



2023-2024 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, based on concerns that emerge at the local level.

The CMTQ's mission is to work towards a more just and inclusive Montreal, where neighbourhoods act as spaces of belonging, socialization, solidarity and civic participation. The CMTQ provides support for its members, encouraging them to support each other and exchange 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 work together and improve the living conditions of neighbourhood residents.

They are comprised of the neighbourhood's citizens, organizations and institutions that want to get involved. Together, they assess the issues, establish a dialogue, identify priorities and work together to contribute to fairer social development. Over the years, Neighbourhood Round Tables have developed expertise and in-depth knowledge of their communities.

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**FOR THE CMTQ,
2023-2024 TRANSLATES INTO:**

14 MEETINGS WITH OUR MEMBERS

6
GENERAL MEETINGS

8
THEMATIC MEETINGS

**INDIVIDUALS
SEEKING
ASYLUM**

PUBLIC HEALTH
INITIATIVES

ACTION PLAN
TO COMBAT
POVERTY
AND SOCIAL
EXCLUSION

**COMMUNITY
SPACES**

URBAN ENCAMPMENTS

NON-MARKET HOUSING



150 +
MEETINGS WITH PARTNERS

INCREASED SUPPORT FOR OUR MEMBERS



17

ATTENDANCES AT
MEMBERS' GENERAL
MEETINGS



6

ATTENDANCES AT
MEMBER ACTIVITIES



5

MENTORSHIP
PAIRINGS BETWEEN
DIRECTORS



26

ROUND TABLES
VISITED DURING
A TOUR OF OUR
MEMBERS

TWO MAJOR EVENTS

NEIGHBOURHOODS COME TO THE TABLE!

NOVEMBER 16, 2023

Some **80 people** from 21 neighbourhoods gathered at the Grande bibliothèque BAnQ to discuss local food system initiatives. Neighbourhoods were able to showcase their local initiatives at a dedicated booth. Neighbourhood Round Tables, local food security groups and local organizations came to discuss their practices and challenges, and to draw inspiration from what's happening elsewhere in the city. Through workshops and lectures, participants were able to learn more about the right to food, the *Carte Proximité* food stamps project and the *Bons Solidaires* program.



GRANDE FÊTE DES TABLES DE QUARTIER

NOVEMBER 29, 2023

Fiery, epic, legendary: this first edition of the *Grande fête des Tables de quartier*, held at the Cabaret Lion d'Or, brought together **over 150 people** who work within our amazing network. After a parade that saw some Tables show off their creative skills, Olympics and a memorable monologue by Yves Bellavance, the evening finished off with dancing that went well into the night. The aim of the *Grande fête* was to strengthen ties between neighbourhoods and to celebrate all the work accomplished together. It was also a way for us, the CMTQ team, to say THANK YOU to all the people who contribute every day to improving people's quality of life and making our city more inclusive.



THIS YEAR'S MAIN PROJECTS

UPDATING THE FRAMEWORK FOR THE INITIATIVE MONTRÉLAISE DE SOUTIEN AU DÉVELOPPEMENT SOCIAL LOCAL (IMSDSL)



Signed in 2006, the IMSDSL is an agreement between 4 partners (CMTQ, Centraide of Greater Montreal, the Direction régionale de santé publique de Montréal and the City of Montreal) that provides core funding for Neighbourhood Round Tables. Following a process that began 2 years ago, the 4 partners adopted the new reference framework in March 2024. In addition to highlighting the various roles that the 32

Neighbourhood Round Tables play, the CMTQ advocated for more funding to be allocated to them so that the framework could be implemented, supported by strong, stable teams. A committee was formed to suggest solutions for increasing the Tables' core funding. At the end of March, Centraide of Greater Montreal pledged to move forward with an increase in its contribution. This is excellent news!

BRIEF ON THE 4th GOVERNMENT ACTION PLAN TO COMBAT POVERTY AND SOCIAL EXCLUSION IN QUEBEC

The CMTQ participated in the public consultation on the government's 4th action plan to combat poverty and social exclusion in Quebec. The preparatory meeting between members provided an opportunity to exchange views on the priorities to put forward, and to formulate 13 recommendations for the collective brief that was submitted.

RECOMMANDATION 8

- Nous appuyons les revendications communes pour les personnes en situation d'itinérance et les personnes migrantes à statut précaire du **Réseau d'aide aux personnes seules et itinérantes de Montréal** : un accès à un logement décent, l'accès aux soins de santé, la protection contre la violence et la discrimination et la sécurisation du financement des organismes en itinérance et en immigration pour les accompagner.
- En attendant, nous demandons également le développement de solutions alternatives en lieu et place des actuelles solutions urgentes et temporaires, et ce dans tous les quartiers de Montréal touchés par le phénomène.
- Enfin, nous appuyons l'ensemble des recommandations du rapport de Nadine Mailloux de l'ombudsman, «*Ne pas détourner le regard*».

THE HOUSING CRISIS AND LAND-USE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Housing is at the heart of all our efforts to improve living conditions. To ensure true social diversity, it is essential to develop non-market housing. This is the key to achieving more inclusive living environments. We pursued our collective thinking by organizing an exchange on the development of non-market housing with Sébastien Parent-Durand from ACHAT (Alliance des corporations d'habitations abordables du territoire du Québec). Urban encampments have become a solution for many people who find themselves on the street following an eviction or an unsuccessful housing search. As more and more neighbourhoods have encampments on

their territory, a thematic meeting on the subject was organized thanks to the contribution of Sue-Ann MacDonald (Université de Montréal) and Jérémie Lamarche (Réseau d'aide aux personnes seules et itinérantes).

