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Population of region up 6.2% since 2021

BRENDA O'FARRELL
The 1019 Report

The population of the Vaudreuil-Soulanges region has increased by 6.2 per cent in the last five years, with the largest city in the area, Vaudreuil-Dorion, seeing the biggest jump in the number of residents, according to the latest numbers released by the provincial government.

The population of the region is now pegged 172,712, according to the figures in the *Décret de population* issued earlier this year by the Quebec government. This figure represents just over 10,000 more people living in the 23 municipalities in Vaudreuil-Soulanges compared with 2021 — with about a third of them, 3,155, now calling Vaudreuil-Dorion home.

The population of Vaudreuil-Dorion, the largest city in the territory, now stands at 46,423, the figures show. That is a 7.3-per-cent increase compared with the figure recorded in the 2021 federal census.

The Town of St. Zotique saw the second-highest increase in the number of residents in the last five years, with 834 more people living in the municipality at the western edge of the region next to the Ontario border. The population of St. Zotique now tops the 10,000 mark for the first time, as the *Décret de population* puts its number of inhabitants as of the end of last year at 10,452 — a jump of 8.7 per cent.

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Will Hudson expand Sandy Beach?



Ian Grant, The 1019 Report

Arborists were trimming trees along the walking paths in and around the Sandy Beach area in Hudson recently, removing broken and damaged branches to ensure the trails, which were officially reopened last month, are safe.

Town to decide on option to buy adjacent lot

BRENDA O'FARRELL
The 1019 Report

Less than a month after taking formal title to seven lots in the Sandy Beach area, the Town of Hudson is considering expanding its waterfront holdings by purchasing an adjacent residential lot that is poised to be sold privately.

The owner of the property at 2 Royalview St. has an accepted offer to purchase the lot for \$1.3 million. The town, however, holds a registered right of first refusal on the roughly two-acre lot that includes a significant stretch of beach at the east of the waterfront area the town purchased for \$8.7 million earlier this year. This means the town has the option to buy the lot by matching the \$1.3-million price.

"We continue to deliberate," Hudson Mayor Chloe Hutchison said yesterday.

Last month, Hudson council voted to put forward a motion that opens the door to exercising its right of first refusal. A final decision, Hutchison said yesterday, will only be made when that resolution is put to a vote at the next council meeting on April 28.

At the March 24 meeting Hutchison said: "We are currently conducting an internal assessment of the land's value, our financial capacity and how this acquisition would affect our capital program and reserves."

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St. Lazare launches work on new youth park

JOSHUA ALLAN
The 1019 Report

As the Town of St. Lazare gets set to begin work on a new \$9.3-million park to provide a variety of recreational and sports facilities, municipal officials are asking residents to help choose a name for the planned public space.

The park, which has been in the planning stage since 2022, will cover a vast area along Montée Saint-Lazare, just south of the arena near the community centre. It will include a skatepark, a bike pump track, courts for basketball and beach volleyball, as well as a climbing wall, and other play structures. The vast space will also feature community gardens, the town's very first dog park, walking paths that would also be converted into a winding skating rink through the woods in winter and relaxation areas.

There is no exact date on when the space will be completed, according to city communications director Christelle Paré.

"At this time, an official opening is anticipated in the summer of 2027, but we will see," Paré said in a statement in response to questions from *The 1019 Report*.

St. Lazare Mayor Geneviève Lachance welcomed the start of the project in a social media post on March 20, saying she is "really glad it's finally going to come to life."

Lachance was not available for further comment.

Residents interested in having a say



St. Lazare's public consultation report on proposed Pôle Jeunesse, 2022

This is one option of the design of the new park planned in St. Lazare, located behind the arena and next to the community centre. It will include a skatepark, a bike pump track, courts for basketball and beach volleyball, a community garden area, a dog park and walking paths.

in naming the park have until Thursday, April 16, to respond to an online survey, where they may select among a set of suggested names for the park or even pitch their own idea for what the space should be called. Among the suggested names in the survey are: Parc Oxygène,

Parc Dynamik, Parc Vélocité and Parc du Pôle Jeunesse.

Paper copies of the survey are also available at the municipal library.

Local Journalism Initiative

The 1019 aims to support those in need We're hosting a food drive

When times are tough, when rising prices add to the financial pressures people struggle with, neighbours help neighbours.

It is with that thought in mind that the team who publishes *The 1019 Report* and *The 1510 West* have decided to host a food drive. We have dubbed it the Because We Can food drive.

Join us on Saturday, April 11, at Cardinal Brewing in Hudson and McKibbins' in Vaudreuil-Dorion where the newspapers' representatives will be collecting donations of non-perishable goods to help stock the shelves at Le Pont Bridging in Hudson, La Source d'Entraide in St. Lazare and L'Actuel in Vaudreuil-Dorion.

Last month, we hosted a similar event in the West Island, where we collected 350 kilograms of food to benefit West Island Mission. According to officials with the food bank, that represents the equivalent of about \$2,700 in groceries.

That's not bad. But we are hoping to do better. Why? Because We Can. Join us. It's the right thing to do.

The team at *The 1019 Report* will be at McKibbin's in Vaudreuil and at Cardinal in Hudson this coming Saturday, from noon to 4 p.m.



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Community rallies after teen killed in Vaudreuil

FREDERIC SERRE
The 1019 Report

Mourners packed a Senneville funeral home last weekend to bid farewell to 15-year-old Eva De Wit-Blades, who died tragically March 20 when she was struck by two cars while trying to cross a busy street in Vaudreuil-Dorion.

Friends gathered to share stories and testimonials, and to support the family of the popular Vaudreuil-Dorion teen, who was a Grade 9 student at Ste. Anne de Bellevue's Macdonald High School.

Eva was described by her family in her obituary as "the bright light in every room."

