

BEST INVESTIGATIVE OR IN-DEPTH REPORTING

Many of the submissions in this category were a series of reports on the same issue and not really investigative or in-depth reporting. Having said that, some of these were scoops and all of the submissions were good stories which demonstrated that the reporters did their research, not to mention multiple interviews to scratch below the surface. It was hard to determine only three winners.

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Non-Native residents told to leave

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A community member with a non-Native husband was met with protesters at the construction site of her new house on Monday morning.

A group of a dozen community members, including four Mohawk Council of Kahnawake chiefs, gathered at the site with the intent on putting a halt to further construction from happening.

"I am here today to support the '81 moratorium that if you marry out, you have to move out," said Joann Patton.

"If we don't stop it, everybody is just going to move back here. How many Indians are we going to have left on the reserve?"

In 1981, the band council enacted a moratorium on mixed marriages. In 2010, the membership issue resurfaced when the MCK elected to evict over 30 non-Natives who were allegedly residing in the community.

"You don't belong here - your husband doesn't belong here, sorry," said Joann Patton.

Mohawk Council chief Carl Horn spoke at Kinsey Goodfellow's house on Monday, as the group halted construction.

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Photo: Courtesy of Kinsey Goodfellow

Violating the law, said Joann Patton, too cold for her small son and daughter, and a good chunk of work being in the community. The couple have two children, Elizabeth, 2, and Bruce.

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The Eastern Door

It takes bravery to take on sensitive issues that divide your community, but the team at The Eastern Door did not shy away from a major upheaval when an influential group, including many elders, decided to evict non-natives from the reserve. As members of the community, reporters for The Eastern Door team were more than simple observers in a story that made national headlines. Despite their proximity to the issue, they covered the dispute fairly, interviewing people from multiple sides, and provided a balanced view of a very complex dispute.

Members of the community express their concerns about Bill 10

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Members of the English-speaking community continued to voice their concerns this week about Bill 10, a bill intended to streamline Quebec's health care system. The bill, tabled by health minister Gaetan Barrette and backed by the Couillard government, would eliminate Quebec's 18 regional health agencies and merge Quebec's 182 health and social services centres (CSSS) into 28 integrated health and social services centres (CISSS).

Montreal's largest Anglophone and bilingual hospitals have been assured that the proposed legislation would not affect their structure.

"Removing the English-speaking community's capacity to manage and control its own institutions will have a detrimental and irreversible impact on the vitality of our community," said Taylor Ireland, president of Voice of English-speaking Quebec.

"We don't know enough about this bill," says Louise, a client of Jeffery Hale, who for reasons of confidentiality did not use her family name. "We know the bill's name but we don't know it chapter and verse."

Louise was able to count on a care aide from Jeffery Hale after a personal crisis made needed her to put on overalls and clean up my mess she could do it because she'd done it before," recalls Louise, who first sought help in 2012. "I also used the St. Brigid's meal program because you can't buy groceries when you're not all there, you know?"

"I told my GP that I was getting help from the Jeff and she said, 'Oh, you go to the Jeff?' I said, no, they come to me. She about fell off her chair. She said, 'The English know how to take care of their own.'"

If the hospital is merged with other regional health centres, Louise is worried that older Anglophones may not be able to get help in their own language. "[The language] is going to be a problem, being understood when I get old or if I ever get really sick. When you hurt, you speak in your mother tongue."

Hélène Pouliot and her husband Frank have been using the Jeffery Hale community Services resp programme ever since she had a stroke 12 years ago. "He had to learn again, and he still has difficulty," says Hélène. "We had to show him how to swallow like you do, when you first feed a baby. Of course he couldn't work, and he was withdrawing from our friends."

She cared for her husband at home for nearly four years. Then she ran into a Jeffery Hale employee at the grocery store, and connected with the respite-care program. "I drop him off every Wednesday for social time and he loves it," says Hélène Pouliot. "At first after the stroke, he couldn't speak or understand French, because my mother tongue comes back first and his mother was Irish. It's great for him to have social time in English, and it's a lifesaver for me. It gives me time to pick up everything I need [at the store] in case I can't go back out again."

The Pouliots have also been able to work with an

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RUBY PRATKA
Quebec Chronicle-Telegraph

Ruby Pratkan did an excellent job of covering Bill 10 – the Quebec government's health care reform which, as written, was going to eradicate the community's most visible institution by merging it with other health care institutions and cutting the community out of the governance of the hospital and long term care home they created and supported for generations. From the introduction of the bill to the tabling of dozens of amendments, Pratkan interviewed board and foundation directors, staff, patients and members of the community to bring home to readers how the bill could negatively impact the vitality of Quebec City's English-speaking community.

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Montreal's most vulnerable Inuit still prefer city

"We're a strong people"

SARAH ROGERS

MONTREAL — It's an unusually cold April day in Montreal, as Annie finishes a warm meal in the front room of her duplex.

The Montreal women's day shelter is full to capacity — even since the relocation to Montreal from their former location in Uxalut.

Annie, who was the shelter manager for two years ago, when she worked her sister's health care services, says she has a hard time finding a place to stay, a job and getting access to education or training.

"They want to integrate and they want to make Montreal their home," said Sylvie Caron, a consultant who works for Makivik on its homecare services. "And we have to help them."

The responses of the shelter's participants tell in one word: they are in Montreal. Only one of them — Cheryl Dubé — has a dedicated link between Montreal and Uxalut. Dubé is working on day programming for its clients, and hopes to eventually return to Uxalut.

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SARAH ROGERS
Nunatsiaq News

A report prepared for the Makivik Corporation on homeless Inuit in Montreal would have made for a good story, but rather than simply writing about the facts and conclusions Sarah Rogers tracked down the subjects of the report to illustrate the facts much more vividly. Rogers interviewed homeless Inuit women about their difficult living conditions, both in Montreal and back home. She also spoke with shelter and outreach workers who are trying to ease their suffering, as well as the author of the report. This provides a much more compelling read and a powerful story about these women who endure.

HONOURABLE MENTION:
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Judge: Rita Legault, Director of Communications & Public Relations, Quebec Community Groups Network, Montreal, QC • Number of entries in the Best Investigative or In-Depth Reporting category: 20