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## Dog deemed 'potentially dangerous' in St. Lazare

JOSHUA ALLAN  
The 1019 Report

A dog in St. Lazare was been designated as "potentially dangerous" by the town council.

The designation, as outlined in provincial legislation, was approved April 14, with elected officials supporting a resolution outlining obligations imposed on the animal's owner.

According to the resolution, the move was sparked by an incident in 2025. St. Lazare Mayor Geneviève Lachance confirmed the incident involved an attack, but refused to provide any other details.

Other members of council contacted by *The 1019 Report* also refused to provide further details, claiming the information is shielded by caucus confidentiality.

The municipal resolution refers to the dog's name – Zoomer – and its owner's address on Place du Soliste in the town's Cedarbrook neighbourhood, but does not provide any description of the animal or its breed.

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## Flood waters rising



Photos by Ian Grant, The 1019 Report

This was the scene on Rousseau Street in western Hudson near the border with Rigaud on Saturday (top photo). By Monday (bottom photo), the waters had completely surrounded the house. A number of areas along the waterfront in Rigaud, Hudson, Vaudreuil-Dorion and L'Île Cadieux, as well as parts of Île Perrot are experiencing moderate flooding, which is expected to ebb as of today. **More photos, see Page 15.**



## It's 'now or never,' Sandy Beach lot owner tells Hudson

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The 1019 Report

As Hudson council weighs its decision on whether to buy an additional lot in the Sandy Beach area, the owner of the land — who currently owes \$1 million on the property — says the town should exercise its first right of refusal and purchase it for \$1.3 million.

"I think the city should," said the husband of the registered owner of 2 Royalview Street in an interview with *The 1019 Report* last weekend. "I think the people really want it."

"If the city wants to buy it, it's now or never because there will be a building on it," said the man who asked that his name not be published.

He said the proposed offer to purchase includes the most recent set of plans for a single-family home that have been submitted to the town for approval.

Successive attempts to obtain a permit to build a house on the two-acre waterfront property immediately to the east of the lots purchased by the town earlier this year for \$8.7 million have failed, leading to delays and frustration, he said.

"It has been a dream place for my family," the man said, explaining the delays have contributed to the decision to sell the property.

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# Train whistles nixed at St. Lazare crossings

JOSHUA ALLAN  
The 1019 Report

A noisy issue that has kept many residents up at night is being put to bed. Starting tomorrow, trains travelling through St. Lazare will no longer be required to blow their whistles at two level crossings adjacent to suburban neighbourhoods.

The move is a result of an agreement reached between the town and Canadian Pacific Kansas City railway company (CPKC) announced last week. Train operators will no longer be required to blow their whistles upon approaching the crossings at Legault Road and Duhamel Street, which are both located near Cité des Jeunes Boulevard in the southwest corner of town. Trains do not whistle at the level crossing at St. Louis Road, CPKC confirmed. There are only three level crossings in St. Lazare.

“It’s a good thing for everyone,” said St. Lazare Mayor Geneviève Lachance as she welcomed the news last week, acknowledging that the issue of the train whistle has been “something that we get asked continuously” about over the years.

“It’s disturbing people in their sleep, it’s disturbing their daily life, it’s been the train waking them up whistling at 3 a.m.”

“For them, it’s just to improve their (quality of) life,” she said, referring to residents living in the area.

The silencing of the train whistles comes as the municipality looks to develop the surrounding Cité des Jeunes sector into a residential neighbourhood with roughly 1,200 new dwellings.

The city has been working on this plan



The 1019 Report

A fence now blocks access to the tracks between Legault Road and Duhamel Street in St. Lazare, allowing train conductors to cease blowing their whistles at these two level crossings.

since 2015, which involved conducting multiple studies on safety and feasibility, as well as working with CPKC and Transport Canada. The federal department has a detailed procedure for municipalities looking to stop trains from whistling at crossings within their territories.