"Her fun-loving personality allowed her to make friends everywhere she went," the notice read. "She loved hard and lived every moment to the fullest. Her enthusiasm for life was contagious and anyone who had the privilege to know her felt that while in her presence."

Support has also been shown by the community and classmates as they rally around the parents of the fallen student, with three fundraising campaigns that have so far raised more than \$90,000.

"We are coming together as a community to support Eva's family during this incredibly difficult time," said Julie Lirrette, a friend of the family, and whose

Gofundme had already raised \$89,150 as of Monday.

One campaign is being organized by the school's football team, while another by a single mom in Île Perrot who said she wanted to do something to support the students as they returned to class four days after the tragedy.

"I started my fundraiser for the single mom of the girl that died and to supply flowers for the return of school to the kids and for pre-paid VISA cards for the family," said the woman, who asked not to be identified.

The tragic accident took place at about 8:30 p.m. on March 20 as De Wit-Blades was walking with a friend along De la Gare Blvd. and attempted to cross the busy street at the intersection of Étienne-Lalonde Street. As her friend looked on in horror, De Wit-Blades was struck by one car before landing on the ground and was then hit by another car.

According to Louis-Philippe Ruel of the Sûreté du Québec, "it appears to have been a most unfortunate accident."

De Wit-Blades was declared dead at the scene.

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Pushback on car registration hike gets boost

JOSHUA ALLAN
The 1019 Report

Mounting pushback by car owners in the Montreal region against the tripling of vehicle registration fees received a boost last week when a petition was launched in the National Assembly by Vaudreuil MNA Marie-Claude Nichols.

For Île Perrot resident Tamra Canty-Currie, who has been leading the charge on this issue for the past year, while the move is a significant achievement, the fight isn't yet finished.

Pushback on the registration fees began last year after the Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal — the regional body that includes 82 municipalities on and around the island of Montreal, including parts of Vaudreuil-Soulanges — tripled car registration fees, pushing the cost to \$183 per vehicle. The move was implemented in an effort to shore up financing for public transit after cuts in funding from the Quebec government.

Canty-Currie said the increased fees were a direct blow to many residents in the CMM who “literally need a car to even just leave their areas.”

“I’m very happy to pay taxes to get accessible services,” Canty-Currie said in an interview last week. “But to pay for something where I have no choice, I can’t use it, that’s not fair.”

The petition was launched March 30. The document requests, among other things, for the Quebec government to review how car registration fees are applied throughout the CMM “in order to ensure greater fairness among citizens.”

As of yesterday, the petition had received more than 1,600 signatures.

“It’s essentially a petition that’s calling for equity of access to service,” Canty-Currie explained. “Should you not have access to (public transit) services, you should not be paying the same price as somebody who could just walk out their front door and get on a bus.”

Although the new fees went into effect last year, the CMM council approved the increase back in May 2024. The Vaudreuil-Soulanges representative on the council at that time was Guy Pilon, then-mayor of Vaudreuil-Dorion. He voted against the measure and publicly criticized the increase, saying residents in the surrounding regions are more likely to need a car than those living in downtown Montreal.

“When (the new registration fee) came in the mail, I was shocked,” said Canty-Currie.

This had spurred her on to publish

her own petition against the increase on Change.org, which had received more than 5,600 signatures.

St. Lazare councillor Daniel Thibaudeau voiced his strong support for the National Assembly petition on social media last week.

“If people have a choice, they’re opting for their cars,” Thibaudeau explained, pointing out that in this region, as it currently stands, “the public transit option is not viable, and that’s sad.”

Public transit must be convenient in order to encourage residents to use it over personal vehicles, Thibaudeau said. However, with limited routes and low service frequency in the area, “it is the opposite,” he said. “It is inconvenient, the choice to use public transit.”

Both Thibaudeau and Canty-Currie lamented the fact that the increased charges did not initially come with improvements in frequency or accessibility

to public transit.

“It’s to try and maintain a level of service that we have already that is inadequate to begin with,” Thibaudeau said.

Regional public transit authority Exo had announced in February plans to modify its lines in the Vaudreuil-Soulanges region, with the aim to bring riders to the Anse-à-l’Orme REM station in Ste. Anne de Bellevue. Among the changes includes eliminating bus line 40, which brings commuters from Vaudreuil-Dorion directly to the Côte-Vertu métro station, a move that will cause a headache for commuters, said Canty-Currie.

“More connection time and more taxes for nothing,” she added. “It’s outrageous.”

The updated bus routes will take effect when the West Island REM branch launches this spring.

Local Journalism Initiative

SQ arrests suspected fraudster

FREDERIC SERRE
The 1019 Report

The Sûreté du Québec is urging local residents not to fall victim to scammers posing as bank employees who call to claim that they are investigating fraudulent activities related to their bank accounts.

The warning comes in the wake of the recent arrest of a 37-year-old man who attempted to scam a Vaudreuil-Dorion

resident, who, instead of surrendering an envelope filled with credit and debit cards to the suspect, called 911 instead.

The incident happened March 6.

According to police, the suspect allegedly called the victim, identifying himself as a bank employee who was following up on so-called suspicious activities on the victim’s bank account.

In a statement, the SQ said the incident serves as a reminder to remain vig-

ilant, adding: “Anyone who believes they have been targeted by this type of fraud is encouraged to report the incident to the Sûreté du Québec and to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at 1-888-495-8501.”

The SQ warns the public to never disclose personal or banking information over the phone, saying no police officer or financial institution representative will ask for confidential information in this context.

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Editorial

We can't afford to *not* make parking available at REM stations

Why do we keep trying to jam square pegs into round holes?

It would be so much easier if we could simply aim to round the edges and fit solutions to the problems. So much easier, and yet, we don't.

Let's take public transit as an example. The problem is cost. They are rising. That is the round hole. Some might call it a black hole.

