



## Tenants elect their representative on the OMHM Board



On July 12, 23 tenant association and CCR ENHARMONIE delegates met at the Administration and Services Centre of the Office municipal d'habitation de Montréal (OMHM) in Rosemont to hear from the three candidates seeking to fill the vacant position on the Board of Directors. Ms. Silvia Rocha of Habitations Sainte-Brigide was elected. Her experience as chair of her tenant association and involvement on sector committees will serve her well in representing tenants on the Board of Directors. As an elected member, she will also sit on the Comité consultatif des résidents (CCR or Advisory Committee of Tenants) for low-rent housing and the ENHARMONIE residences.

Robert Pilon, coordinator of the Fédération des locataires d'habitation à loyer modique du Québec (FLHLMQ) and meeting chair, invited Suzanne Payant to speak first. Elected in 2022 as a Board of Directors' tenant member from housing for families, she gave an overview of the role of tenants in this participatory body and the scope of work that they could expect. "We represent tenants, but we also represent the OMHM. It's a great team," she said.

Mr. Pilon reminded the tenant association delegates and the members of the CCR ENHARMONIE that they were there to choose the person who would succeed Ahmed Drissi. Mr. Drissi was elected in April 2023 to replace Raymond Saulnier as a member from housing for seniors. He was to complete Mr. Saulnier's mandate over the next 2 years but resigned shortly after taking the role meaning a new election was necessary.

All three candidates put their case forward with aplomb. Résidence Piero-Corti resident Nicole Aubé spoke first, followed by Estelle Laliberté of Résidence Lionel-Bourdon, and Ms. Rocha. "It's great to see three candidates, three experienced women, making this a true democratic exercise," said Mr. Pilon. The three candidates all shared great qualities, most notably their commitment, empathy, and willingness to help others.

The OMHM congratulates Ms. Rocha!

## A word from the new director of community organization



I am incredibly honoured to take over the leadership of community organization following the retirement of Nathalie Morin, who has contributed significantly to community action over the past 30 years. I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all of

you for the trust you have placed in me every day since I started in 2008 at the Office municipal d'habitation de Montréal.

I know that we can make great changes in our living environments by collaborating with tenant associations and getting their members engaged. Over the years, I have had the opportunity to work with associations, tenants and organizations and have seen firsthand the positive impact that community actions can have on people's homes and lives.

I accepted this new challenge because I believe in the strength of community and everyone's ability to make positive changes. I'm not alone. I have a great team with me, but the most important players are tenant associations.

As the community organization director, my goal is to work closely with you. I firmly believe that the key to our success lies in engaging our resources, listening carefully to the needs of tenants and implementing solutions to overcome our challenges—and I am well aware of the challenges we face.

Together we are stronger, and together we can achieve great things.

Yours in solidarity,

Patrick Benjamin  
Directeur de l'organisation communautaire  
Director of Community Organization

## Annual general meeting of the Comité consultatif des résidents (CCR or Advisory Committee of Tenants) Reinventing community safety!



The CCR invites tenant associations to its annual general meeting (AGM) on November 2. Come one, come all!

### The day's program of events

The AGM will begin with a presentation by the CCR on the work it has achieved in recent years. The main priorities for 2023–2024 will then be presented. This will be followed by exchange workshops and discussions on issues that negatively impact the quality of life in your buildings. Associations will be invited to try new ways to improve harmonious living in their living environment.

### Who can come?

All low-rent housing tenant associations in Montreal are invited to attend the AGM.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Keep abreast of the work of the CCR and make sure your association attends!

Coffee, snacks and lunch are provided.

Address: Centre Sainte-Catherine d'Alexandrie,  
1700, rue Atateken

 Berri-UQAM metro (Maisonnette exit)

**WHEN? NOVEMBER 2, FROM 9 A.M. TO 3 P.M.**

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Email: [ccr.mtl@gmail.com](mailto:ccr.mtl@gmail.com)

## Fire prevention

The Service de sécurité incendie de Montréal (SIM) Fire Prevention Week was held from October 8 to 14 under the theme "Le premier responsable, c'est toi!" (The first person in charge is you!). The Office municipal d'habitation de Montréal (OMHM) took the opportunity to remind all residents of the importance of preventive measures.

One of these measures—evacuation drills—should be taken very seriously. They are essential for keeping everyone in the building safe. Taking part in these exercises

teaches residents what to do in the event of a fire and allows OMHM staff to verify that all safety equipment is working properly. When practising these drills, you develop good reflexes in an emergency, which could save lives.

It is vital for all occupants to understand that they must **exit the building** when the alarm sounds and go **to the established meeting point**. All tenants in high-rise buildings have received a letter indicating the meeting point location outside their building.