While some local residents will be relieved, others worry that the lack of train whistles could lead to an increased chance of a collision on the tracks. To this, Lachance emphasized that the train whistle would be used, should the operator spot cars or other activity on or approaching the tracks ahead.

Fencing has been installed along the tracks, stretching 2.2 kilometres between

the Legault Road and Duhamel Street crossings and beyond. This \$600,000 project, announced in 2024, was required by the federal government before the whistles could be stopped. Approximately 80 per cent of the cost of the fence was covered by Transport Canada. The fencing is meant to prevent wildlife or unsuspecting pedestrians from wandering onto the tracks.

“With the number of people asking us to have the train whistle stop, I think it was well worth the efforts,” Lachance said, adding, the initiative has been “many, many years in the works.”

Local Journalism Initiative

# 1019 Report, 1510 West food drives a success

The team who publishes *The 1019 Report* and *The 1510 West* hosted back-to-back food drives in recent weeks — one in the Vaudreuil-Soulanges region and one in the West Island and — and collected about 700 kilograms of non-perishable items.


An estimated 350 kilograms of food were collected on April 11 at events staged at McKibbin’s in Vaudreuil-Dorion and at Cardinal Brewery in Hudson, where donations were dropped off. The food benefitted Le Pont Bridging in Hudson, La Source d’Entraide in St. Lazare and L’Actuel in Vaudreuil-Dorion.

These agencies help a growing number of families and individuals make ends meet each month.

Another 350 kilograms of foodstuffs were collected March 28, outside McKibbin’s in Pointe Claire to benefit the West Island Mission.

“It was a great amount to kick off our spring season,” said Suzanne Scarrow, executive director of West Island Mission, which assists more than 500 households facing food insecurity — a number that has doubled in the last two years — with more than a third being seniors living below the poverty line.

An additional amount of about \$3,000 also will be split among all four agencies. Thank you to all who donated.

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# DOG: Owners required to enroll in training classes

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It does list the requirements the owner must adhere to, which include muzzling the animal and keeping it on a short leash when off the property; keeping it within a fenced area on the property with a locked gate when outdoors. The animal is also banned from dog parks and must be muzzled when children visit the residence.

The dog's owners will also be required to take Zoomer to "dog training classes based on motivation and positive reinforcement" within the next six months.

At the April 14 meeting, city clerk Nathaly Rayneault said "a series of steps have been taken" to determine the dog's danger potential, including being examined by a specialized veterinarian.

"When there's a potentially dangerous dog, people report it to the municipality, and we're required to have a vet analyze the (level of danger) of that dog," Lachance said. "They give us their evaluation, and from that we make a decision on what to do with this dog."

"It could go from simple measures to even having the dog put down, which is something we never want to have to do."

Regulations involving dangerous dogs are outlined by provincial law. *The Règlement d'application de la Loi visant à favoriser la protection des personnes par la mise en place d'un encadrement concernant les chiens*, mandates all municipalities in the province to administer the law.

Local Journalism Initiative

# St. Lazare adds extra question period to council meetings

JOSHUA ALLAN  
The 1019 Report

Starting next month, St. Lazare's monthly town council meetings will include two question periods, providing an opportunity for residents to inquire about the resolutions raised at the meeting.

This additional question period, which is already practised in several neighbouring municipalities in the 1019 region, will be scheduled at the end of every monthly meetings. It will have a 20-minute time

limit.

The town council unanimously approved the move at the April 14 meeting.

The second question period will allow residents to ask questions or seek clarifications about specific resolutions that are adopted at that meeting immediately "instead of waiting for the following month or doing it informally," St. Lazare Mayor Geneviève Lachance said.

The next town council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 14, at 7 p.m.

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# Candidates in Hudson by-election running for wide range of reasons

**BRENDA O'FARRELL**  
The 1019 Report

The three candidates vying for the open seat on Hudson council in the May 3 by-election all say the municipality's small-town sense of community is at the base of why they want to be part of running the town, but each are focusing on very different issues as they make their pitch to voters living in the central village core.

