Neighbourhood Round Tables bring together local stakeholders to leverage their collective capacity to improve neighbourhood conditions for all its residents. Their collective actions contribute to creating more fair and inclusive living conditions for all Montrealers.

Today, 31 Neighbourhood Round Tables are active across Montreal. They provide the platform for local communities to have a voice and to be directly involved in neighbourhood development projects. These collective efforts lead to the deployment of various local initiatives and projects that bring sustainable change to a neighbourhood and improve local living conditions for its residents.

A neighbourhood is an area within a city defined by its history, its residents, and its cultural fabric - all of which, together, foster a sense of community in the area. Neighbourhoods are not necessarily defined by administrative borders and boundaries (such as municipal boroughs) but more by a sense of belonging. Each Round Table is thus as unique as the neighbourhood it represents.
What is a Neighbourhood Round Table?

The Round Table ensures that its members and partners work together to reduce social inequalities in their neighbourhood and improve the living conditions of its residents. More specifically, the Round Table:

- Uses various strategies to unite local stakeholders (via committee meetings, opportunities for dialogue, social forums), leads collective initiatives, and encourages public participation.
- Assesses local issues by gathering expertise and knowledge to better support collective action in order to effectively respond to local needs.
- Helps the community to identify and prioritize local issues. Builds and implements an action plan to address them, monitors and evaluates progress.

Examples of Neighbourhood Round Table Initiatives and Projects Around Montreal:

- **Rosemont**: Increased vulnerable populations’ awareness of available neighbourhood resources.
- **Saint-Michel**: Repurposed an old quarry to better respond to the community’s needs around housing, food security and mobility.
- **Ahuntsic**: Advocated for a production and educational greenhouse to be set up on a vacant lot to increase food autonomy.
- **Saint-Henri**: Opened a local solidarity grocery within an urban food desert.
- **Centre-Sud**: Promoted and evaluated the neighbourhood’s collective actions and their impact.
- **Lachine**: Transformed a vacant lot into a sustainable écoquartier initiative.

**Click here to connect with one of Montreal’s Neighbourhood Round Tables**
For over 25 years, the Montreal Neighbourhood Round Tables Coalition (in French: Coalition montréalaise des Tables de quartier, or CMTQ) has represented the 31 Neighbourhood Round Tables in Montreal. The CMTQ intervenes on a city-wide scale to promote better living conditions for Montreal residents, in response to each neighbourhood’s unique challenges. To build a stronger and more united Neighbourhood Round Tables network, the CMTQ provides supportive spaces for its members, fostering cooperation and creating opportunities for knowledge sharing and exchanges on best practices.

Bringing Neighbourhood Round Tables together on common issues (housing, urban planning, food security, public participation, and more) and providing representation.

Advocating for issues at the regional level to influence public policy and promote better living conditions in Montreal as a whole (produce briefs and reports from public consultations, press releases, open letters, meeting with elected officials, and more...)

Providing a forum for discussions, support, and exchanges among the various Neighbourhood Round Tables to address various challenges and to share best practices (Community of Practice for communications, pivotal meetings on social issues, sharing best practices on the role of coordinator)

THE MONTREAL NEIGHBOURHOOD ROUND TABLES COALITION

PROMOTING BETTER LIVING CONDITIONS FOR CITIZENS AT BOTH THE LOCAL AND REGIONAL LEVELS

AT LOCAL LEVEL

AT REGIONAL LEVEL

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URBAN PLANNING

HOUSING

INCLUSION

FOOD SECURITY

AND MUCH MORE!

EACH ROUND TABLE INCLUDES

Community Groups
Municipal Government
CIUSSS Health and Social Services
Citizens
Elected Officials and Politicians
Non-Profit Associations
Local Businesses and Social Enterprises
Schools
The CMTQ’s current projects:

Awareness campaign during municipal, provincial, and federal election campaigns to bring living conditions into public debate and give the people a voice through local neighbourhood election assemblies.

Equal and Inclusive Civic Participation for Women

MTElles

In conjunction with Concertation Montréal and Relais-Femmes

Building tools to make public participation inclusive and equitable for all women in municipal government and in collective action, generated by Neighbourhood Round Tables.

Access to Spaces for Community Groups

LOCO Montréal

An initiative founded by the Comité régional pour l’accès à des locaux abordables et accessibles of which the CMTQ is a member

Strengthening inter-organizational networking for those seeking accessible and affordable space rental and building tools to support such initiatives.

LEARN MORE: (available in French) loco-mtl.net

Initiative Immobilière Communautaire du Grand Montréal

The CMTQ and Centraide of Greater Montreal act as co-chairs of this initiative

Facilitating access to real estate for community organizations to help ensure continuity and sustain improvements to neighbourhood living conditions.

LEARN MORE: (available in French) initiativeimmobiliere.ca

The Neighbourhood Round Tables put in place a guiding framework in 2006, as part of the “Montreal Initiative for Local Social Development.” This innovative partnership unites four key organizations: the CMTQ, the City of Montreal, the Department of Public Health, and Centraide of Greater Montreal, to work collectively on ways to improve living conditions in the various neighbourhoods. It also provides stable core funding to the Round Tables.

Learn more: www.tablesdequartiermontreal.org/the-neighbourhood-round-tables-coalition