What is the square-pegged solution that is being rammed into it? Tripling the cost of vehicle registrations across the Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal.

Yes, back in 2024, when this solution was put forward, CMM officials believed hiking costs for people who do not use public transit was the answer to balancing the budgets and shouldering the costs of this service. Of course, there is an argument to be made for this: By increasing the cost of vehicle ownership, you can force people to opt to take public transit. This creates a larger revenue stream on one hand, and encourages greater user-ship on the other — a win-win.

This approach has its limits, though. It only holds logical sway in areas where there are viable public transit options.

In areas where there are no real and effective transit options — areas like Vaudreuil-Soulanges, where it is laughable so say there are convenient public transit options — this approach takes on sharper edges, and transforms itself into an ill-fitting square-peg solution.

In this neck of the CMM woods, residents do not have an either-or choice between public transit or car ownership. Even if you occasionally use public transit, you still need a car. So increasing vehicle registration fees in this region to offset the cost of supplying effective public transit in other areas is punitive. It becomes the proverbial robbing-Peter-to-pay-Paul approach that is abusive. And we are being robbed.

Of course, none of this is particularly new. This was the route chosen in 2024. It affected car registration fees beginning in 2025. But now we are in 2026, and the context has changed. Now, this square-peg solution is reaching the point of be-

ing particularly ridiculous, ineffective and patently inappropriate as we watch two things evolve simultaneously — the cost of living accelerate at unprecedented speed and transit authorities adding new high-priced services to areas outside of reach for effective use of residents of Vaudreuil-Soulanges.

The new high-cost service addition, of course, is the about-to-launch branch of the REM light rail network in the West Island.

It's not enough that Vaudreuil-Soulanges will never be linked to this new transit offering, but no accommodation whatsoever is being made to make it effectively accessible for residents of this region as the builders have reneged on their promise to provide any semblance of adequate parking at its new stations. And let's make one thing really clear: Reconfiguring bus routes that snake their way to REM stations that require users to tuck roughly 40 minutes to an hour to their commute if you include having to get to a bus stop, is not convenient access.

And let's not be short-sighted about this. Do you think the REM is really going to be a cash cow? Of course not. So how much longer will it be before the transit authorities are clamouring about how they need more money again to maintain this new level of service?

Square-peg solutions are not fair — and they are not sustainable. Yet, they are still in play.

Let's throw one more analogy on the pile: We are facing a chicken-and-egg situation. Which comes first? Do we build the system and find ways to make it work? Or, find ways to make it work before we build the transit systems?

The solution: Do both. Let's stop making this-or-that choices, and create this-and-that solutions.

Make the damn REM system easier to use. Create the parking spaces. Charge for them if you have to, and use the money to fund the system. And stop overcharging car owners in Vaudreuil-Soulanges. Exceptions can be made.

Brenda O'Farrell, Editor-in-chief



Letter to the editor

Ste. Justine residents need not worry, SQ rarely responds to nuisances

Re: "Despite opposition, Ste. Justine adopts nuisance bylaw," The 1019 Report, March 18

The people of Ste. Justine de Newton have little to worry about as they are served by the Sûreté Québec detachment in St. Clet, as we are in Les Cèdres.

From my own experience, calls about nuisances rarely get any response other than: "We will try to send an agent when one is available." As if.

In Les Cèdres, the nuisance bylaw, copied from boilerplate text available from the Quebec government, is a ban relating to the use of firearms. Specifically, the use of shotguns and muzzle-loaded rifles (it must be a very old bylaw, huh?) is prohibited within 300 metres of any roads or buildings, assuming that there might be a person within. Breech-loaded rifles, as most carbines, have a 500-metre ban. Calls to the SQ after being woken up at 6:15 by some yahoos shooting at geese from the river's shore were met with "You should call SOS Braconnage."

I responded with the informative revelation to the person who answered the phone that SOS Braconnage are only game wardens and that the SQ is responsible to enforce our municipality's laws.

Some few minutes of keyboard clicking gave me a clue that she was on the web confirming that. "Oh yes, we should send an agent."

No one came.

Those are the times I wonder what the SQ is doing with the \$1.7 million we give them each year, paid from our property taxes.

Calls about specific cars regularly roaring by my house at 90 kilometres per hour where the speed limit is 50 also fall on deaf ears even after I offered licence plate numbers and videos. It seems that an officer must personally witness the infraction before any action can take place. It is so difficult when St. Clet, where the SQ detachment is located, is 25 kilometres and 30 minutes away.

I suspect that the rare incidence of fines having been issued in Ste. Justine has to do with the equally rare incidences of any SQ intervention.

At least now in Les Cèdres we have a 311 number to call for handling local problems. Sadly, that too is another financial burden added to our taxes.

**Alfred Epstein,
Les Cèdres**

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That is the population of the Town of Île Cadieux, making it the smallest municipality in the Vaudreuil-Soulanges region. Despite its small number of residents, 10 other towns in the province actually have smaller populations.

Source: Décret de population issued earlier this year by the Quebec government



Madeleine Langlois, The 1019 Report

A sign of spring? An Easter egg hunt planner? However, you want to label the sighting of this little hippity-hoppity passer-by, it means we are saying good-bye to winter. So get your rakes ready. The big yard cleanups are waiting for you.

We all have that moment when we realize just how old we have become



Tom Whelan

Recently, I had one of those moments that gave me a sudden, almost cinematic understanding of what my parents must have been thinking when they first heard the music of my youth. You know the look — somewhere between confusion, concern and a quiet hope that this was all just a phase.

This moment didn't involve my children, but rather unfolded at work. The radio station where I spend my days is part of a cluster of six stations, all sharing the same floor but living in very different spheres. I work at the News Talk station, where the most rhythmic thing you'll hear is the tapping of keyboards, or perhaps a heated debate about pothole repair. Down the hall, however, resides the Top 40 station, a place where energy levels are high and, apparently, so is the BPM.