Supporting the vibrancy of the town's commercial core is a centrepiece of Andrew Dumas' message.

"I definitely think that tourism has to increase in Hudson," Dumas said in an interview.

Improving the town's signage, making parking easier, while ensuring bylaws limiting noise and hours of operation are enforced are priorities for him.

Dumas, who is also the co-owner of Sauvé's restaurant, is clear, the aim is not to turn Hudson into a party town, but bolster its welcome to visitors from neighbouring towns.

A resident for 27 years, Dumas started the Hudson Hospitality Association and is a member of the town's Business Development Committee. He hosts local quiz nights and was also a volunteer firefighter for more than a decade.

"Over the last 15 years I have been listening and learning," he said, referring to

the period of time since he last ran for a council spot. "I'm ready for the job."

Victoria Henderson is a heritage conservation architect who moved to Hudson in 2016 and almost immediately began volunteering, joining the town's planning advisory committee (TPAC). The committee provides recommendations to council on building and renovation permits.

Hudson is part of the Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal and is subject to its increasing densification requirements, she acknowledged. Her experience on TPAC along with her professional experience, she said, has provided her with insight on how the town needs to update its planning bylaws in order to improve their coherence with different residential building types, including multi-unit dwellings, and cut the red tape that many property owners seeking permits now face.

She aims to work toward helping council find a way to strike a balance between sustainable growth while preserving the small-town elements that make Hudson unique.

"There is a sense of community that seems to exist more than in other places," Henderson said.

She currently works for the City of Montreal's urban planning department and is the administrator of a popular community Facebook group, Hudson + Vicin-

ity, which has about 3,200 members.

Luc Dionne is familiar with campaigning in Hudson. The retired actuary, with decades of experience as a financial consultant specializing in long-term and risk management, ran unsuccessfully in the District 2 race in last fall's general.

He is running again for three reasons: since moving to Hudson five years ago, he was struck by the level of volunteerism in the town and jumped right in and found the experience welcoming; he has found residents are interested and wants to keep them informed; and believes the town could benefit from his professional expertise to map out the financial implications and benefits of long-term planning.

"I don't want to be confrontational," Dionne said. "I want to inform."

Hudson needs to plan its much needed investments in upgrading roads and other infrastructure, he said, explaining how his professional insight into how different planning approaches can best manage these responsibility could affect the long-term implications on tax bills.

*Voters in District 3 can cast a ballot in the advance poll set for Sunday, April 26, from noon until 8 p.m., while polls will be open from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. on by-election day, Sunday, May 3.*

*Local Journalism Initiative*

# SQ seeking other victims of massage therapist accused of sex assault

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Nearly three weeks after his arrest, the Sûreté du Québec is urging potential victims of a Vaudreuil-Dorion massage therapist to come forward as police continue to build their case against him.

Jose Antonio Pedraza, 54, was arrested April 2. He faces sexual assault charges based on events the SQ is alleging occurred while he worked as a massage therapist. He remains in custody as police continue their investigation.

While several victims have been identified and connected to a number of alleged incidents that occurred last February, investigators believe there may be other victims. Police also said Pedraza also used the alias Joseph Pedraza.

The SQ is releasing few details about the case, including if Pedraza operated out of a private clinic, a local spa or at the alleged victims' homes.

The SQ is asking potential victims to call their confidential hotline at 1-800-659-4264.

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# Editorial

## If a dangerous dog is found in St. Lazare, is anyone safer?

We have all heard the question: If a tree falls in a forest and no one is around to hear it, does it make a sound?

This query dates back centuries. It is central to a philosophical experiment that looks to debate the relationship between an event and the perception of an event. In essence, the argument put forward is that an event or happening is only really relevant if it is witnessed.

The corollary to this for society — or a community — is that things of importance need not only be done. They need to be seen to be done.