Thank you for educating your association members and all tenants!



## Insurance— a good idea!

A new tenant awareness campaign has just been launched. On buildings' screens, you will see messages encouraging tenants to purchase home insurance. It is important to remind tenants that they are responsible for protecting everything inside their apartment. Information sheets will be provided upon signing the lease and are available at Service Desks East and West.



## Rubbing shoulders

### Emotional and uplifting gathering in honour of Daniel Pepper

At Habitations Charlebois, several tenants were left shocked by the all-too-sudden passing of Daniel Pepper, a building manager who died suddenly last spring. The tenant committee wanted to pay tribute to him, as he was greatly appreciated by the tenants. Borough mayor Benoît Dorais was also present. Thank you and kudos to the members for organizing this wonderful and rallying ceremony!

Congratulations also to Martine Dompierre and volunteers for the work done on the premises of the building. Mr. Pepper counted on her to help him implement projects to enhance the living environment for all tenants in "his" building.



## New tenant committees

Since last June, 13 elections have been held in low-rent housing buildings in Montreal. Congratulations to all those newly elected officials who are committed to improving the quality of life in their buildings!

<p><b>Adélarde-Langevin</b> <b>S</b>                  Aubin, Serge                  Belisle, Monique                  Labelle, Linda                  McGurk, Shirley                  Parent, Suzanne</p> <p><b>D'Auteuil</b> <b>S</b>                  Allard, René                  Boyer, Rejeanne                  Lanthier, Francyne                  Decary, Jocelyne</p> <p><b>De Rouen</b> <b>S</b>                  Gauthier, Raymonde                  Laviolette, Manon                  Reeves, Andre                  Ste-Marie, Kim</p>	<p><b>Des Carriers</b> <b>S</b>                  Akou, Beauguit Etienne                  Noël, Céfalise                  Rosclair, Maud                  Valcin, Marie Carole</p> <p><b>De Terrebonne</b> <b>S</b>                  Spires, Mark                  Wilcox, Ralph                  Meteleva, Nadejda</p> <p><b>Jean-Talon</b> <b>S</b>                  Bajhat, Naureen                  Bencherif, Redouane                  Bitzas, Frank                  Zukowska, Marianna</p> <p><b>Les Jardins Angevin</b> <b>S</b>                  Dilger, Claudette                  Girardeau, Christiane                  Lavoie, Claire                  Tremblay, Claudette                  Villeneuve Richardson, Claire</p>	<p><b>Maison Justine-Lacoste</b> <b>S</b>                  Clément, Pierrette                  Hebert, Jeannine</p> <p><b>Manoir Aimé-Léonard</b> <b>S</b>                  Auclair, André                  Cyr, Gilles                  Héroux, Hélène                  Moreau, Denise                  Spencer, Linda</p> <p><b>Manoir Anjou</b> <b>S</b>                  Barrette, Jacques                  Boisclair, France                  Gabriel-Pierre, Raymonde                  Lepage, Diane                  Payette, Suzanne</p> <p><b>Papineau A</b> <b>S</b>                  Gagné, André                  Gagné, Marc                  Morin, Suzanne                  Racette, Jean-Yves</p>	<p><b>Parc Royal</b> <b>F</b>                  Achli, Khadija                  Bahi, Yasmine                  Basser, Badia                  El-Amrawy, Walaa                  El Moudnib, Hassana</p> <p><b>Résidence Edwin-Crawford</b> <b>S</b>                  Caballero, Sophia                  Corbett, Heather                  Cox, Robert                  Legge, Beatrice                  Scott-Forgues, Sandra                  Tees, Virginia</p>
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**S** low-rent housing for seniors **F** low-rent housing for families and people living alone  
 This information is provided as a guideline and is subject to change as tenant associations evolve.

## Upcoming training courses this fall!

L'ABC D'UNE ASSOCIATION DE LOCATAIRES	
<p><b>Thursday, October 26</b>                  1:30 – 4:30 p.m.                  400, boul. Rosemont                  Salle Meunier                  Judith Lemaire</p>	<p><b>Thursday, November 16</b>                  1:30 – 4:30 p.m.                  400, boul. Rosemont                  Salle Meunier                  Judith Lemaire</p>

To register,  
 call  
 514-872-2104

### L'ABC D'UNE ASSOCIATION DE LOCATAIRES

Objectives:

Get the tools you need to better understand:

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

## MOUV art exhibition

Have you heard of MOUV? It's like an advisory committee of residents, but for youth living in low-rent housing. From **September 29 to October 27**, we are exhibiting works by young artists on the walls of the new OMHM building at 400 Rosemont Boulevard. Feel free to drop by and check them out! We're open Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



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