While I was at my desk in the newsroom, minding my own business and probably re-writing a sentence for the third time, two of the announcers from the music station burst in. They were visibly excited — practically vibrating — because a major artist was on his way in for an interview.

Now, I enjoy enthusiasm as much as the next person, so I leaned in and asked who this celebrity guest might be.

In perfect unison, they replied: "Baby No Money."

I nodded politely, as one does when trying to appear informed, and waited until they had left the room before turning to my much younger colleague, who at 22 is roughly the age I was when I thought I knew everything.

"What did they say?" I asked.

He chuckled. "bbno\$," he said. "Google it."

Now, I will admit, there was a brief moment where I questioned whether I had misheard entirely.

"Bobby No Money?" I ventured. "Is that a cautionary tale or a stage name?"

Still laughing, he clarified, and so I turned to Google for guidance.

It turns out that bbno\$ — and yes, that's how it's written — is quite the popular

rapper, singer and songwriter. He hails from Vancouver, is 30 years old and has amassed an impressive following. He's responsible for songs like "Lalala" and "Edamame," the latter of which, I can confirm, has absolutely nothing to do with the soybean appetizer I once ordered thinking I was being adventurous.

Further research revealed that he has collaborated — sorry, "colabbed" — with another artist by the name of Yung Gravy. Also 30. Also popular. Also, apparently, not in possession of a spell-checker.

And this is where I had my moment.

I wondered: Whatever happened to sensible performer names? Names that meant something. Names that, at the very least, sounded like they belonged to a band rather than being a Wi-Fi password.

Take Strawberry Alarm Clock. Sure, it's a bit whimsical, but it paints a picture. Or The Doors — simple, evocative, slightly mysterious. Even Red Hot Chili Peppers, which sounds like a menu item

at a particularly daring Tex-Mex restaurant, has a certain logic to it.

And let's not forget the artists of my youth: The Beatles, Led Zeppelin, Bruce Springsteen. All names you could say

out loud without feeling like you needed to apologize afterward.

Now, before I sound too much like I'm shaking my fist at a cloud, I should acknowledge that every generation has its quirks. I'm quite certain my parents raised an eyebrow or two when I first brought home records from Pink Floyd or The Rolling Stones. But still, bbno\$?

Perhaps this is simply the natural progression of things. Music evolves. Styles change. Names get shorter, stranger and increasingly reliant on symbols that require explanation. And maybe, just maybe, somewhere down the line, today's young listeners will find themselves in a newsroom of their own, nodding politely when someone mentions an artist named something like "XyZ_47," only to turn and whisper, "I'm sorry, who?"

And in that moment, they will understand.

Just like I do now.

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I had that moment at work.

QUOTE

"So the beach is now officially open."

— Hudson Mayor Chloe Hutchison at the March 24 council meeting, when members of council voted to re-open the waterfront area to visitors. The move formally amended a 2024 bylaw that had closed the area to the public after Nicanco Holdings, then-owner of the land, made it clear it would no longer tolerate trespassing. The town, however, took legal title to the land on March 18, having purchased the 35-acre site along the Lake of Two Mountains for \$8.75 million.

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Bill 21 case before high court complex



Andrew Caddell

21 was passed by a majority in the National Assembly, and shielded by the notwithstanding clause, so should not be challenged.

The Supreme Court is an impressive place, especially for an issue that could have an impact on national unity for years to come. Its panelled walls and Ernest Cormier architecture stand out, while its proximity to Parliament Hill adds to its gravitas.

When the federal government presented its views. Lawyer Guy Pratte offered a dark view of the possible use of the clause, asking “could it be used to shield hypothetical laws that legalize summary executions or slavery?” He also argued judges should be allowed to criticize laws to inform the public.

Recently it was the venue where seven judges listened for four days to positions on Bill 21 and the notwithstanding clause. While the judges no longer wear red cloth and white mink robes, they are still impressive in stiff black cotton.

Then, it was the provinces’ turn. Their lawyers, including Ontario’s Attorney-General Doug Downey, argued strongly for the notwithstanding clause. Downey said changing the impact of the clause “would endanger our federation by exacerbating regional alienation.” The provinces suggested voters, not judges, were the true arbiters of government policy.

The group I lead, the Task Force on Linguistic Policy, was an intervenor in the case, and I was present for three of the four days of hearings. It was the first time I have been at the high court, and the calibre of the lawyers and the positions offered were complex and detailed.

I am not a lawyer, so my assessment can be taken with a grain of salt. That

It’s an understatement to say the case is complicated

The Bill 21 case is complicated, to say the least. It involves the question of “laïcité,” or secularism, of the state in Quebec, and whether Quebec’s uniqueness gives it the right to ban religious clothing like hijabs or turbans for public employees, including judges, police officers and teachers. As Quebec used Section 33 of the Constitution, the “notwithstanding clause,” to protect Bill 21 from legal challenges, it was also in play.

said, I think the judges could allow the EMSB to hire whoever it wants, allowing hijab-wearing women to teach in their schools, while allowing the restrictions in French schools, which are administered by provincial service centres. It is notable the 2007 Bouchard-Taylor Commission on reasonable accommodation didn’t include teachers in the list of public servants prevented from wearing religious clothing.

The main plaintiff, the English School Board of Montreal (EMSB), has the right to manage its affairs under Section 23 of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, so this was an issue. As many teachers affected are hijab-wearing Muslims, Section 28 of the charter dealing with women’s rights was also raised.

On Section 96, the court could allow declaratory judgments, but the provinces are vehemently against the idea, and these judges are seen as “pro-provinces.”

And finally, plaintiffs asked if Section 96 of the Constitution on the operations of the courts allowed judges to make declaratory judgments on rights when the notwithstanding clause is used to protect openly discriminatory legislation.

