



A wonderful evening celebrating involved tenants!

The renowned Cérémonie de reconnaissance de l'action communautaire et bénévole, our recognition ceremony of community and volunteer action, unfolded in a joyful and festive atmosphere at Chic Resto Pop. Two guests per tenant association were able to experience this amazing reunion. We carefully organized this event by providing a pleasant setting with live music to entertain our 200 guests. Tenant associations play a key role in improving living environments: this event was designed to pay tribute to you.



A great tradition

Held every 18 months, the ceremony continues the tradition of celebrating tenant associations. This event was special as it brought together volunteers who hadn't seen each other since 2019. The Office municipal d'habitation de Montréal (OMHM) wants to acknowledge the contribution of associations as full-fledged partners. Through their involvement in associations, tenants have real power and influence on both a small and large scale. The OMHM and all your neighbours are grateful for your volunteer work, often done in invisible ways. You are here every day and we can truly count on you. You're the best partners OMHM can have!

Feel free to ask the members who attended to show you their placemats which highlight the associations' major initiatives. Check out the photos of the event on the Office municipal d'habitation de Montréal's Facebook page or on the screens in certain buildings. **Will you join us at the next ceremony? We'll see you in 2024–2025!**



Offices closed The OMHM offices will be closed on Monday, July 3 (Canada Day).

A new chapter



Today is a day full of emotions as I say goodbye to you as directrice de la gestion des HLM (Director, Low-rent Housing Management). It's time for retirement, the next chapter for me. I have spent over 35 years with you, and I have built strong relationships with tenants and associations. I'm grateful to have witnessed your accomplishments.

Your commitment has always inspired me. I want to thank you for your energy, resilience, trust and support, which pushed me to go even further. I'm leaving with precious memories, lessons learned and a deep feeling of gratitude.

With just a few days to go, I'm filled with hope and optimism. I know there are still great challenges ahead, but I also know that, as a team, we can meet them and make our housings safe, clean, beautiful and welcoming.

I will always have a special place in my heart for low-rent housing in Montreal and its tenant associations. You're a driving force who makes a big difference in society. I have many fond memories of your involvement and your amazing achievements.

Our tenants' quality of life has always been one of my greatest concerns. I wish you continued success.

Thank you for everything!

Sylvie Simon

Sylvie Simon, directrice de la gestion des HLM (Director, Low-rent Housing Management)

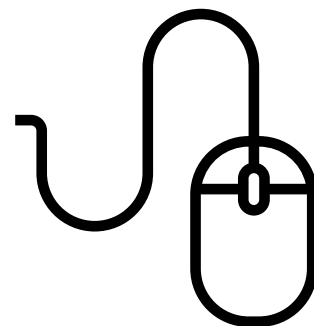
Groupe locataires-ressources : tenants joining forces



New members of the Groupe locataires-ressources (GLR, i.e. Tenant Resource Group) Board of Directors. From the left: Youri Yangold, Elisabeth Pham (Fédération des locataires d'HLM du Québec-FLHLMQ), Tina-Lili Gagné, Nathalie Dufort (OMHM), Benoit Laverdière, Suzanne Payant.

It's finally done! The Groupe locataires-ressources (GLR, i.e. Tenant Resource Group) is an official organization managed by and for tenants. The first general meeting where members of the Board of Directors were elected was held last February. The event was celebrated in style with a party organized by the tenants at the OMHM offices.

Congratulations to the elected members: Tina-Lili Gagné, Benoit Laverdière, Suzanne Payant and Youri Yangold. Élisabeth Pham from the Fédération des locataires d'HLM du Québec (FLHLMQ) and Nathalie Dufort, organisatrice communautaire (community organizer) at OMHM, also sit on the Board of Directors.



Connected common rooms: what's next?

The project was ambitious at the outset: to connect all the common rooms in buildings with a tenant association. Several tenants worked on it for months to find the equipment, connect the rooms, but also to get technical support and training for the members of the association. So far, 58 rooms have been connected.

The Comité consultatif des résidents (CCR or Advisory Committee of Residents) and the OMHM have decided on a joint course of action, which is to maintain the service in the rooms already connected. Phase two of the project will have to wait. The other common rooms cannot be connected in the short term. Choices had to be made based on available funding, and the CCR decided to prioritize the support of the Groupe locataires-ressources (GLR, i.e. Tenant Resource Group) to strengthen tenant participation, support associations and give them the means to go further.

«A lease and a coffee!»



Most residents of the Office municipal d'habitation de Montréal (OMHM) have to renew their lease every year.

This year, with the help of tenant associations, we wanted to try a new way of doing things.

We set up special days called "A lease and a coffee!" in seven buildings. The goal of this pilot project is to reach out to residents.

The targeted buildings include residences for families, seniors, and people living alone, where most leases are coming to term at the same time:

- Parc Royal and Maison Roland-Bouchard
- Le Domaine des Rapides and La Seigneurie des Rapides
- Gérard-Poitras
- Laurier and neighbouring buildings

OMHM's aim is to make this an activity that will enable us to reach out to residents, in partnership with tenant associations and partner organizations in the area. Leases are handed over to residents on site!

At the end of the pilot project, an assessment will be carried out to determine if we are able to extend this practice and if so, under which conditions.

A successful trial run at Habitations Gérard-Poitras

From May 9 to 11, we were in the common room to renew leases. "It's more convenient for people who can't get around, those who work, and people with reduced mobility, etc. I think it's really effective and I've used it myself!" says Mr. Chouarhi, Chair of the tenant association. In total, 49 visitors came to ask questions related to their lease and 33 leases were renewed as part of these three "A lease and a coffee!" days at Habitations Gérard-Poitras.



