



Your newest CCR



Caption: Members of the Comité consultatif des résidents (CCR or Advisory Committee of Residents) met before the summer break. At the back, from left to right: Tina-Lili Gagné, Marc Gagné, Gérald Dallaire, Chantal Danault (FLHLMQ representative), Suzanne Ranger, Amhed Drissi, Suzanne Payant, Danielle Dupéron, Ludmila Namts, Silvia Rocha, Badia Basser, Robert Rodrigue, Josée Lafrenière (CCR support person). At the front: Tat Hoa Tran.

This spring, members of the tenant association elected tenants to serve on the OMHM's CCR until 2026.

Seven new individuals were elected to the CCR. That means that half of the CCR is sitting on this committee for the first time. These seven individuals will receive support and training from CCR members, OMHM staff and the Fédération des locataires en HLM du Québec (FLHLMQ).

The importance of tenant participation

The CCR's mission is to communicate tenants' concerns, make suggestions for improvements, encourage exchanges between tenants and participatory bodies and even contribute to decision-making regarding life in low-rent housing.

SECTOR	REPRESENTATIVE SENIORS	REPRESENTATIVE FAMILIES
A	Suzanne Ranger Habitations De Montmagny	Ludmila Namts Habitations De l'Église
B	Carole Guilbault Habitations La Seigneurie des Rapides	Badia Basser Habitations Parc Royal
C	Amhed Drissi Habitations Côte-Des-Neiges	Adel Ben Mabrouk Habitations Walkley
D	Tat Hoa Tran Habitations Crémazie	Danielle Duperron Habitations André-Grasset
E	Gérald Dallaire Habitations Saint-Georges	Marie-Soleil Hamelin Beaucage Habitations Robert-Papin
F	Benoît Laverdière Habitations J. Ernest-Paquin	Robert Rodrigue Habitations Madeleine-d'Ailleboust
G	Marc Gagné Habitations Papineau/Beaudry	Tina-Lili Gagné Habitations Saint-André
Tenant members elected to the OMHM Board	Silvia Rocha Habitations Sainte-Brigide	Suzanne Payant Habitations De l'Érablière



2024 is already drawing to a close. This busy year was marked by many collaborative projects with tenant associations, the OMHM and community partners.

Since the launch of Bloc Net in 2017, to the Building Ambassadors project, there have been many new initiatives, most of them from sector committees: (Habitations propres, Locataires vigilants, En vert et avec tous, etc.). More and more tenants are getting involved in projects that help their neighbours, their buildings and their neighbourhoods. These projects provide support and resources to tenants, improving living environments and encouraging individual and community engagement.

We are interested in promoting these projects and in the way they benefit tenants, tenant associations, OMHM staff and community partners, and in encouraging initiatives inspired by them. That is why we will be launching a communications campaign together in the coming months with a slogan inspired by a phrase you already use: “*Les locataires, des partenaires à part entière*” (Tenants are full-fledged partners)”. More details on this campaign will be provided soon.

These inspiring partnership projects spearheaded by residents could not exist without the collaboration and support of tenant associations. We will not forget to highlight this valuable contribution during our campaign. Until then, thank you so much for your incredible commitment and for making a real difference for all low-rent housing residents in Montreal!

Patrick Benjamin
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Community Relations Management

Poumons roses: a comic book to raise awareness about second-hand smoke

An innovative project kicked off in a building where second-hand smoke was a concern for neighbours. Richard Marchand, a member of the habitations La Pépinière tenant association, came up with the idea of creating a comic book to raise awareness among tenants about the dangers of second-hand smoke, especially for children. He worked on the text with community organizer Nathalie Dufort and asked artist Éva D'Aoust-Picard to do the illustrations. This comic strip highlights the harmful effects of second-hand smoke, without being judgmental. It also encourages tenants to engage in respectful dialogue about this issue.

The comic strip is given out free of charge. We encourage associations to post the attached copy in their common room or on the bulletin board.



