

Things are happening in Montréal

HIGHLIGHTS – 2009-2010 ADMINISTRATION'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS





Dear friends,

You all know, that an administration is not elected on its past record, but rather on the commitments it has made. And, the commitments that we made together a year ago already provide us with a record that each and every one of us can be proud of.

Upon the first anniversary of the re-election of our political party, I wish to thank and pay homage to you by submitting a summary of our administration's accomplishments during the last year.

These accomplishments are your handiwork, as it is together at our last convention that we all chose the priorities we wished to promote in order to respond to the expectations of our fellow citizens.

It is also your handiwork, because it is thanks to your commitment and dedication during the last electoral campaign that we were victorious, thus enabling us to implement our priorities.

Without saying mission accomplished we can however state that, things are happening in Montréal! Indeed, Montréal is changing, Montréal stands out, Montréal, much like the vitality of its citizens, renews itself daily. We have listened to you and we have taken action on issues that are close to you; home, street, neighbourhood, city and finally, the metropolis.

I am counting on you and your hard work. Continue being demanding so that every day we constantly surpass ourselves and so that we can pursue our mission; to create a 21st century internationally recognized metropolis in the image of the men and women who contribute to making it so.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Gérald Tremblay". The signature is stylized and fluid, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Gérald Tremblay,
Leader Union Montréal
Mayor of Montréal

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MY HOME

- ✓ **Reimbursement of the real property transfer tax** and six months of **free** public transit;
- ✓ Increase in the **financial help given for properties**, a greater choice for families hoping to become home-owners: houses of **3 rooms and more** the maximum price of the new dwelling unit will be increased to \$310,000. For existing **duplexes** the maximum prices will be increased to \$400,000. For existing triplexes to \$ 450,000.
- ✓ Resolution of the **unfit dwelling units**; the City will be stricter with delinquent property owners: reduction in the deadlines given to do the work.
- ✓ Launch of the **reconstruction** of Places L'Acadie-Henri-Bourassa, including services such as a childcare centre.
- ✓ Continuation of the 15,000 dwelling units programme, whose objective is the addition of 5,000 social and community housing units during the course of our mandate.

MY STREET

- ✓ Implementation of the **40km/h** limit on local residential streets, first phase completed in the Lachine, Pierrefonds-Roxboro, Saint-Laurent, Rosemont-La Petite-Patrie boroughs, as well as in two sectors in the Ville-Marie borough. Ongoing implementation in the 19 boroughs.
- ✓ Acquisition of **245,000 mobile waste** containers to increase recycling – A distribution record in Quebec!
- ✓ **Increase in police presence at pedestrian crossings**, as well as school crossings and corridors. More than 950 roadway safety operations were performed. Close to 12,000 fines were given during the course of our interventions.
- ✓ Investments in 2010 to reshape intersections to render them safer.

MY NEIGHBOURHOOD

- ☑ Modernization and embellishment of **local parks** and of big parks, \$21 million invested.
- ☑ Enrolment via **internet** in sports and leisure activities offered by the City, 14 boroughs are now online, the Claude Robillard centre has started offering online enrolment.
- ☑ Creation of the “Haltes familles” network and **reserved parking spaces for families**.
- ☑ Initial roll-out of the web portal for Montréal Libraries within the framework of the PR@M-FAMILLE programme to: Promote reading, facilitate homework help, facilitate access to quality collections of works, facilitate learning and self-teaching, coach parents and educators.
- ☑ Renovation of 12 **arenas** until 2012, close to 50% of our commitment is attained in 2010.
- ☑ An additional \$10.1 million to the borough budgets for cleanliness, which is an increase close to 20%. More than 200 cleanup activities were conducted in 2010, in which 8,000 citizens, companies, institutions and groups participated.
- ☑ Over \$1 million dedicated to the **cleanup of graffiti**, namely downtown, as well as financial aid for organizations working with youth, for prevention and educational activities including the **creation of 5 murals**.
- ☑ **Creation of the winter brigade**: the winter brigade will be deployed on downtown arteries to add abrasives to problem areas, clear manholes, empty garbage bins. When the weather is fair, the brigade will fill potholes, clean site amenities, erase graffiti, etc.

« IN TOTAL, AN AMOUNT OF \$48 MILLION
WILL BE INVESTED IN 2010
BY THE TREMBLAY ADMINISTRATION
FOR MONTRÉAL FAMILIES. »

MY CITY

In solidarity

- ✔ Launch of the **Agir résolu pour contrer l'itinérance** plan: 11 concrete interventions to quickly come to the aid of people living in vulnerable situations, in a concerted manner.
- ✔ **\$725,000 granted to organizations** working in the homelessness field.
- ✔ Launching of 10 calls for tenders for the execution of work in the pursuit of the **universal access programme** for City buildings and equipment.
- ✔ **Awarded** the "À part entière 2010" award, for the Montréal region: award from the Office des personnes handicapées du Québec in recognition of the significant initiatives taken to favour the **integration of physically challenged people**.
- ✔ Maintaining of the **Emergency fund for the fight against poverty and social exclusion**: a \$500,000 grant to aid community organizations working in food safety for the greater Montréal area.
- ✔ Continuation of the **professional sponsorship** programme to increase the representation of communities from various origins within Montreal's public service.