"When residents arrive, we make sure they have all their documents. If nothing is missing, we start to draw up the lease and calculate the monthly rent. The residents leave with their new lease," explains Clémantine Millet, agente de location – gestion des baux (rental agent – lease management.)

Members of the tenant association were on site to welcome residents and promote their activities. It was also an opportunity for neighbourhood partners to promote their services.

Residents' concerns, such as parking and waste management, were also addressed by Carol-Lynn Blair, directrice d'habitations (Housing Manager).

Without wanting to second-guess the results of the upcoming assessment, we can already confirm that residents were very pleased. They really appreciate this new approach.

New tenant committees

Since last January, 23 elections have been held in Montreal's low-income housing projects. Congratulations to all these newly elected officials, who are committed to improving the quality of life in your homes!

<p>Alexandra F Asgharzadeh, Nooshin Coutu, Roland Dionne, Diane Ghammouri, Adam Michaud Vallerand, Christine</p> <p>Curé Vianney-Savaria S Bwashishima, Perpétue Maybury, Jean-Guy Tourigny, Claude</p> <p>De Bellechasse S Dupuis, Manon Durand, Pierre Lagace, Fernande Lagacé, Malvina Lalancette, Marie Ange</p> <p>De Carillon S Charrier, Marjolaine Dufour, Madeleine Mailhot, Monique Nawfal, Ziad</p>	<p>De La Mennais S Bonin, Diane Levesque, Lisette Nadeau, Chantal Roederer, Nathalie St-Arnault, Manon</p> <p>De Marseille S Beaudet, Micheline Brulé, André Ferron, Michelle</p> <p>De Montmagny S Banks, Gloria Boelens, Christine Ranger, Suzanne Richer, Pierre</p> <p>De Pontbriand I S Beauchamp Bazinet, Rachel Fajardo Villada, Maria De Jesus Le Duc, Nicole Puliga, Jean-Baptiste Sisouphone, Chanday</p> <p>De Terrebonne S Meteleva, Nadejda Spires, Mark Wilcox, Ralph</p>	<p>Durocher S Carrier, Marcel Munoz, Zunilda</p> <p>Gabriel-Sagard S Duverger, Rose-Marie Louis, Anne-Marie</p> <p>Gérard-Poitras F Chouarhi, Kamal Daneau, Chantal Porceus, Jinny Chrystella Richard, Linda</p> <p>Henri-Gratton F Brodeur, Pierre Lévesque, Serge Patenaude, Colombe Schinck, Jean Paul</p> <p>Jarry S Ciciola, Mario Major, Raymond Nguyen, Thi Ha Palmieri, Walter</p>	<p>La Pépinière F Racine, Steven Hyacinthe, Gwenderlyn Hyacinthe, Laila Kristina Perron, Veronique Racine, Sophie</p> <p>Laporte S Guénette, Manon Lépine, André Monette, Bernard Noiseux, Jocelyne Paquette, Sylvain</p> <p>Les Jardins Chaumont S Dugas, Lise Fournier, Barbara Lavoie, Denis Johnson, Donald</p> <p>Manoir Gouin S Annibale, Alfonso Bacon, Guylaine Elefterescu, Violeta Ioana Lafontant, Marie-Josée</p>	<p>Meunier-Tolhurst F Bedjedi Ndengue, Rose Bouadloun, Wahiba Chénier, Denis Goupil, Irene Guillaume, Samuel Ifri, Ghizlane Joseph, Raynald Sahli, Rachid</p> <p>Pelletier F Fortin, Guylaine Martin, Manon McGraw, Jeannie Naoussi Mbienda, Francine Ramsey, Soheir</p> <p>Plamondon S Gormail, Kathelime Sulei, Abdullahi</p> <p>Saint-Michel-Nord F Bibi, Tayyaba Bichari, Farida Chalhoub, Gada Contreras, Marianne Jean-Louis, Annette Qureshi, Ridha Fattima Teav, Dara</p>
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This information is provided as a guideline and is subject to change as tenant associations evolve.

CCR members

When the Comité consultatif des résidents (CCR or Advisory Committee of Residents) met on June 13, we snapped a quick photo so the tenant associations could see what their members look like! Here are the members who represent you:

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| <p>Manon Duclos
Habitations Montmorency</p> <p>Richard Gagné
Habitations Îlot-Saint-Martin</p> <p>François Courtois
Habitations Badeau-Sauvé</p> <p>Gary Benwell
Habitations Place Lachine</p> <p>Ahmed Drissi
Habitations Côte-Des-Neiges</p> <p>Abel Ben Mabrouk
Habitations Walkley</p> | <p>Tat Hoa Tran
Habitations Crémazie</p> <p>José Trottier
Habitations Place Normandie</p> <p>René Cordero
Habitations Saint-Roch</p> <p>Chantal Daneau
(Secretary)
Habitation Gérard-Poitras</p> <p>Benoit Laverdière
Habitations J. Ernest Paquin</p> | <p>Robert Rodrigue
Habitations Madeleine-
d'Ailleboust</p> <p>Monique Bélisle
Habitations Adélar-Langevin</p> <p>Tina-Lili Gagné (Chair)
Habitations Saint-André</p> <p>Suzanne Payant
(Vice-Chair and member of the
Board of Directors)
Habitations De l'Érablière</p> |
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