We've also been closely following the development of major development projects (e.g. Namur-Hippodrome). It is essential to acknowledge communities' voices to ensure more inclusive land use planning. This is the message we've conveyed in various forums in which we participate (the City of Montreal's Cellule facilitatrice immobilière, GALOPH, etc.).



SOCIÉTÉ IMMOBILIÈRE COMMUNAUTAIRE

The CMTQ commissioned a feasibility study to better understand the startup requirements and viability of a real estate company that could provide affordable spaces for Montreal organizations. The intended role of such a non-profit corporation would be to purchase, develop and manage buildings in which organizations could be housed. Thank you to the Fondation Lucie et André Chagnon, Centraide of Greater Montreal and the City of Montreal! Their financial contributions made it possible for the consultants from Fi3 to further their work. Their mandate was carried out thanks to ongoing exchanges with the CMTQ and an advisory committee made up of representatives from the non-profit real estate ecosystem. The final report is due in April 2024.

SOCIOECOLOGICAL TRANSITION

The CMTQ has strengthened its collaboration with key players in the socioecological transition ecosystem in Montreal, notably through its central involvement in Transition en commun (TeC). This alliance brings together over 250 organizations and institutions. This year, we observed a growing interest among Neighbourhood Round Tables to reflect on their involvement in the transition, as well as a more assertive willingness on the part of transition players to work with local concerted action groups. To better support our members in this process, we welcomed two new team

members: Alice Bonneau (Project Manager - Social and Ecological Transition) and François Le Roy (Master's student in Environmental Sciences at UQAM). In addition to responding to members' requests on this issue, Alice is working on a participatory mapping project of community resilience assets in collaboration with the Direction régionale de la santé publique. François wrote an opinion on ecogentrification in Montreal as part of an internship that ended in June 2024.



With Centraide and TeC, we co-organized a workshop at the 2023 Climate Summit where François Bergeron (CDC Centre-Sud) and Myriam Grondin (Concert'Action Lachine) presented their local initiatives.

ASYLUM SEEKERS

Following the announcement of border closures, a broad coalition, which included the CMTQ and some of its members, held a press conference on April 4, 2023, to call on all levels of government to adopt a hospitality policy and respect the right to asylum in accordance with international obligations. Board member Jonathan Roy spoke on behalf of the CMTQ. The CMTQ also organized two meetings to allow Neighbourhood Round Tables to discuss this issue, and refined its assessment of the situation in different neighbourhoods.



VICTORY!

LOTO-QUÉBEC'S DOWNTOWN GAMING HALL PROJECT SCRAPPED

On September 18, 2023, the Direction régionale de santé publique de Montréal published a brief on the proposed gaming hall, a brief which was not in favour of the project. They echoed many of the concerns we had expressed in recent months. Shortly afterward, Loto-Québec withdrew its project. This represents a major victory and is a testament to our network's mobilization efforts (the CMTQ and the Peter-McGill, Little Burgundy, Pointe-Saint-Charles, Saint-Henri and Ville-Émard/Côte-Saint-Paul Round Tables).



PUBLICATIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

LE TISSU SOCIAL DES QUARTIERS MENACÉ : PROTÉGER LES LOCAUX COMMUNAUTAIRES MONTRÉLAIS

AUDRÉE T. LAFONTAINE AND GESSICA
GROPP, À BÂBORD NO 96 - SUMMER 2023

MÉMOIRE DANS LE CADRE DE LA CONSULTATION SUR LE 4^e PLAN D'ACTION EN MATIÈRE DE LUTTE CONTRE LA PAUVRETÉ ET L'EXCLUSION SOCIALE DU GOUVERNEMENT DU QUÉBEC

YVES BELLAVANCE, VIRGINIE FROBERT



PAS QUESTION QUE MONTRÉAL (ET PLUS PARTICULIÈREMENT L'EST DE MONTRÉAL) PERDE UNE CIRCONSCRIPTION ÉLECTORALE!

YVES BELLAVANCE,
BRIEF ON THE DELIMITATION OF THE
QUÉBEC ELECTORAL MAP

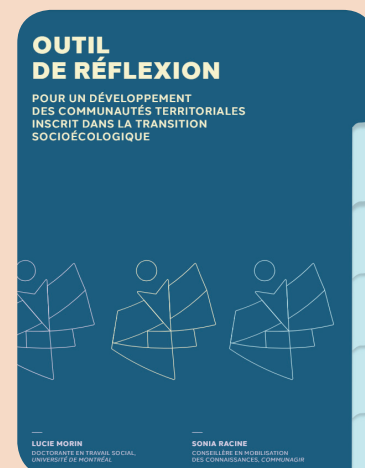
QUOI SAVOIR QUAND ON AMÉNAGE UNE CUISINE COMMUNAUTAIRE?

GESSICA GROPP



OUTIL DE RÉFLEXION POUR UN DÉVELOPPEMENT DES COMMUNAUTÉS TERRITORIALES INSCRIT DANS LA TRANSITION SOCIOÉCOLOGIQUE

LUCIE MORIN, SONIA RACINE
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