
- 1 commercial member.

### Book club

During this year, a book club was established, with a total of five meetings held. These meetings now take place at the community center. We are also pleased to have launched a new collaboration with **Argo bookshop**, allowing our members to enjoy a 10% discount on books from the book club!



### Activities



◀ In **December 2023**, the **Christmas Potluck** took place, bringing together about thirty people.

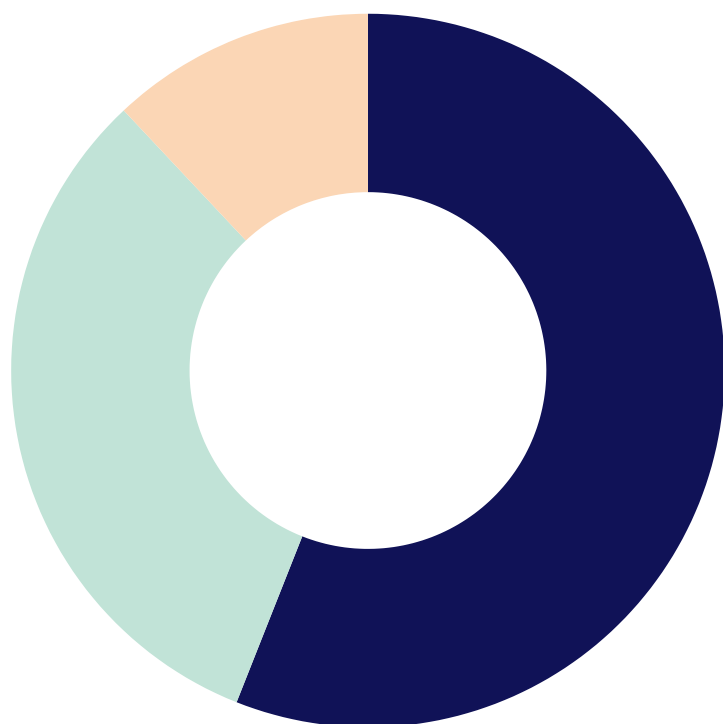
We organized a series of **guided tours** of the Peter-McGill neighborhood that took place in **June 2024**. One tour focused on the northern part of the Shaughnessy Village, while the other covered the southern area. These tours were made possible thanks to residents Jean-Yves Bourdage and Claire Adamson, who served as the guides.



## FINANCIAL OVERVIEW 2023-2024

### Fundings

- 35% ● Centraide  
*PIC, Initiative Montréalaise*
- 34% ● Gouvernement du Québec  
*DRSP*
- 13% ● Ville de Montréal  
*Ville-Marie, Initiative Montréalaise*
- 18% ● Donations and other incomes  
*Fondations, fonds de relance*



### Expenses

- 56% ● Salaries
- 32% ● Transfers to organizations for collective projects
- 12% ● Operating expenses



## THE MEMBERS OF THE PETER-MCGILL COMMUNITY TABLE

### **Residents**

In 2023-2024, the Table had 154 resident members.

### **Institutions**

Arrondissement de Ville-Marie	École de restauration et du tourisme de Montréal
Bibliothèque et centre d'informatique Atwater	English Montreal School Board
Bureau de la députée de Jennifer Maccarone	Evangel Pentecostal Church
Collège Lasalle	Musée des beaux-arts de Montréal
Concordia University	Musée Redpath
CIUSSS Centre-Ouest de l'île de Montréal	Office Municipal d'habitation de Montréal
Coopérative de la Montagne Verte	Trafalgar School for girls
École de technologie supérieure (ÉTS)	Université Concordia
École FACE	Université McGill - Social Equity and Diversity Education Office

### **Organisms**

Action des femmes handicapées Montréal	Exeko
Afghan Women's Centre	Fondation des services communautaires catholiques inc.
Amis de la Montagne (Les)	Fondation Jeunes Étoiles
L'anonyme	Foyer pour femmes autochtones de Montréal
Armée du Salut - centre booth	FRJ
Art Déco Montréal	Garderie Lasalle des petits
Association des familles du parc Percy-Walters	Groupe communautaire l'itinéraire
Association du Village Shaughnessy	Groupe Harmonie
Association récréative de Milton-Parc	Iciéla
Association des résidents de Victor-Hugo/Lucien l'Allier	Innovation Jeunes
Association Salam-Paix de Montréal	Institut des troubles de l'apprentissage
Bibliothèque des jeunes de Montréal	INTER-LOGE
Carrefour jeunesse-emploi Montréal Centre-Ville	Jubilee Montréal
Catholic Action Montreal	Librairie coopérative de solidarité Université Concordia
Centre Greene	Maison Benoît Labre
Centre de la jeunesse et de la famille Batshaw	Moisson Montréal
Centre d'Action Bénévole de Montréal	Net Impact Montréal
Centre d'Amitié Autochtone	NOVA Montréal
Centre d'écoute Face-à-Face	Office Municipal d'Habitation de Montréal
Centre de réfugiés	Projet Chance
Centre des femmes de Montréal	Projet Love
Chez Doris	Projets Autochtones du Québec
Coalition montréalaise des groupes jeunesse LGBT	SAESEM (Éco-quartier Peter-McGill)
Comité Logement Ville-Marie	Seniors Action Quebec
CPE Dawson	Social Justice Connection
CPE Jardin de fruits	St. Georges' Anglican Church
CPE l'enfanfreluche	St Jax Montréal
CPE McGill	St Stephen's Anglican Church
Cybercap	Tel-Aide
Direction Chrétienne	Voyagez Futé Montréal
Dispensaire diététique de Montréal	WomenAWARE
E.N.C.O.R.E	Y des femmes de Montréal
English Language Arts Network	Yellow Door
Entraide bénévole Métro	YES Montreal
Équiterre	YMCA centre-ville
Evangel Montréal	

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

**Jennifer Maccarone**  
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