



A Wonderful Place to Live

Mayor's Message



Mayor Anthony Housefather

It gives me great pleasure to communicate with the residents of District 5 and I want to congratulate Councillor Allan J. Levine for the hard work he puts into his district and the running of the city as a whole.

Like you, I was troubled by the train derailment and fire in Lac Mégantic on July 6. As you are no doubt aware railways fall under federal jurisdiction. Although the safety record of railways is generally good and the city has an Emergency Measures Plan to respond to any railway related incident we need to learn lessons from this tragedy. For the last eight years that I have been mayor, we have enjoyed a very positive relationship with Canadian Pacific Railway and we have asked for a meeting with officials from CP to review the measures and procedures it has put in place to ensure the safety and security of transport throughout the Saint-Luc yards and in particular along the shared track used by commuter trains and freight trains. We will also be joining with our fellow cities and towns in Canada to ask for changes to federal regulations to the extent necessary to respond to the issues raised by this incident.

Over the last several years we have seen some amazing changes in Côte Saint-Luc. We have constructed the new Aquatic and Community Centre (ACC) that has created a community hub in Côte Saint-Luc and made us a leader in swimming programs. The building with its library annex, dance studio,

arts studio, gym, multipurpose rooms and seniors centre, not to mention a café is an enormous asset to our city.

We have also worked hard with the EMSB to restore a mainstream English public high school to Côte Saint-Luc and Wallenberg Academy is set to be launched at the former Wagar site in the fall of 2014. We have invested heavily in our water infrastructure and continue to restore roads, sidewalks and parks on an ongoing basis.

Your City Council has worked hard to lead the fight against Bill 14 at the municipal level and has coordinated the campaign against the provisions within the bill on bilingual communities. We have successfully secured the support of almost every bilingual municipality in Quebec as well as many non-bilingual communities and both of the major groups representing Quebec municipalities. Please visit bilingualstatus.com a website established by the city to learn more.

Finally I want to reassure you that contrary to what we are hearing goes on in other cities in this province, Côte Saint-Luc has policies and procedures and people in place to ensure that our city runs with honesty and integrity and in the best interest of residents.

Have a great summer to all!

It has been my pleasure to serve as your City Councillor since 1986. I look forward to serving you in the future.

Côte Saint-Luc residents live in a wonderful place with many services superior to those offered in other cities on the island.

Our Aquatic and Community Centre, Eleanor London Côte Saint-Luc Public Library, Samuel Moscovitch Arena, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), Volunteer Citizens on Patrol (vCOP), Public Security agents and Neighbourhood Police Station 9 are some of our unique and valuable integrated resources.

District 5 has a low crime rate, resulting in both favourable insurance rates and immeasurable peace of mind. It is also blessed with dedicated, co-operative, and caring residents. We lead the way in organic waste collection (first in Quebec for brown bins in 2007), resulting in an award presented in 2009 as the leaders on composting on the island. We are the leading participants in Maison Fleuries garden beautification contest, and volunteerism. District 5, is the only district that is split in two for the Maison Fleuries contest because of its numerous beautiful gardens and large numbers of entries.

Still on the subject of gardens, District 5 will see a new community garden at Kirwan Park. Call the library at 514-485-6900 to put your name on the list to secure a family garden spot in 2014.

Driving or walking the safe streets from Blossom to Léger, I marvel at the mature trees and the beautifully maintained homes, lawns and gardens. I chair or co-chair many Côte Saint-Luc events such as our wonderful winter carnival, our joyful carnival dance, the Maison Fleuries contest, the Human Rights Walkway ceremony, and V-E Day. I applaud and thank my district 5 club volunteers, vCOPs and coaches who play vital roles as both volunteers and participants in all city activities.