Place of culture and heritage

- ✔ Launching of phase 3 of the **Quartier des spectacles**, realization of electrical works and acquisition of lighting supplies thanks to over \$17 million in investments
- ✔ Public opening of the **Parterre** du Quartier des spectacles.
- ✔ Restoration of the archaeological remains of the **Champ-de-Mars fortifications**, a \$3.2 million investment.
- ✔ Redevelopment of **Place d'Armes**, a \$12.5 million investment
- ✔ Launch of the **Pointe-à-Callière**, Montréal Museum of Archaeology and History expansion project. (\$2.2 million).

Place of culture and heritage (continued)

- ✔ Implementation of four new initiatives in favour of the **development of Montréal festivals**: supporting the creation of a new festival dedicated to the circus arts; extension, until 2012, of the development agreements struck by the City of Montréal with the Festival International de Jazz de Montréal and the Just for Laughs Festival.
- ✔ Support for the event “**Grand Charivari**” in Montréal by granting the amount of \$250,000 annually for the years 2010, 2011 and 2012.
- ✔ Design contest for **urban site amenities** to be used during festivals and the design contest for bus shelters.
- ✔ Unveiling of the winners of the **architectural contests** for the construction of the Saint-Laurent and Marc-Favreau libraries.
- ✔ Start of important **restoration work on the Brignon-dit-Lapierre ancestral home** in Montréal-North in order to make this recognized historical monument and municipal property a public place with a cultural calling (\$1.2 million).

Green

- ✔ Launch of the **ozonization system** project for the disinfection of wastewater at the Jean-R. Marcotte sewage plant.
- ✔ Beginning of construction work to **upgrade the Pierrefonds drinking water plant**.
- ✔ **The Third summit park** is now a concrete reality and is an integral part of Mont-Royal Park; we secured the agreements needed with our partners.
- ✔ Preliminary identification of sites for the implementation of **anaerobic digestion plants**: these plants which will allow us to produce **biomass energy** from kitchen waste.

Prosperous

- ✔ Beginning of construction for the **Séville real estate project** that will reinvigorate an unstructured part of downtown.
- ✔ Revitalization of the **Griffintown** quarter: \$30 million invested for, among other things, the creation of public places and green spaces. **Restore and develop the Square Gallery Park cottage and the control building for the railway bridge on the Lachine canal.**
- ✔ Realization of the **Quartier Bonaventure**: As of this fall, beginning of the **transformation** of one of the main entrance ways to the City **into a lived-in and lively quarter**; an extension of downtown, the project plans for more green spaces and public places in order to accentuate the exceptional character of this entrance to the City.
- ✔ Beginning of construction on **University de Montréal's research Centre in downtown Montréal.**
- ✔ Launching of the infrastructure work to service the future mega hospital of the **McGill health centre.**
- ✔ Extension of the **PR@M-Industrie**: Property tax holiday, for industrial and commercial building owners for reconversion, on the "improvement to the building" portion for the first five years after the work is completed. 72 projects benefitted from this tax holiday which corresponds to an amount of \$52 million, these projects will generate private investments of \$450 million.
- ✔ Continuation of the **PRAM-Commerce** programme that allows merchants to get financial aid to embellish their storefronts; in 2010, more than 200 projects are eligible.

MY METROPOLIS

- ✔ Return of the **Formula 1 Grand Prix**: economic impact of close to \$90 million.
- ✔ Hosting of **major sporting events**: The Championnat de Montréal (Champions Tour, golf), The Rogers Cup (tennis), Nascar series (auto-racing), the Marathon de Montréal, the Grand Prix Cycliste de Montréal et de Québec.
- ✔ Implementation of the **Bixi internationally**, currently symbolizes Montréal across the world. Bixi is present in London, Melbourne, Boston, Washington and Minneapolis; Les systèmes Bixi was awarded the **Gold Prize** from the **Edison Awards** for best product in the “energy and sustainable development” category, Time magazine ranked it in 19 place for best inventions in 2008 and it won the **Bronze** award at the **International Design Excellence Award** in the transportation category and the **Gold** award in the Non-profit organization category at the **Leadership awards in the Canadian public sector**.
- ✔ Our continuous investments in public transit are bearing fruit: **The Montréal Transportation plan** won an **award in Copenhagen** and the **Société de transport de Montréal was awarded the prize for best transportation company in North America**;
- ✔ International and national recognition without precedent of Montréal’s quality of life. According to **Lonely Planet, Montréal comes in 2nd place among the top 10 happiest places in the world**, the International Congress and Convention Association recognizes Montréal as **the best destination to hold a convention in North America**, Monocle magazine ranks Montréal 19th among the most liveable cities.
- ✔ Economic, institutional and cultural mission in China during the **World Expo in Shanghai**;
- ✔ Major role in international cooperation in helping the **Haitian** population following the January 12, 2010 disaster: **Hosting** and discussions with the **Haitian Prime minister** to ensure Montréal’s presence for the reconstruction, unequivocal support with human resources and material contributions valued at \$1 million, **special support** to the **Montréal Haitian community**, especially in the Montréal-North, Villeray–St-Michel–Parc-Extension and Rivières-des-Prairies–Pointe-aux-Trembles boroughs.
- ✔ Recognition of the vital role played by cities on matters of governance. Mayor Tremblay ongoing participation with diverse international entities: Cities Summit and Local and Regional Leaders (UCLG), *Association Internationale des Maires Francophones (AIMF)*, United Nations (UN).
- ✔ **Recognition** of the role played by cities, especially that of our metropolis, in matters concerning **biodiversity**: *The mayor of Montréal distinguishes himself internationally, becoming the defender of this proposal by participating in the Convention on Biological Diversity.*