This is why important documents do not merely need to be signed, but, in certain circumstances, the signatures must be witnessed. That is why we have commissioners of oaths.

Similarly, justice must not merely be carried out, it has to be seen to be carried out. That is why our courts are open to the public.

Call it proof. Call it transparency. Decisions and actions taken by public bodies that have an effect on citizens have to come with an element of accountability. Public bodies and institutions that act in the name of the public good have to be seen to act in the public good.

And, for the most part, they do.

Every so often, however, an exception pops up, as one did last week in St. Lazare, when the municipal council voted to declare a dog in the town to be “potentially dangerous.” That was the action taken. The details surrounding the incident that sparked this decision, however, have not been made public. And that is not good enough.

According to the resolution approved unanimously by council at the April 14 meeting, the dog lives on Place du Soliste in the north end of the Cedarbrook area of the town. The only information provided is that the canine was involved in an incident in 2025 and that a vet was involved in some capacity. No other details were offered.

The decision by council imposes a series of restrictions on the dog’s owner, including the requirement to keep the animal on a leash and wear a muzzle when out for a walk. Otherwise, the animal must always be kept in the house or behind a fence on the owner’s property. It cannot frequent a dog park, and it must be muzzled if any children visit the resi-

dence.

When questioned, members of St. Lazare council refused to provide any information. Was a child bitten? Was another dog attacked? Was an adult mauled? Where did this incident happen? We are left simply to assume it was serious.

No description of the dog was given either — its size, age, breed, colour.

The one piece of information in the resolution that was included was that the dog “poses a risk to public health or safety.”

This statement justifies the council’s action. Such a strong statement should also be explained. If council is taking action to protect public health and safety, it needs to be seen to be doing so by providing the context that surrounds the action. Failing to do so deprives the public of seeing what they are being protected from.

Giving the public a description of the dog and providing the details of the incident that put its behaviour under scrutiny

are important elements in understanding the risk and ensuring that the steps to mitigate that risk are being adhered to. It is the philosophical equivalent of bearing witness to a tree falling. It puts you in a position to hear it make a sound. Taking action to improve public safety need not be done in the shadows. It needs to be seen to improve public safety.

Justifications to support this failure to provide details and context, like when one councillor cited caucus confidentiality, claiming it restricted him from sharing any details, shows a lack of understanding of an elected official’s role. All decisions taken by councils are discussed in caucus. The tax rate charged to homeowners is discussed in caucus. This does not protect it from being disclosed publicly. The decision to pave a street is discussed in caucus, yet somehow that information is made public.

Caucus confidentiality is a tool to keep certain things of a private nature private. Issues of public safety — and that includes context of incidents involving individual or animals that threaten public safety — need to be made public. Individuals accused of the crime of assault are made public. A dog that does the same should similarly be identified.