A summer filled with activities



A special screening at Habitations Simone-Léveillé

The screening of the documentary films *D'égal à égal* and *Faire communauté* at habitations Simone-Léveillé beautifully

showcased the tenant's engagement in low-rent housing. The films were produced as part of the Focus sur le logement public dans l'espace francophone project at the Université de Sherbrooke. The documentaries feature stories told by tenants and which sum up the positive impact active participation has both for ourselves and for our neighbours.



A successful day of planting

Planting day at habitations Cartier-Chabot was a great success. Now tenants can enjoy gardens and vegetable gardens in their backyard!

The tenant association has transformed a common space into an even more enjoyable place that is full of life! This achievement demonstrates the power of

collaboration and determination in creating lasting, positive change in our communities.



The film *Les Voix de la sagesse*'s artisans on tour!

Residents Marie-Josée Lafontant, Raymonde Muse and Manon Thibault have participated in what became a short tour of *Les Voix de la sagesse*, a documentary film they helped produce. They were first the stars of the "Canes" film festival (like the candy!) organized at the Manoir Gouin. Then they took part in a screening and exchange session at the 2024 Vues d'Afrique festival. Finally, they were invited to a similar screening organized for OMHM staff. The experience was a huge success, and all of the staff were moved by the film and the testimonials. General comment: "This kind of event brings us back to the core of our mission and reminds us why we work at the OMHM. Thank you!"



Podcast: Richard Gagné, a committed tenant

Richard Gagné, former chair of the CCR, is a guest speaker on the second episode of the podcast series *Paroles et savoir des locataires*, produced by

Focus sur le logement public dans l'espace francophone. In the words of its director, historian Jean-François Vachon, "listening to Richard allows us to understand his insights and the carefully considered observations of a man who has been concerned about the conditions for tenants in low-rent housing for nearly eight years. [...] Transformed by 'the wealth of human experiences' he has had since moving to a low-rent housing building, Richard re-examines what he calls 'our pre-conceived judgements'". It's worth listening to the podcast on Spotify, Apple Podcasts or <https://offices-habitation.usherbrooke.ca/balados/>

Âge-issons contre l'intimidation



Tenants from habitations Saint-Georges and habitations Boyer proudly showed off their collective works on the topic of bullying to peers and OMHM and City of Montréal representatives at various ceremonies. The Centre des Aînés de Villeray spearheaded a collaborative

painting project with artist Anne-Marie Bouchard. The paintings will be permanently displayed in the common areas of the residences so that all tenants can enjoy them and will encourage exchanges that will improve communal living.

Congratulations to the tenants for their commitment and contribution to a safer and more inclusive environment!

Don't miss these training sessions!

IT training by Insertech

Tenant committees may contact their community organizer if they would like to have computer-related trainings in their common room. They can give their availability to their community organizer and specify which day the community worker is present (if there is one) to book training session dates. Here are the two possible options:

CONNECTED ROOMS TOUR

Insertech wants to tour connected rooms to:

- provide basic WIFI training sessions for tenants;
- update the desktop page on the computer and add shortcuts to pages that are useful to tenants;
- answer tenants' technological questions;
- identify needs and schedule longer training sessions when needed.

TRAINING SESSIONS OVER 4 WEEKS

- Community rooms may or may not have been connected by Insertech;
- Four-week training sessions in a habitation (1 session/week lasting 2 to 3 hours);
- Alternating sessions: a group session followed by an individual session for tenants who register.
- Contact your community organizer for a list of training session topics or to propose a topic.

Tenant associations 101

Date: Thursday, November 21, 2024, 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Location: 400, boulevard Rosemont, Salle Meunier, Mezzanine Level

Animator: Judith Lemaire

Objectives:

Get informed to better understand:

- How tenant associations work (legal aspects, regulations, etc.)
- Roles and responsibilities:
 - of tenant association members
 - of the tenant committee
- How to improve the democratic process

Please call 514 872-2104 to register.



Just ask...

Does your association need a hand organizing or facilitating a meeting? Would you like some guidance with financial management? The Groupe locataires-ressources is here for you! Its experienced members can help you.

If you would like their help, please call 514-521-1485 or email info@flhlmq.com.