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QUEBEC'S LARGEST ENGLISH WEEKLY NEWSPAPER

Rent too high for working poor in Greater Montreal


Half a million residents living below the poverty line

By Kevin Woodhouse
The Suburban

According to Centraide, someone is considered to be poor or living below the poverty line if more than 63 percent of their monthly income is spent on lodging, food and clothing. For at least half a million residents within the Greater Montreal area, this is their reality. The non-profit organization has determined that one out of every four people on the island of Montreal lives below the poverty line.

For example, a single mother who has 40 hours of employment every week at minimum wage lives below the poverty line as single parent families make up almost a third of all those who live in poverty. People living alone, especially senior citizens, new Canadians and children under the age of six all fall into the vulnerable category and are most susceptible to living below the poverty line.

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Concert against Cancer honors Wener

Tony Lofredo, senior vice-president of IBC, presided as President of the Concert against Cancer last Thursday night for the benefit of the Montreal Cancer Institute. The event honored one of the city's great Montreals - businessman, activist, philanthropist - Jonathan Wener. Held at a sold out Salle Wilfrid Pelletier of Place des Arts, the evening raised over \$400,000 for cancer research. Left to right: Tony Lofredo, Susan Wener, Candere founder and chairman Jonathan Wener, Mayor Denis Coderre and André Bouchard, president of Hydro Quebec Distribution.

Quebec's only social housing program may be closed

Activists sound alarm

By Joel Ceausu
The Suburban

Dramatic, disaster, catastrophic. That's how local advocates characterize the threat to Accès-Logis, Quebec's sole program for social housing projects.

"We're sounding the alarm," says Jennifer Auchinleck of the Community Development Corporation of Côte des Neiges, which along with other groups denounce the possibility that Quebec will halt the program this year.

Accès-Logis provides 40-50 percent of the costs to create rental housing in partnership with community groups, municipalities and private developers. With an annual budget of \$250 million, it typically helps create some 3,000 housing units each year.

Advocates say indications

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NDG's de Maisonneuve to become two-way

Emergency vehicles require access to MUHC from expressway

By Joel Ceausu
The Suburban

Côte-des-Neiges-Notre-Dame-de-Grâce borough council voted to create a two-way portion of De Maisonneuve as the clock ticks towards the long-awaited opening of the new MUHC.


The council awarded a contract that would among other things, redevelop De Maisonneuve into two-ways between Addington Street and Décarie Boulevard, allowing cars exiting from the southbound Décarie expressway direct access to the hospital in time for its opening April 26.

N.D.G. councillor Peter McQueen voted against the plan, telling *The Suburban* that while you can already turn left from Prud'homme, the expressway traffic "will add all those 400 cars to this small stretch of roadway."

What's more said McQueen, "when you get to Décarie and have to turn there are a few me-

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TO HULL & BACK NEWS

Commuter train by 2017?

By Ben Bulmer

A law more than a century old may enable commuter trains to come to Wakefield, says the president of a consortium trying to make this possible.

Moose Consortium is proposing double-decker trains, complete with hi-speed internet and Wi-Fi, covering a 400 kilometre and running around the capital region with its Smith Falls and in Ontario, through Montebello, and La

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Amos avalanche

Liberal MP for the Pontiac Will Amos stands victorious of the Wakefield La Pêche Centre on Oct. 19.

By Ben Bulmer

The bull's been in the china shop, and he's finally been kicked out - after breaking a few things.

The bull, according to the Will Amos, the Pontiac's new Liberal member for parliament, was the Tories, and the china shop is Canada.

"It's really going to be very challenging to figure out, where do we start?" said Amos, reflecting on how to right ten years of Tory wrongs.

When asked what he would do for the Pontiac in his first 100 days in office, Amos told the *Low Down* he is committed to hold

economic summits in the north and west of the riding within his first six months to talk about how best to strategically invest federal infrastructure funds.

Speaking at the Wakefield La Pêche Centre on Oct. 19 to a room of around 100 people clinking champagne glasses,

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What has 444 legs and has been running for 25 years?



Joe and Chris Rogers of Chelsea know the answer, but readers will have to turn to page 20 to find out.

Chelsea Challenge photo

WORST JOKE OF THE WEEK

Question: Why did the chicken go to the séance?
Answer: To get to the other side.

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