# 2022-2023 HIGHLIGHTS





#### THE CMTQ

The Neighbourhood Round Tables Coalition (CMTQ in French) brings together the 32 Neighbourhood Round Tables in Montreal. The CMTQ seeks to improve quality of life for all citizens of Montreal, acting based on common social issues and local concerns.

It offers support spaces for its members, allowing for mutual aid and the exchange of best practices and information, to create a strong and supportive network of Neighbourhood Round Tables.

# NEIGHBOURHOOD ROUND TABLES

Neighbourhood Round Tables bring together local communities to allow them work together to improve the living conditions of residents. They are comprised of citizens, organizations and institutions in the neighbourhood who want to get involved. Together, they assess the issues, establish a dialogue and work together towards a more just and inclusive society.

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### FOR THE CMTQ, 2022-2023 TRANSLATES TO:



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**GENERAL MEETINGS** 

#### 72% PARTICIPATION RATE!



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THEMATIC
MEETINGS WITH
OUR MEMBERS
ON SPECIFIC
ISSUES

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MEETINGS WITH FINANCIAL PARTNERS

ON SUPPORT FOR
NEIGHBOURHOOD ROUND
TABLES AND COMMUNITY
PRIORITIES





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#### **APPEARANCES IN THE MEDIA**

Pour un programme universel de saine alimentation scolaire

Lette d'opinion, Le Soleil, 14 septembre 2022

Débordés, des organismes d'aide aux demandeurs d'asile lancent un cri du cœur

Le Devoir, 24 janvier 2023

Centre de services scolaires de Montréal : d'anciennes écoles à vendre pour 28 M\$

La Presse, 21 novembre 2022

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#### **NEW 2022-2025 STRATEGIC PLAN**



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### IN ACTION!

#### QUEBEC ELECTIONS

Every election, the CMTQ and Neighbourhood Round Tables speak out on critical issues for the quality of life of Montrealers. Our platform, entitled Pour des milieux de vie de qualité à Montréal, included 8 requests for commitments in areas such as social housing, food security, urban safety, social pricing for public transit and community facilities, as well as municipal taxation and funding for community organizations. Our network also contributed to democratic life by organizing 16 citizens' assemblies.



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  MILIEUX DE VIE DE QUALITÉ À
  MONTRÉAL PLATFORM
- READ THE OPEN LETTER
  BY YVES BELLAVANCE

### HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

In the face of the housing crisis and the city's growing inaccessibility, we are calling for a strategy to develop housing outside of the private market and rates based on households' ability to pay.

With regard to urban planning, we need to ensure that community voices are heard. The Neighborhood Round Tables must therefore be at the heart of discussions surrounding major development or redevelopment projects (Bridge-Bonaventure, Namur-Hippodrome, Bellechasse site, Louvain Est, etc.).

The CMTQ has been active in promoting this position through its participation in a number of initiatives (Centraide of Greater Montreal's housing task force, the City of Montreal's Cellule facilitatrice immobilière, consultation on City Vision for the 2050 Land Use and Mobility Plan). An inter-neighborhood committee has also been set up within our network to address the subject of major real estate projects.

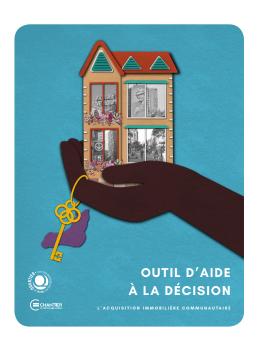


READ OUR BRIEF ON CITY VISION FOR THE LAND USE AND MOBILITY PLAN (PUM 2050)

## COMMUNITY SPACES



The crisis of access to community spaces is a long way from being resolved. The CMTQ, in collaboration with the RIOCM, intensified its representations on the issue of organizations housed in CSSDM buildings, as eviction dates are fast approaching. We launched the Outil d'aide à la décision pour l'acquisition immobilière communautaire, a practical guide for organizations that are interested in acquiring community spaces. We continued our participation in the Comité régional sur l'accès aux locaux (CRAL), a regional committee on access to spaces, to work on a range of courses of action to address the issue. Lastly, the CMTQ initiated discussions with a number of partners to assess the possibility of setting up a company to buy and manage community spaces. This innovative course of action could meet the needs of organizations that wish to remain tenants.



#### **MUNICIPAL TAX FORUM**

The CMTQ participated in the Forum sur la fiscalité montréalaise on November 7, 2022. We support the city's efforts to diversify its revenue sources in order to deal with the city's social issues and climate change. We also spoke out against the idea of imposing regressive rates that penalize economically disadvantaged populations.

### REPORT FROM THE REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Yves Bellavance was a panelist for the launch of Public Health Director Mylène Drouin's report, Regard sur la pandémie de COVID-19 à Montréal. To prepare for future public health emergencies, she recommends consolidating our network: "Give Neighborhood Round Tables the means to support community preparation, response and recovery with a view to resilience and citizen participation".



#### MONITORING COMMITTEE FOR THE MONTRÉAL POLICY FOR COMMUNITY ACTION

The CMTQ is a member of the committee that oversees implementation of the Montréal Policy for Community Action and that works to improve programs and policies aimed at the community and non-profit sector. The committee's work has focused mainly on ways of strengthening the recognition of community organizations, in particular with regard to the MESS-Ville agreement and streamlining accountability for financial support provided by the city.

### **NEW PRIORITIES!**

### SUPPORT FOR ASYLUM CLAIMANTS

With the flow of immigration intensifying this year and crises overlapping (inflation, housing, climate), the realities of asylum claimants and the lack of resources for the organizations that support them have become major concerns. The CMTQ participated in the movement initiated by the CDC Côte-des-Neiges and several other neighborhoods. We took the floor at a press conference to call on the government to adopt a policy of hospitality, to respect the right to asylum and to provide adequate support for the organizations that assist asylum claimants. We also set up a forum for Neighborhood Round Tables to be able to discuss and exchange on the topic.



## THE CMTQ, PARTNER OF TRANSITION EN COMMUN



This year, the CMTQ significantly consolidated its role in Montreal's ecosystem surrounding the socioecological transition. Through their work to improve living conditions and address social inequalities, Neighborhood Round Tables are key players in the work toward just and inclusive socio-ecological transition. We played an active role in setting up Transition en Commun (TeC), an alliance between the city, civil society and citizens to promote a fair and inclusive socio-ecological transition rooted in Montreal's neighborhoods. The initiative was launched in November 2022 at City Hall. Joakim Lemieux spoke in the presence of Dominique Ollivier, Executive Committee Chair, and Marie-Andrée Mauger, responsible for ecological transition and the environment. The CMTQ is a member of the Executive Committee, of the TeC steering committee and is the co-chair of Espace quartiers.



# AGAINST THE OPENING OF A MINI CASINO BY LOTO-QUÉBEC

Along with 5 Neighborhood Round Tables, we spoke to the media to express concern regarding Loto-Québec's plan to open a gambling parlour, or mini casino, at the Bell Centre in partnership with the Montreal Canadiens. For us, this project is unacceptable.



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