As the 1988 “Ford” judgment on signs was the last judicial assessment of Section 33, I think the Supreme Court will recognize the fact the original “framers” of the Constitution (including Pierre Trudeau and Peter Lougheed) never imagined Section 33 would be used before a judge’s decision. The court now has a chance to set out clear rules curtailing pre-emptive use.

The four days unfolded with a certain drama. The first day saw the EMSB outline its arguments. The second day, the Quebec government defended Bill 21. The third and fourth days, the intervenors — kicked off by the Government of Canada, Ontario, Saskatchewan and Alberta — followed by dozens of others, including my organization, put forward their arguments.

Chief Justice Richard Wagner closed the hearings saying: “We are aware of the significance of the issues raised, both for the legal system and for society.”

What appeared clear on the first day was the plaintiffs were loath to deal directly with the notwithstanding clause. To prove Canada is already a secular society, lawyers cited historical precedents dating back to 1774 and 1852.

This is an understatement. As the issue is complicated, I doubt the court will decide before spring 2027. This means it will not be an issue in the Quebec election slated for Oct. 5, which will be a relief to many.

The next day, Quebec pointed out Bill

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Lives & Legacy

Patricia (Powers) Graham

Our family is heartbroken to share the passing of our beloved Mother and partner to Lyndon, Patsy (Powers) Graham, at the age of 82.

She was the greatest Mom anyone could ever ask for. Incredibly smart, quick-witted, and genuinely funny, she had a beautiful smile and a sense of humour that would light up any room. She was adored by everyone who knew her, not just for her warmth, but for the way she always showed up for others. She had a natural gift for helping, for problem-solving, and for making things better, no matter the situation. Even in challenging times, she carried herself with a positive attitude that inspired those around her.

Patsy built a remarkable career as a real estate agent for over 40 years, forming lasting relationships and touching countless lives along the way. But her proudest role was always being a mother. She leaves behind her four children, Ross, Andrea, Christina, and Geoffrey (daughter-in-law Silvia), who are forever changed by her loss and will spend the rest of their lives striving to live up to the love, strength and kindness she showed us every single day.

She shared 37 wonderful years with her partner, Lyndon Gallagher, whose life was deeply enriched by her love, companionship and unwavering support.

Patsy was also a devoted animal lover, with a gentle heart that extended to every creature she met. She and Lyndon shared a special love for Old English Sheepdogs over the years, and most recently welcomed a rescue dog, Cooper, into their home.

There are no words big enough to capture who she was or what she meant to us. She will be missed more than words can express, but we will carry her spirit with us - in every laugh, every act of kindness, and every moment we try to make the world a little better, just as she always did.

A celebration of her beautiful life will be planned for a later date, when warmer weather allows us to gather together.

In lieu of flowers, donations to a favourite animal rescue would be a meaningful way to celebrate her compassion and love for animals.

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POPULATION: St. Lazare sees third largest jump

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The Town of Les Coteaux saw the third-largest bump in the number of residents, with 652 more people living within its boundaries, putting its population at 6,295, an 11-per-cent hike from the 5,643 in the 2021 census.

St. Lazare, the second-largest municipality in the region, saw 563 people take up residence, which represents a 2.5-per-cent growth in population compared with 2021. St. Lazare now has 22,917 residents.

Three municipalities in the region saw

slight drops in the number of residents. Les Cèdres recorded a loss of 34 residents, Vaudreuil sur le Lac saw a dip of 19 residents, while the small population of Île Cadieux dropped by 1. The Town of Terrasse Vaudreuil on the island of Île Perrot saw its number of residents hold steady at 1,887.

The numbers outlined annually by the provincial government do not reflect official census figures, as they are only provided by Statistics Canada every five years. But in between census results, the provincial government issues what it calls

a “décret de population,” which updates the population count in every municipality in the province. These figures are not intended to be used for official demographic purposes, the government says. They are, based on its calculations, simply to be used “for the application of laws and regulations as well as for the management of government programs.” The decree is updated every year based on population estimates provided by the Institut de la statistique du Québec as of July 1 of the preceding year.

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ROYALVIEW: Cost of lot set at \$1.3M

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“We are handling this file with care and attention, doing the validations and assessments it deserves.”

Yesterday, Hutchison said she has asked if there are any conditions attached to the offer the owner of 2 Royalview has accepted. She is awaiting an answer. She did confirm, the individual who made the offer does not live in Hudson.

According to the current assessment role for 2025-2027, the lot is valued at just under \$1.17 million. The previous role pegged the lot at just under \$885,000. The annual municipal tax bill on the land is \$6,224, according to the listing posted on the Centris real estate website.

In January, the provincial government approved Hudson’s plan to buy 35 acres in the Sandy Beach area for \$8.75 million. Net-purchase tax charges and financing costs pushed the cost of the acquisition to taxpayers to \$9.6 million. The town then attributed \$2 million of its accumulated surplus to the purchase, resulting in the need for a \$7.6-million loan, which was then further reduced to \$5.6 million in February, when the town accepted a \$2-million grant from the Communauté métropolitain de Montréal.

