



# HIGHLIGHTS 2021-2022



## THE CMTQ

The Neighbourhood Round Tables Coalition (CMTQ in French) brings together the 32 Neighbourhood Round Tables in Montreal. The CMTQ seeks to improve quality of life for all citizens of Montreal, acting based on common social issues and local concerns.

It offers support spaces for its members, allowing for mutual aid and the exchange of best practices and information, to create a strong and supportive network of Neighbourhood Round Tables.

## NEIGHBOURHOOD ROUND TABLES

Neighbourhood Round Tables bring together local communities to allow them work together to improve the living conditions of residents. They are comprised of citizens, organizations and institutions in the neighbourhood who want to get involved. Together, they assess the issues, establish a dialogue and work together towards a more just and inclusive society.

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# FOR THE CMTQ, 2021-2022 TRANSLATES TO:



2  
NEW  
ROUND TABLES

FOR A  
TOTAL OF

32  
NEIGHBOURHOOD  
ROUND TABLES



5  
GENERAL  
MEETINGS



7  
MEETINGS ON  
SPECIFIC ISSUES



85 MEETINGS IN

13 INSTANCES WHERE  
WE REPRESENT OUR  
MEMBERS

25<sup>th</sup>  
ANNIVERSARY



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BEER!

TO CELEBRATE OUR 25<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY, WE HELD AN EVENT FOR  
OUR MEMBERS AND PARTNERS AND LAUNCHED A BEER THAT WAS  
SPECIALLY MADE FOR THE CMTQ: *LA QUARTIER*!

# WHAT'S NEW?

## NEW AGREEMENT

This year, a five-year agreement was signed with the Fondation Lucie et André Chagnon to provide financial support of \$16.8 million to Montreal's 32 Neighbourhood Round Tables, to further strengthen their efforts in their communities. This excellent news is a clear display of confidence in our coalition that will have a leveraging effect and act as a breath of fresh air for our members who face multiple issues and challenges in a complex context of workforce retention.

## ESPRIT DE QUARTIER PODCAST

This year, we launched a new promotional tool: *Esprit de quartier*, a series of four podcasts and videos that highlight the work of Neighbourhood Round Tables and community engagement. We are proud of this series, which addresses issues such as housing, urban development, food security and community living. What if we transformed the city, one neighborhood at a time?



▶ **ESPRIT DE QUARTIER PODCAST** (FRENCH)

## PHASE 2 OF THE CIP

The CMTQ was actively involved in the launch and implementation of phase 2 of the Collective Impact Project (CIP), which contributes to reducing poverty and social exclusion. An important feature of this second phase is that all neighbourhoods can now benefit from the investments, which will enable them to pinpoint priorities and carry out community-driven initiatives.



*The official launch of CIP 2 took place on April 27, 2022.*

## UPDATE TO THE INITIATIVE MONTRÉLAISE

This year, the process of updating the *Initiative montréalaise de soutien au développement social local*, which provides core support to Neighbourhood Round Tables, got underway. The four partners of this innovative framework (Centraide of Greater Montreal, the City of Montreal and boroughs, the Direction régionale de santé publique and the CIUSSS, the CMTQ and the Neighbourhood Round Tables) came together to update this key asset that provides Montreal's neighbourhoods with a sustainable forum for concerted action on poverty and social exclusion.

# IN ACTION!

## REGIONAL ACTIONS

In a year still defined by COVID-19, the CMTQ participated in coordination meetings on the pandemic and continued its interventions at the regional level on a number of subjects, in order to support local communities' responses to the needs of vulnerable populations and to bring certain social issues to the attention of decision-makers.

## ELECTORAL ACTIONS

The CMTQ and its members took action in two elections that were taking place at the same time. For the federal election, 11 citizens' assemblies were held in neighbourhoods and an op-ed was published. For the municipal elections, 25 citizens' assemblies were held in the neighbourhoods, and the CMTQ shared its platform with requests for commitments, published an op-ed and collaborated on the Montreal Urban Ecology Centre's *L'ABC de l'élection municipale Montréal 2021*. Our actions were varied and represented a strong contribution to Montreal's democratic life!

## IN THE NEWS (ARTICLES IN FRENCH)

► **UN MONTRÉAL POUR TOUT LE MONDE!**  
OPEN LETTER BY YVES BELLAVANCE  
LA PRESSE, NOVEMBER 6, 2021

► **LA LIGNE BLEUE NE DOIT PLUS JAMAIS ÊTRE UNE PROMESSE ÉLECTORALE**  
CO-SIGNED OPEN LETTER  
LA PRESSE, MARCH 15, 2022

## COMMUNITY SPACES

The Comité régional sur l'accès aux locaux (CRAL) continued its work during the year. The committee discussed the upcoming three-year action plan and organized four workshops to help organizations facing issues relating to office space and accommodations to identify resources and structure their approach to the issue. The CRAL also intervened on the issue of organizations housed in a Centre de services scolaire de Montréal (CSSDM) building.



## SOCIOECOLOGICAL TRANSITION

Over the past year, we initiated our collective reflection on the socioecological transition, with a particular focus on the fight against social inequalities. We have also taken action: we participated in Climate Montreal Partnership's Citizen Projects working group, developed collaborations with different key players of the socioecological transition for joint projects in 2022-2023, and collaborated on the *Transition socioécologique et lutte aux changements climatiques dans les démarches de développement territorial* study.



Joakim Lemieux and Layla Belmahi attended the 8<sup>th</sup> Réseau Villes Régions Monde meeting on the theme Adapting the city to climate change: experimentation and learning.