

## ● Côte St. Luc Mourning Brian Mulroney

The city also released a statement mourning the recent passing of former Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, listing some of his accomplishments from 1984 to 1993. From a local basis, “shortly after a rally against Bill 21 held outside CSL City Hall, Mayor Mitchell Brownstein met Brian Mulroney at an event marking the 100th anniversary of CN. Mr. Mulroney walked over to Mayor Brownstein to express how impressed he was with what CSL was doing to protect religious and minority rights. Stories like these are common as Mr. Mulroney took the time to encourage people and show his support. The city [lowered] to half-mast the Côte Saint-Luc flag outside City Hall on the passing of Canada’s 18th prime minister.”

## Tenant concerns

Councillor Mike Cohen wrote on his [www.mikecohen.ca](http://www.mikecohen.ca) blog that five residential apartment buildings in District 2, on Sir Walter Scott and Kildare, have been

sold for more than \$40 million, and had been owned by the CLV Group. “For CSL, the good news is that at a time when our finances have been adversely affected by a lack of home sales due to high interest rates, inflation, city of Montreal transfers and more, we will net \$1.2 million in welcome taxes,” he wrote. “However, tenants of the five buildings have sounded the alarm due to the mysterious nature of the new owners....A letter advising tenants of the change was not printed on any kind of letterhead and rather than being delivered to each door, it was merely posted on some of the walls in high traffic areas. Tenants fear that the new company will proceed with renovations — the eviction of all of a building’s tenants on the grounds that a large-scale renovation is planned....Councillor Berku and I met with tenants. There were representatives from each building. They are being proactive, having already engaged a lawyer.”

## ● Montreal West Summer aquatic activities

The town announced that it will “continue to offer aquatic activities to campers and residents as part of the Recreation department’s 2024 summer programming. Thanks to the collaboration of the City of Côte St. Luc, campers and participants of Montreal West activities will be able to participate in aquatic programming organized and led by the town.” For the town’s day camp, “campers will be bused to the CSL pool several times per week where they will be able to partake in the usual aquatic activities. The pool activity schedule for campers will be shared with registrants as soon as it is finalized. As a bonus, the early bird pricing for camp registration has been extended until Friday, March 8, 2024. To register for camp, visit the Amilia platform.” For this summer’s aquatic activities, “the programs taught by Montreal West staff members will also be offered at the CSL pool. The schedule of these activities will soon be made available. Registration for the Aquatic programs will be open on Wednesday, March 13 and accessible via Amilia. For any questions, contact the Montreal West Recreation department at [recreation@montreal-west.ca](mailto:recreation@montreal-west.ca) or by phone at 514 484-6186.”

## ● Hampstead Council attendance

For the last many years, the town has posted the attendance statistics of the mayor and each councillor. The latest statistics, from the time of the November 2021 election to February 2024, indicates that Mayor Jeremy Levi had perfect attendance at 28 regular and 15 special council meetings, Councillor Michael Goldwax was not at one regular meeting and one special meeting, Councillor Jack Edery was not at three regular meetings but attended all special meetings, Councillor Leon Elfassy was not at two regular and three special meetings, Councillor Jason Farber was not at eight regular and three special council meetings, Councillor Warren Budning was not at two regular meet-



Margie Gillis (fifth from the left) is welcomed back to Carlyle Elementary School in TMR by (left to right) event moderator Dan Laxer, Principal Dina Vourdouis, Mayor Peter Malouf, Town Manager Ava Couch, Commissioner Ellie Israel and Chelsea Craig from the office of Mount Royal Liberal MP Anthony Housefather. Craig presented Gillis with a special certificate.

ings and one special meeting and Councillor Harvey Shaffer was not at three regular and three special meetings.

## ● St. Laurent CEGEP GameJam

Vanier College recently held its third annual Cégep GameJam, “bringing together 100 enthusiastic students from 20 different Cégeps for an immersive experience in the world of game creation. GameJam 2024 was a unique two-day learning opportunity where participants were able to create board games, video games, or card games. Cégep GameJam is open to all, including beginners with or without a background in programming. However, to help students grasp different aspects of game design including art, programming, music and narration, 20 mentors from the video game industry, including professionals from Ubisoft and independent game studios, as well as various university game design programs such as Concordia and McGill, were on hand during the event.”

## ● Town of Mount Royal REM noise petition submitted to National Assembly

The town announced that a petition “initiated by residents living near the railway tracks in cooperation with Mayor Peter J. Malouf, and supported by the Member of the National Assembly, Mrs. Michelle Setlakwe, calls for noise mitigation measures before the launch of the REM service. The petition specifically requests the Quebec government to ensure that CDPQ Infra implements all necessary measures to reduce noise, such as rail grinding, installation of vibration absorbers, and effective noise barriers on both sides of the railway track along the entire route through the area. Members of the municipal council of the Town of Mount Royal [are inviting] Townies to sign in large numbers, by May 20th, the petition

(in French only) is available on the website of the National Assembly of Quebec. It is worth noting that 550 train passages, 20 hours a day, are planned daily in this particularly peaceful and densely populated residential area located on both sides of the REM route. Mrs. Setlakwe will officially submit the petition of the signatories during a session of the National Assembly later in May. This petition echoes the initiative undertaken last June by the municipal council, which, with the imminent commissioning of the REM rail line, sent a resolution to CDPQ Infra, expressing its concerns and demanding the implementation of necessary noise and visual pollution mitigation measures.” The petition can be seen and signed at <https://m.assnat.qc.ca/fr/exprimez-votre-opinion/petition/Petition-10695/index.html>.

## Dancer Margie Gillis visits Carlyle Elementary School

The English Montreal School Board announced that “internationally acclaimed choreographer and dancer Margie Gillis returned to visit her former elementary school, Carlyle on Feb. 28. She answered questions, showcased many of the medals she has been awarded and even danced with and for the children.”

## ● Westmount Statement on Mulroney

The city released a statement on the passing of former Prime Minister Brian Mulroney on Feb. 29, saying he was acclaimed “for his global leadership on social justice and environmental activism—a long-time resident of Westmount, he was presented with the key to the City by Mayor Brian O’Neill Gallery. The Right Honourable Brian Mulroney was one of our great statesmen and served Canada proudly in and out of office. We extend our deepest sympathies to his family. Our thoughts and condolences are with them during this time of mourning.” ■

## Bring Them Home

These are 2 of the 136 Israelis being held hostage by Hamas. Bring them all home now! #bringthemhome



SAGUI DEKEL-CHEN, 35



CARMEL GAT, 39