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	Population:			Change from 2021 to 2025	
	2016	2021	2025	No. of residents	
Coteau du Lac	7,044	7,473	7,846	373	5%
Hudson	5,157	5,411	5,540	129	2.4%
Île Cadieux	126	120	119	-1	0.8%
Île Perrot	10,756	11,638	11,924	286	2.5%
Les Cèdres	6,777	7,184	7,150	-34	0.4%
Les Coteaux	5,368	5,643	6,295	652	11.5%
Notre Dame de l'Île Perrot	10,654	11,427	11,727	300	2.6%
Pincourt	14,558	14,751	15,233	482	3.3%
Pointe des Cascades	1,481	1,775	1,870	95	5.4%
Pointe Fortune	580	582	641	59	10.1%
Rigaud	7,777	7,854	8,167	313	4.0%
Rivière Beaudette	2,097	2,489	2,801	312	12.5%
Ste. Justine de Newton	922	947	987	40	4.2%
Ste. Marthe	1,097	1,014	1,063	49	4.8%
St. Clet	1,779	1,700	1,779	79	4.6%
St. Lazare	19,917	22,354	22,197	563	2.5%
St. Polycarpe	2,224	2,372	2,542	170	7.1%
St. Téléphore	759	754	822	68	9.0%
St. Zotique	7,934	9,618	10,452	834	8.7%
Terrasse Vaudreuil	1,986	1,887	1,887	0	0.0%
Très St. Redempteur	898	978	1,160	182	18.6%
Vaudreuil-Dorion	38,117	43,268	46,423	3,155	7.3%
Vaudreuil sur le Lac	1,341	1,361	1,342	-19	-1.4%
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TV WATCH REPORT

Spring has failed to launch, so here's watching till summer



Denise Duguay

It's important to face facts. Spring is never really going to take root, so dig in until summer. Fortunately, there are plenty of new viewing options to occupy our new permanent hermit existence. Some are impossible to ignore, like the Season 3 return of the superstar psychodrama *Euphoria* (April 12 on HBO/Crave), wherein we try to recall a time before we knew who Zendaya and Jacob Elordi were. As well, Margaret Atwood's newest feminist dystopian novel comes to the small screen as *The Testaments* (April 8 on Disney+). Here are five more intriguing entertainments to keep you occupied.

BIG MISTAKES (series premieres all eight episodes Thursday, April 9, on Netflix) His 2023 romantic dramedy *Good Grief* (Netflix) is sobbing perfection, but fans of writer/actor Dan Levy finally get the comic followup to *Schitt's Creek*. In *Big Mistakes*, the hapless siblings played by Levy and Taylor Ortega

are overwhelmed not by a crummy motel in the town of *Schitt's Creek*, but by a surprisingly criminal grandmother. The cast also includes Laurie Metcalf (*The Conners*) as their mother.

THE MINIATURE WIFE (series premieres all 10 episodes Thursday, April 9, on Crave) The creator/producers of *Boardwalk Empire*, Jennifer Ames and Steve Turner, refocus on domestic power struggles. Scientist Les (*Succession's* Matthew Macfadyen) is desperate to match the success of author wife Lindy (Elizabeth Banks). Only his big breakthrough accidentally takes her down to dollhouse-size. An excellent-looking supporting cast includes Zoe Lister-Jones (*Life in Pieces*), Ronny Chieng (*Crazy Rich Asians*), Aasif Mandvi (*Evil*) and Canadian Shaun Majumder (*From*).

THRASH (movie premieres Friday, April 10, on Netflix) Crazy weather is less and less far-fetched, but Norwegian filmmaker Tommy Wirkola (*Dead Snow*, *Dead Snow 2* of course, *Hansel and Gretel: Witch Hunters* and *Spermageddon*) is serving up jump scares and cathartic laughs in what looks like a hilariously ridiculous enviro-thriller. In *Thrash*, a Cat-



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Elizabeth Banks and Matthew Macfadyen star in *The Miniature Wife*, which begins on Crave tomorrow.

egory 5 hurricane strands a very pregnant woman who must face labour pains while dodging hungry sharks that now have the right of way in a flooded coastal town.

THE AUDACITY (series premieres with the first of eight episodes Sunday, April 12, on AMC and AMC+) AI has many of us terrified and/or grinding our teeth in outrage. This series attempts to leap from that dread platform into a level of absurdity we wish were not so believable, populating this business thriller with warped tech billionaires, wellness geniuses and resigned worker bees. The talent list is top shelf, from creator/writer Jonathan Glatzer (*Better Call Saul*, *Succession*, *Bad Sisters*), to cast members Billy Magnussen (*Game Night*), Zach Galifianakis (*The Hangover*), Simon Helbert (*The Big Bang Theory*), Paul Adelstein (*The Menu*), Lucy Punch (*Jingle Bell Heist*) and Sarah Goldberg (*Barry*).

This has already been renewed for a second season.

MARGO'S GOT MONEY TROUBLES (series premieres the first three of eight episodes on Wednesday, April 15, Apple TV) Creator/producer David E. Kelley (*Big Little Lies*, *Perfect Strangers*) has a new series based on a bestselling novel by Ruffi Thorpe. It stars Elle Fanning (*Sentimental Values*) as the girl who could have had it all but stepped off the fast track to have an unexpected baby. Flanked by her ex-Hooter's waitress mom (Michelle Pfeiffer, *The Madison*) and ex-pro-wrestler dad (Nick Offerman, *The Last of Us*), she opts to earn a living by engaging in some glittery "work on the internet." Co-stars include Marcia Gay Harden (*The Morning Show*), Greg Kinnear (*Black Bird*), Michael Angarano (*This Is Us*) and Nicole Kidman (*Scarpetta*).



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Latest moon mission to grow Canadian trees



Terry O'Shaughnessy

GONE TO GROUND

Astronaut Jeremy Hansen is not the only Canadian travelling through space on Artemis II. The seeds from five different types of Canadian trees are travelling along with him, a lesser known part of the space mission that not only gardeners and forest lovers can appreciate.

Like so much about Artemis and its current starry trip around the moon, it's a story that has its roots in the old Apollo program tradition.

Back in 1971, Apollo 14 carried about 400 seeds of different types of trees to the moon. The purpose was to study the effects on seed germination from outside the Earth's atmosphere. Dubbed "moon trees," these various types of pines, firs and sycamores ended up germinating just as usual when they got home. The moon trees were then either planted ceremoniously to celebrate great events (many of them marked the American Bicentennial year in 1976), or were sent out to schools and libraries to enchant children of all ages with their history of having been to the moon.