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Allan J. Levine City Councillor for District 5

Responsible for railway issues, seniors, Royal Canadian Legion and tennis issues

Major Responsibilities

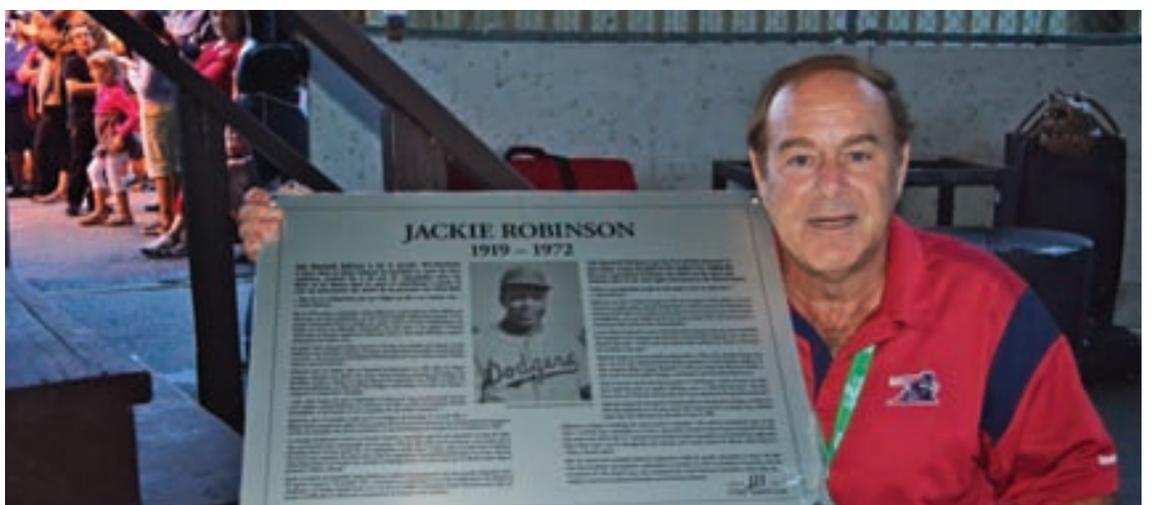
I serve on both the Audit Committee and the Planning Advisory Committee, but my portfolio of responsibilities also include seniors issues, Branch 97 of the Royal Canadian Legion, tennis and tennis camps, the railways, and public education. My priority, just one, is to keep any tax increase below the rate of inflation, which we have succeeded in doing for the past four years.

Concerns of Residents

The 2015 renovation Kirwan Park, speeding on residential streets, dangerous pets and fixing more sidewalks. These are four major concerns that I focus upon, with sidewalk replacement on the top of my list. You are my extra eyes and ears, call me or email me with your concerns. I will share them with council and seek solutions.



Councillor Allan J. Levine with Mayor Anthony Housefather.



The city honoured Jackie Robinson on its Human Rights Walkway during a ceremony on Canada Day at Pierre Elliott Trudeau Park. Councillor Allan J. Levine was co-chair of the event.

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As a longtime member of the Planning And Advisory Committee, I have seen very interesting additions to homes in District 5 which, by law, the city and council must approve before construction. These additions include dormers and rear extensions decks and pools. Your home in Côte Saint-Luc is a great investment: renovations can give your home more space, comfort and equity. Please present your initial renovation plans to the Urban Planning Department. There we will review your ideas free of charge, thereby avoiding you costly changes and delays.

One of our best assets in this district are our parks and playgrounds within walking distance of your home. The Côte Saint-Luc Tennis Club, on the corner of Mackle and Blossom, boasts of having the best clay-court facilities anywhere. The city's club has nine clay courts, a newly-renovated clubhouse, a saline-non chlorine-pool and even a kosher barbecue every Sunday afternoon. Bring along your family and you will all be warmly welcomed.

Adjacent to the tennis club is Kirwan Park, home to two excellent softball fields, basketball and much more. There are also newly renovated playgrounds, at Rabin and Kirwan parks. Your youngsters will enjoy trying out the new climbing wall.

