News on tenant action in Montreal's low-rent housing

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Get ready to vote!

After two years of disruption caused by the pandemic, the elections of tenant representatives to the major committees of the Office municipal d'habitation de Montréal (OMHM) mark a welcome return to business as usual. Finally, a major event that can take place in person!

As OMHM Board Chair, I would like to remind you of the date of these elections: April 20, 2022. On this date, your delegation will meet at the Centre St-Pierre to vote, thereby expressing your collective voice.

This newsletter includes a list of all individuals running for the available positions. Please take the time to read the candidates' statements. This will allow you to choose the people who best meet your tenant association's needs.

Several positions are to be filled:

- 2 positions on the OMHM Board of Directors: 1 for a member from housing for families and people living alone and 1 for a member from housing for seniors;
- ✓ 3 positions (including one alternate) on the Selection Committee;
- 2 positions (including one alternate) on the Committee on Housing Transfers due to Biopsychosocial Reasons.

Over the past few years, I have seen firsthand the effective contributions elected tenant members have made to the OMHM's mission through their participation on the Board. Their active presence enhances the vision of the entire Board. They're always thinking of the needs of tenants living in low-rent housing, ENHARMONIE residences and affordable housing. They are also able to focus on the priorities of the various living environments. Sharing information in this way helps establish our key priorities, while respecting the OMHM's resources and interests.

I also understand the significant contribution made by the tenant members who sit on the Selection Committee and the Committee on Housing Transfers due to Biopsychosocial Reasons. Their opinions are vital in selecting people eligible for apartments and making decisions about housing transfers. The conscientiousness and dedication of tenant members make them valuable partners. They are committed to protecting the interests of all tenants living in apartments administered by the OMHM.

I sincerely hope that as a member of a tenant association or of the CCR ENHARMONIE (i.e. Comité consultatif des résidants or advisory committee of tenants) you will ensure that your delegation comes to the meeting on April 20 to vote. Your input among our governing bodies depends on it!

Churtian Clampogne

Christian Champagne Chair. OMHM Board of Directors



Board of Directors



Suzanne Payant Habitations De l'Érablière

Fostering mutual aid and defending people's interests are my greatest achievements. I have been involved in our association since 2017 and thereafter, in the sector meetings. However, for things to change, I had to do more. Therefore, I became involved in my neighbourhood, my city and the CCR HLM to improve our situation. I also work with the FLHLMQ to maintain and improve our apartments.

Put your trust in me. I look forward to working for you, but most importantly with you!



Jean-Claude Leblond Résidence Saint-Eugène

I would like to contribute to the OMHM's projects by leveraging my communications experience and expertise, as I have already done for the ENHARMONIE residences management and their CCR. I wish to promote and serve the interests of seniors, both in residences and lowrent housing. What we have received, we must give back: this is my philosophy.



Raymond Saulnier Habitations Des Fleurs

I have long been involved in my community. I have been a member of the CCR HLM for five years as well as a member of the ENHARMONIE Finance Committee. For the last year, I have sat on the OMHM Board of Directors. During my first year on the Board, I gained experience, but the death of experienced member Sylvain Labrecque is still being felt. I am ready to continue my learning, gain more experience and give my all for another three years, if you wish.



Adel Ben Mabrouk Habitations Walkley

I want to ensure good services for tenants and make sure that buildings are in good condition, thanks to sound administration. I have a master's degree in management and several years of experience in building management. I am confident that I will be able to perform my assigned tasks effectively. My energy and critical thinking are valuable assets for representing all residents.



Mohamed Maazami Habitations Sackville

I have always been involved in my neighbourhood: the coordinating group, three governing school boards, Joujouthèque Saint-Michel, Maison de la famille, CPE Le Camélia, and more. I founded and still run the organization Le Phare de l'espoir, which encourages youth to stay in school. With my vast experience, the Board will benefit from my fresh ideas, insights for solutions and a vision of the future for families and youth. I will work with the other members to ensure the well-being of families and support the OMHM's actions.



Andrew Quenneville Place Lachine

I would like to serve on the OMHM Board because I have been working and volunteering in Lachine for about 10 years. My work for the Duff Court Neighbourhood Committee (4 years), The Teapot (1 year) and volunteering at the Carrefour d'entraide Lachine (4 years) has given me a solid administrative background. Furthermore, I am able to be objective and I act in good faith. Thank you for your consideration.



Tina-Lili Gagné Habitations Saint-André

I was elected Chair of my association a few months after my arrival in low-rent housing in 2015, and I have only increased my commitment to residents and the community since then. I have been a member of the CCR HLM since 2016 as well as several joint committees and the Selection Committee for the past three years. I am an energetic and determined woman. When I make a commitment, I can always be counted on. I am driven by a sense of justice and am finally ready to take on new challenges on the Board.

Selection Committee



Ahmed Drissi Habitations Côte-des-Neiges

I am currently retired after a life spent teaching. For 20 years, I have been heavily involved in the community as a volunteer. I have been Chair of my tenant association for several years. I want to help improve the service provided to applicants. Effective and loyal, I am the right person to carry out this mission.



Marianna Zukowska

Habitations Jean-Talon

I have achieved a lot in my six years as a member of the tenant committee in my building. From enhancing the environment to organizing events and helping residents in declining health, my time and energy are well spent. I am dedicated, disciplined and full of ideas to help people. I would like to help out more by running for the Selection Committee.





Guylaine LeBœuf Habitations Gabriel-Sagard

I have been involved in my association for over 10 years. I have shown that I am a team player capable of listening to others and respecting their points of view. I know how to be decisive and ensure the best possible decisions are made. Organized and skilled in customer service, I am curious to learn how the Selection Committee works and would like to contribute. It makes important decisions that have a big impact on people's lives.

Rita Del Grande Habitations Mayfair

The goal of low-rent housing is to improve people's quality of life. Inflation has pushed up rent and food prices. Many people cannot afford to feed themselves after paying rent because they have a large family, health problems, a small income or all of these issues at once. I want to get involved in a process that provides people with housing that they can afford. This committee, which I have been involved with for many years, is very special to me.

Committee on Housing Transfers due to Biopsychosocial Reasons



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Lise Dufour Habitations André-Corneau

I stand to give the tenants a voice on our living environment and its major inconveniences, such as pests. Low-rent housing residents deserve to live comfortably, because they rarely have a choice in living there. Like me, who had to retire early from teaching without security. My volunteer work with the Maison des femmes sourdes and SOS Violence conjugale has enabled me to see the hardships faced by many today. In me, the committee will have a member who understands the relevance of the transfer applications.

Every vote counts!

Every three years, the two advisory committees of tenants (CCR HLM and CCR ENHARMONIE) are responsible for organizing elections. In so doing, they ensure that tenants of the Office municipal d'habitation de Montréal (OMHM) are properly represented on the bodies governing this organization.

Tenant associations and members of the CCR ENHARMONIE had to submit to the OMHM the names of the delegates with voting rights by March 21, 2022. It is vital for all delegates to be present on voting day at the Centre St-Pierre so that the elections reflect what you want to see happen!

How the elections are held

The CCR ENHARMONIE and the delegates for low-rent housing tenants will attend an election meeting on April 20 to elect the tenant representatives, in accordance with the procedures established by the two advisory committees of tenants.



Members of the CCR HLM Members of the CCR ENHARMONIE

When and where

Date: **Tuesday, April 20, 2022** Time: **1:30 p.m.** Location: **Centre St-Pierre 1212, rue Panet**

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Refreshments will be served.





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