Like many such projects, they had their big romantic moment when everyone wanted one. But then the program faded away from public conversation. So it was good news in 2022, when, in anticipation of doing the same experiment on Artemis I, more than 100 of these Apollo era moon trees were tracked down by NASA scientists and found to be flourishing. Artemis I then repeated the gung-ho gardening spirit of the Apollo legacy by bringing along another batch of seeds to space. Now, Artemis II honours the tradition.

And let's just say, it has some seriously great Canadian content.

The seeds of some of Canada's most iconic trees, specially packaged and prepared by the National Tree Seed Centre in Fredericton, N.B., are currently orbiting the moon.

Five native Canadian tree species are represented in the sample.

First, the Eastern white cedar, sacred to so many indigenous people of Canada, as well as the red maple, the country's classic national symbol. White birch was then chosen for its broad proliferation across so many regions, as well as the Eastern white pine, one of the tallest trees in our forest canopy. Finally, the lodgepole pine was chosen, a tree that is barely surviving



Terry O'Shaughnessy, The 1019 Report

Inspiring another moon shot: NASA's latest mission — the Artemis II's trip around the moon — carries with it seeds of some of Canada's most iconic trees, all part of an ongoing "moon trees" project.

invasive species caused by warmer winters and, therefore, a contributing factor to the catastrophic fires we battle now.

The tree seeds won't be opened or planted in space but be germinated when they come home to see how they do. What is hoped is that it will spark some conversation.

Maybe that conversation will be about

climate change or other environmental issues. Or, maybe just the simple awareness and appreciation of what the natural world means to us. Who knows what could come up? It could build a new basis for more of the conversation we're already having.

Or, it could create a whole new conversation all together.

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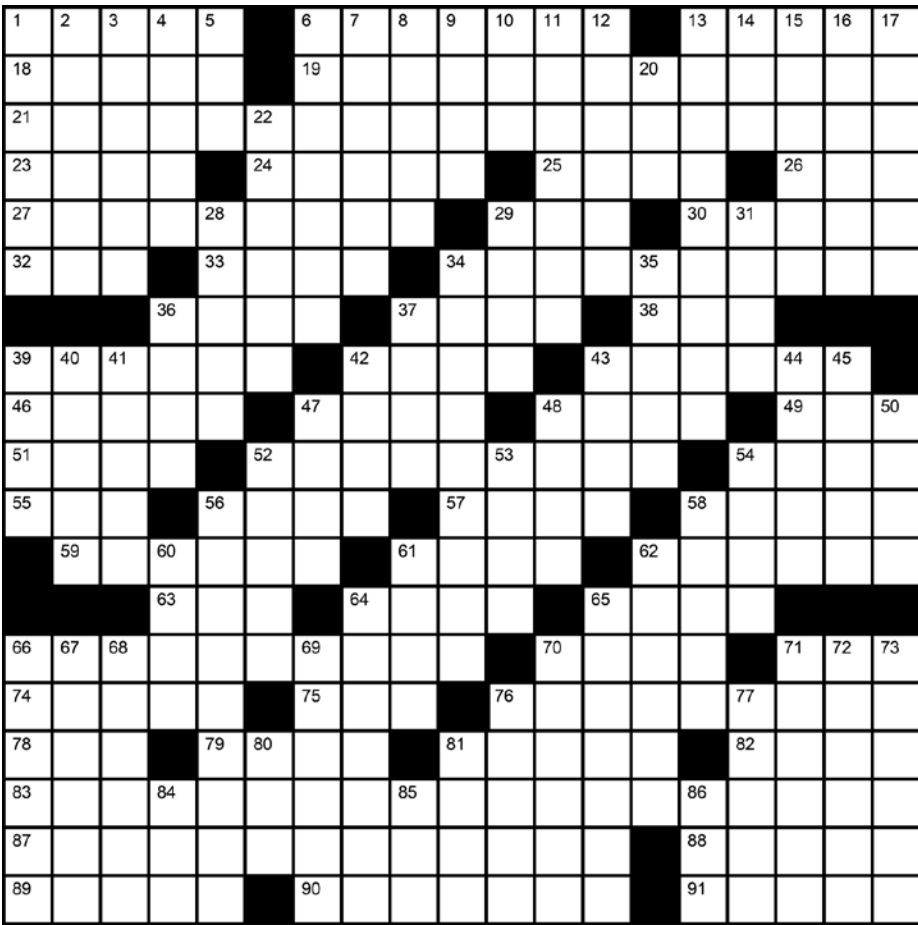
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1. Shop assistant
6. Square Dancing figures
13. Gert who portrays the title character in 1964 James Bond movie Goldfinger
18. "I'm a ___" by The Beatles
19. Three words in the measurement of Canada's highest peak Mount Logan
21. "General Hospital", e.g., on which Canadian actor Cameron Mathison plays the villainous Drew Cain: 4 wds.
23. Do in, as a vampire
24. Attempt
25. River of Flanders
26. Furrow
27. Picnic's 'glassware': 2 wds.
29. Also
30. "Everything will ___ the same." (There's no changes)
32. Stockholm is its cap.
33. "That's awful news!": 2 wds.
34. 1987 Montreal Protocol environmental topic: 2 wds.
36. Places in the place
37. Asset
38. "Uh-uh."
39. Appraises
42. Trendy crazes
43. Like some tundra
46. Straighten
47. Baseball field covering
48. Brent __, "Corner Gas" star
49. Lid
51. The Cdn. Rockies, e.g.
52. "Out of My Head" Canadian band from Hamilton
54. Maintenance
55. Notes-jotting need
56. Enemies
57. Topple from power
58. Tortilla chips dip
59. Circle statistic
61. Macy Gray hit song: 2 wds.
62. Game show legend Bob
63. Camping vehicles, commonly
64. Vintage autos, e.g.
65. Barbie ___
66. Toronto Transit Commission rides on rails
70. "I ___ No Quitter" by Shania Twain
71. Scotiabank Arena's lettered name once
74. Surface-__-__ missile
75. Dutch city
76. Key/needed
78. Bolt
79. Dodge car until 1990
81. Mosaic component
82. Shield knob
83. ___ Act (Canadian requesting-government-records statute)
87. Ontario's provincial flower: 2 wds.
88. "The Count of ___ Cristo" (1975)
89. Jon of "Chicago Fire" and "Chicago P.D.", and surnamesakes
90. Away-from-coasts regions
91. Ti-Cats rivals