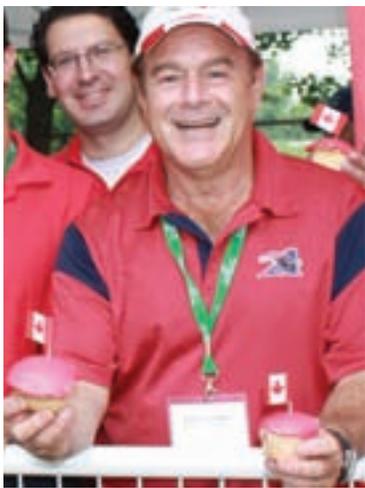
Yitzhak Rabin Park, in front of the Beth Zion synagogue and close to the Beth Rambam synagogue, houses a secure playground with beautiful grounds and some advanced equipment for 5 to 7 year olds.

In District 5 we have two state-of-the-art daycares, several synagogues, private and public schools, and our wonderful Meadowbrook Golf Course. This is a treasured 18-hole golf course and green space, nine holes of which lie in District 5. On Meadowbrook's preservation, I pledge to protect it as a green space.

It is truly a privilege to represent you in Côte Saint-Luc where you can enjoy peace and security in a beautiful, strong and green community. We are not perfect yet, but in the last eight years, after the demerger, we are a much better community in which to live.



Côte Saint-Luc and the Royal Canadian Legion commemorate V-E Day each year in May.



The best Canada Day cupcake anywhere in the country.



Councillor Allan J. Levine, D'Arcy McGee MNA Lawrence Bergman, Mount Royal MP Irwin Cotler, Mayor Anthony Housefather and Ron Meisels (seated left), whose step-father was saved when Swedish diplomat Raoul Wallenberg issued him a passport during the Second World War.



District 5 encompasses Mackle Rd. (to the north), Wavell Rd. (to the south), Blossom Ave. (to the west) and Léger Ave. (to the east). For more information, I can be reached at 514-485-6945 or alevine@cotesaintluc.org. Please note that due to the delivery procedures of Canada Post, some homes outside District 5 are receiving this newsletter. Those of you who do not reside within the boundaries above fall into this category.



Councillor Levine with his wife Rhoda.

Please remember that you are my extra eyes and ears and you can reach me by e-mail at alevine@cotesaintluc.org or by phone at 514-485-6945.



Councillor Allan J. Levine with Ambassador of the Year Howard Kutz.



(left) Councillor Allan J. Levine with Mayor Ezra Ravins of the Arava Regional Council in southern Israel. Organized by the Montreal office of JNF Canada, Mayor Ravins spoke in February about agricultural-related research and development projects taking place in the middle of the desert. (Photo credit: David Smajovits)



(right) Again this year, Côte Saint-Luc donated \$4,500 to Ronald McDonald House.

Kirwan Park Improvements

Improved bathrooms and lighting, hockey and inline skating hockey facilities, increased surveillance by Public Security agents and vCOPs as well as police security will be all in place for the summer of 2013. The latest technology in park surveillance is now being tested. Yours and your family's security is of paramount importance.

Speed limits on all residential streets have been reduced to 40 km/h from 50 km/h and 30 km/hr in front of parks and schools. Mackle Rd. has a constant 40 km/h speed limit except in front of the elementary school at the corner of Blossom. I have asked for increased police presence on Guelph, so let us slow down for our children and full stops.

Our city has introduced a "muzzle" by-law for dangerous dogs of all types, or for any dog that is unruly. Report unruly dogs to public security and email me, I will follow it up. BB guns and similar weapons have been banned from public places.

District 5 is, with its pretty lighting, mature trees, beautiful modest housing, and plethora of parks, offers baseball, soccer, tennis and even community gardening, and is a most beautiful place in which to live. Please stay in touch with me, invite me to your fundraisers, special events and block parties.

Do you know of a District 5 person who has won an award or contributed to society in a special way? Please let me know so that we can all share in the pride of our special extended family.