

## Sector committees: a major change

In late 2019, OMHM management asked the joint committee on tenant participation forums to propose modifications to the sector committees.

The objectives were to:

- group associations into smaller sectors;
- have more time for exchanges between associations;
- identify common issues within associations;
- discuss real sector issues with management;
- develop tangible projects with a participatory budget.

The proposed modification was unanimously accepted by tenants and the OMHM. The sector committees now have a new territorial breakdown and a new way of operating.

Key points include:

- **Seven (7)** sector committees.
- **Four (4)** meetings per year. The first meeting will take place in October with representatives from both OMHM and tenants.
- One (1) **responsible manager** and one (1) **community organizer** per sector.
- **Administrative support is managed by the tenants** or by the Tenant Resource Group and community organizers.
- Use of a **simple action tracker** to resolve issues.



The CCR held a great meeting in May 2022. From left to right: Mohammed Maazami, Richard Gagné, José Trottier, Ahmed Drissi, Tat Hoa Tran, René Cordero, Monique Bélisle, Suzanne Payant, Tina-Lili Gagné and Raymond Saulnier.

## Training courses offered this fall!

<b>Thursday, September 15</b>	L'ABC de la gestion financière (part 1) followed by a workshop	1:30 to 4:30 p.m.	Habitations Beaubien 525, rue Beaubien Est Métro Beaubien	Valéria Taranto and Danielle Lacroix
<b>Wednesday, October 12</b>	L'ABC d'une association de locataires	1:30 to 4:30 p.m.	Habitations Terrasse Ontario 1100, rue Sherbrooke E Métro Sherbrooke	Elaine St-Onge
<b>Thursday, October 20</b>	L'ABC de la gestion financière (part 2) workshop	1:30 to 4:30 p.m.	Habitations Clotilde d'Amico 4000, avenue Bannantyne Métro de l'Église	Valéria Taranto and Danielle Lacroix

### The ABC's of a tenant association

Better understand how tenant associations work (legal aspects, bylaws and regular activities).

Know the roles and responsibilities:

- of the members during the meetings;
- of the board of directors (committee).

Discover the winning practices for a democratic association.

### The ABCs of financial management

Learn the basics of monthly bookkeeping and how to prepare the annual financial statement.

The course is followed by a workshop with exercises on Excel forms or on paper and is tailored to the needs of each participant.

To register, call 514-872-2104

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## Your voices count!



I am so proud to join this terrific community relations management team that is working to give tenants a voice and find solutions to the issues experienced in low-rent housing on the island of Montréal.

I landed right into the heat of the action! By election day, I had only just joined you. Since then, I have had the opportunity to get to know some of you better and appreciate your strong desire to constantly improve your living conditions and those of your neighbours. I already admire your involvement and the generosity with which you give of your time.

Over the past three months, I have felt the passion in our exchanges. I have also seen that there are some big challenges to overcome on the heels of the pandemic. The strong and close bonds you have with each other are still very much alive.

I thank the Comité consultatif des résidents (CCR or Advisory Committee of Tenants) and my co-workers for their warm welcome. I am ready to join you in taking on the challenges so we can improve your living environments in the coming years.

Summer at last! Take advantage of the good weather to take part in group activities, play in the soil and beautify your grounds.

Have a wonderful summer!

Caroline Langevin  
Directrice de la gestion des milieux de vie  
Director of Community Relations Management

## Welcoming new tenants



Connecting with new tenants is so important! But not always easy right from the start. How do we do it? Since 2017, a committee of tenants and OMHM employees has been working on ways to make new tenants feel right at home.

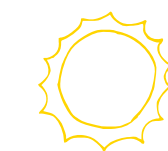
A project that took many years to materialize. Tina-Lili Gagné, president of Habitations Saint-André tenant association, was the pioneer of this project with the East Sector at the

time. Michèle Daniels, organisatrice communautaire (community organizer), coordinated the project. "What a long way we have come, we are proud of the results. We want the associations to really take ownership of it, we have put in a lot of work," they said.

Tina-Lili Gagné was happy to share the tangible results of this team effort. As a member of the CCR, her tenant association and several OMHM task forces, she went to present the welcome magnet to sector committees.

This magnet will be given to new tenants.

This magnet, which can be placed on the fridge, contains useful information that associations can add to with the new tenant. To you, this is a unique opportunity to explain the building, to talk about the challenges, but also sharing how much you enjoy getting involved in your living environment! The associations can obtain the magnets from the community organizers or during the sector committees.



### During a heat wave

A small reminder to help everyone through summer: it is important that tenant associations open their air-conditioned common room to all residents during the hotter days. This gives people suffering from the heat a bit of a break, and at the same time promotes good neighbourly relations.

## Sector committees map

### SECTOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**Sector E**  
**Tuesday, October 4, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.**  
 8545, allée Léo-Bricault  
 Habitations Saint-Michel Nord

**Sector D**  
**Wednesday, October 5, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.**  
 9550, rue Lajeunesse  
 Habitations Berri-Lajeunesse

**Sector A**  
**Thursday, October 6, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.**  
 1745, Notre-Dame-Ouest  
 Habitations de l'Érablière

**Sector B**  
**Thursday, October 6, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.**  
 3000, rue Saint-Antoine  
 Habitations John Patterson

**Sector C**  
**Thursday, October 6, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.**  
 Place to be determined

**Sector G**  
**Friday, October 7, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.**  
 6191, rue De Marseille  
 Habitation de Marseille

**Sector F**  
**Tuesday, October 11, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.**  
 6178, 19<sup>e</sup> avenue  
 Habitations Rosemont

### TENANT MEMBERS ELECTED TO THE OMHM BOARD

**Raymond Saulnier**  
 Habitations Des Fleurs

**Suzanne Payant**  
 Habitations De l'Érablière

**SR** Seniors Representative  
**FR** Families Representative