DOWN

1. Jewellery fasteners
2. Big name in Canadian food, ___ Companies Limited
3. "The Great ___" (1963)
4. Change the hair's hue anew
5. Isthmus of ___ (Malay Peninsula part)
6. Nissan cars of yore
7. San Luis __, California
8. Brave New World tablets
9. "Hurlyburly" Tony-winning actress Judith
10. Baie-__-Sables, Quebec
11. British Columbia's beautiful Okanagan destination with vineyards and orchards
12. Spring, for example
13. National Gallery of Canada fare in bouquets or vases, for example: 2 wds.
14. Weight training unit, commonly
15. Excessively
16. Craig __, Toronto Maple Leafs Head Coach
17. Uplifting one bringing joy
20. Gorilla, for example
22. Billionaire's boats
28. French cathedral city
29. Shih-__ (Adorable dogs)
31. Bert of "The Wizard of Oz" (1939)
34. Library and Archives Canada collection content, e.g.: 2 wds.
35. Matrikin
36. Some small dogs
37. Banff National ___
39. Dracula, e.g.
40. Ritual location
41. Ms. Ronstadt
42. Home team cheerers
43. "___ a Move" by Young MC
44. CTV program for showbiz news
45. Icelander's ancestry
47. Mon.-following day
48. ___ as a beaver
50. Bartlett or Bosc
52. Knightly combat
53. 'Bear' in French
54. Contact novelist Mr. Sagan
56. Canadian flour brand: 2 wds.
58. "Shoop" by ___-Pepa
60. Eins + zwei = ?
61. "Able was ___..." (Palindrome start)
62. "Rasputin" disco group, ___
64. Communicate with headquarters: 2 wds.
65. Strips of weaponry
66. Soda drinking props
67. "Clever comeback!"
68. Foul or rotten
69. Prefix to 'fugal' (Moving away from the middle)
70. Equally noisy: 2 wds.
71. Robin Hood's skill
72. Giovanni __ (Historic navigator to Canada in 1497)
73. Scientifically spawned sorts
76. Finally, in Montreal
77. Education assistant
80. Winter hrs. in Canada, e.g.
81. "Drinking ___..." by Canadian band Bran Van 3000
84. Flight sched. info
85. "___ Be" by Edwin McCain
86. "I ___ Rock" by Simon & Garfunkel

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Local sugarbush to be featured at Hudson Film Festival

JOSHUA ALLAN
The 1019 Report

The opening of this year's Hudson Film Festival promises to be sweet!

In fact, the opening film will be short and sweet — and the subject matter is all local.

The first film of the 11th edition of the film fest is a 15-minute documentary title *The Symphony of Spring* that focuses on the 100-acre sugarbush in Hudson known as Riversmead, owned by the Henshaw family since 1849, and how they have collected and produced maple syrup there for generations.

For director Asia Lis, who is also related by marriage to the Henshaw family, the decision to make the film hadn't been deliberately planned when she was visiting the area in the winter of 2023.

"It was actually pretty spontaneous, I wasn't planning on it," Lis said in a phone interview from Iqaluit where she is a member of the production team filming the CBC series *North of North*. "But then I woke up in the morning, and it was sunny, it was just such a beautiful morning, and I thought, 'OK, I'm going to take my camera and just start shooting.'"

The film demonstrates how the maple sap is collected and brought to a cabin, which had been built by the current owner Helen Henshaw's grandfather, and is boiled into syrup. The film also delves into some of the history of Riversmead, featuring old photos of Henshaw and her relatives working on the property.

"I was kind of flattered," said Henshaw, referring to when Lis had shared the idea



From *Symphony of Spring*

Hudson resident Helen Henshaw is featured in the film *Symphony of Spring*, a 15-minute documentary about one family's tradition of making maple syrup, which kicks off this year's edition of the Hudson Film Festival on Monday, April 20.

of making a short film about the sugarbush.

"It's got a very warm, 'Hey-this-is-our-town' feeling to it," said film festival organizer Clint Ward. "And I think that's a great way to start a festival."

"I think the festival will start on a very positive note," said Lis, who added that the process of making maple syrup is "such a beautiful tradition."

The screening will take place on Monday, April 20, at 2 pm. at the Hudson Vil-

lage Theatre. Both Lis and Henshaw will be on hand for a question-and-answer session following the screening. Henshaw also plans to bring samples of Riversmead's own maple syrup for attendees to try.

"It's delicious, I'll tell you that," said Henshaw.

The rest of the 17-film lineup of the 11th edition of the Hudson Film Festival will follow over the course of the week. The lineup includes dramas, comedies,

romances and indie films.

"Of course, we're in love with all of them (the films)," said Ward, who co-founded the annual festival that features Canadian-made movies.

To consult the Hudson Film Festival schedule of screenings and for tickets, go to <https://www.hudsonfilmsociety.ca/hudson-film-festival-2026/>

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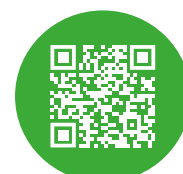
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