

District 7 Newsletter

Summer 2013



Mitchell Brownstein

City Councillor for District 7

Responsible for
Parks and Recreation

Aquatics and Sports Programs

In 2006, when I brought up the idea of a Côte Saint-Luc Fun Card, Council immediately liked the idea which has now been expanded to include access to the Parkhaven Outdoor Pool, the ACC indoor pools, the ACC fitness room, the tennis courts at Rembrandt Park and on Caldwell. The goal of the membership is to improve the quality of life of our residents.

We have a very successful swim team, masters swim program, swimming lessons, aqua fitness, and synchronized swimming thanks to our new indoor facility. Our Teen Lounge at the ACC is the place for youth to enjoy themselves and is open year round. Our new satellite library and excellent Aqua Café—right next to our new innovative Imagination Park—are also very popular with free Wi-Fi available and a 60-inch television in the atrium.

Fitness, Arts & Sports Programs Registration Evening
August 19—6 pm to 8 pm

Aquatics Programs Registration Evening
August 21—6 pm to 8 pm

at the Parks & Recreation Administration Offices

Congratulations and Best Wishes

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate St. Richard's Parish on its 50th anniversary in Côte Saint-Luc. Congratulations and best wishes must also go to the Castel Royale for the beautiful renovation of their retirement residence. Wishing you all good health and happiness.

As the City Councillor responsible for Parks and Recreation issues I encourage you to take advantage of the large variety of aquatic, sports, arts and cultural programs we offer. Enjoy each and every day right here in Côte Saint-Luc.

Quality of Life

The City of Côte Saint-Luc is committed to improving the quality of life of its residents through providing state-of-the-art facilities like our new Aquatic and Community Centre and innovative programming in aquatic, sports, arts and culture.

I am particularly fortunate to be working with Mayor Anthony Housefather who encourages each Councillor to introduce innovative programming and new ideas for our city. You just have to look around our city to see how his vision has brought about an entire rejuvenation to our city.

Co-chairing the development project for the establishment of the Aquatic and Community Centre with Councillor Ruth Kovac and watching this facility become a very active centre for aquatics, sports and culture and our men's club has been an extremely satisfying experience.

Creating the Côte Saint-Luc Dramatic Society and producing four successful productions over the last two years has been one of the most rewarding experiences in my political career, ranking right up there with our successful campaign to demerge while co-chairing the Côte Saint-Luc Demerger Committee.



Co-Chairs of the demerger campaign committee in 2005, Mitchell Brownstein, Anthony Housefather, Glenn J. Nashen and Ruth Kovac.

Mayor's Message



Mayor Anthony Housefather

It gives me great pleasure to communicate with the residents of District 7 and I want to congratulate Councillor Mitchell Brownstein for the leadership role he plays in all aspects of city government. I rely on him as a trusted advisor and he has been the guiding light behind the Côte Saint-Luc Dramatic Society, an amazing addition to theatre on the island of Montreal.

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!



Starting August 15, 2013, you will need a new Fun Card to get through turnstiles and open some doors at the Aquatic and Community Centre, Gymnasium, and Parkhaven Outdoor Pool.

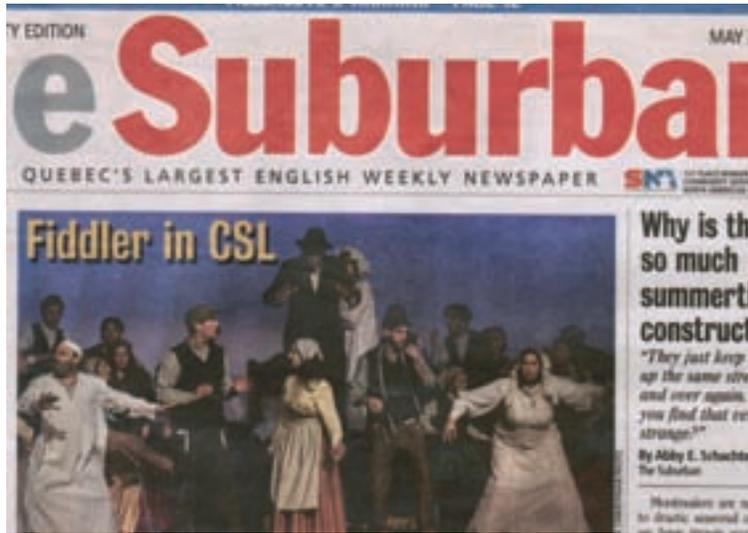
Visit CoteSaintLuc.org/FunCard for details.

CoteSaintLuc.org

The Côte Saint-Luc Dramatic Society

Our first production, *Dining Out*, ran for two sold-out performances at the 140-seat Harold Greenspon Auditorium. Then came *Grease the Musical*, which sold out seven performances. We then followed with Norm Foster's *Office Hours* for five sold-out shows. From May 23 to June 9 of this year we ran *Fiddler on the Roof* at the 330-seat auditorium at the former Wagar High School auditorium for four preview shows plus 12 more shows—selling out our last week enabling more than 3,000 people to enjoy this timeless classic.

The Côte Saint-Luc Dramatic Society was created in order to provide both actors on the stage and our audiences with an opportunity to benefit from the joy of theatre and all it has to offer. While teaching our participants such lifelong skills as self-confidence, good diction and posture, team spirit and an appreciation and respect for others, our audiences benefit by enjoying a moment of laughter and reflection on the great lives we all lead in this wonderful city of ours.



The performances of *Fiddler on the Roof* played to packed theatres and garnered positive reviews.



Councillor Mitchell Brownstein who played Lazer Wolf in this year's production of *Fiddler on the Roof*, Ariel Sterlin Assistant Choreographer and recipient of the Youth Volunteer of the Year Award, and Anisa Cameron, Director.

Cavendish Residential Redevelopment Project

As a member of the Planning Advisory Committee, I have enjoyed working with City Council to ensure that the Cavendish residential redevelopment project creates a town centre on The Avenue while creating an area that attracts young families to our community including 68 townhouses, 18 semi-detached, and 31 single-family homes. The townhouses and detached and semi-detached homes on this site are selling as fast as the developers can build them. We are also excited that Yeh! Frozen Yogurt & Café has opened on The Avenue.



1. The city honoured Jackie Robinson on its Human Rights Walkway during a ceremony on Canada Day at Pierre Elliott Trudeau Park. 2. Councillor Mitchell Brownstein, former Expo Warren Cromartie, and Elaine Brownstein at the 2012 Canada Day celebration. 3. Judge Barbara Seal, Mayor Anthony Housefather, Councillor Mitchell Brownstein and an RCMP officer. 4. Dropping the puck at Winter Carnival 2013. 5. Again this year, Côte Saint-Luc donated \$4,500 to Ronald McDonald House.



Councillors Mitchell Brownstein and Ruth Kovac at the Remembrance Day Ceremony last November.



District 7 encompasses roughly the area between Cavendish Blvd. (to the east), Kildare Rd. (to the north), Parkhaven Ave. (to the west) and Holland Rd./Wavell Rd. (to the south). Please note that due to the delivery procedures of Canada Post, some homes outside District 7 are receiving this newsletter. Those of you who don't reside within the boundaries above fall into this category.

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