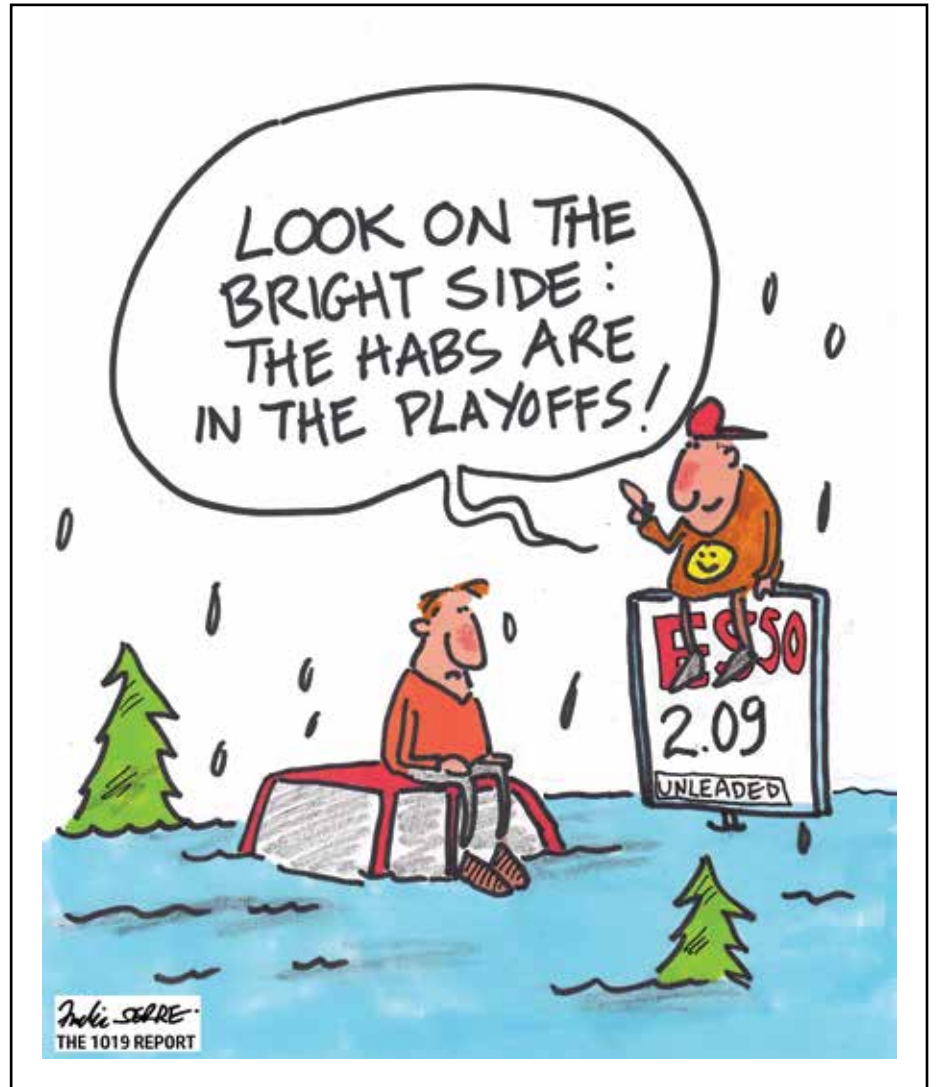
**Individuals accused of assault are ID’d. Same standard should apply to dogs**

**Brenda O’Farrell**  
Editor-in-chief

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## Letter to the editor



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Quebec Liberal leader Charles Milliard, PQ leader Paul St-Pierre Plamondon, CAQ leader Christine Frechette and Conservative leader Éric Duhaime all support the notwithstanding clause with respect to Bill 96.

## Notwithstanding clause should be abolished

I think the notwithstanding clause should be deleted from Canadian politics.

It seems to be unconscionable that any legislator can say to himself or herself: “I want to bring in a law that violates human rights and freedoms, but how can I pre-

vent a court of law from stopping me? Ah, yes, I’ll insert a notwithstanding clause, then I’ll be free to trample on people’s human rights and freedoms.”

**James Forbes, Les Cèdres**

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The percentage of jobs in the Vaudreuil-Soulanges region stemming from the agro-food sector.

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Ian Grant, The 1019 Report

**Keeping an eye on the flooding situation:** This Canada goose appeared to be surveying the rising water levels in a traditional nesting area along the Hudson waterfront last Friday. By the beginning of this week, the water along the Lake of Two Mountains had flooded its banks in areas of Rigaud, Vaudreuil-Dorion and Hudson.

## Spring is still trying to negotiate its way in



Tom Whelan

Here we are in mid-April in Montreal — that magical, confusing, slightly unhinged time of year that requires decisions. Or, more accurately, “leaps of faith.” Should I finally put the snow boots away? Swap the winter tires? Drag the rake out from wherever I defiantly tossed it back in November? Or, is this all an elaborate meteorological prank, with one last snowstorm lurking like a villain waiting for its cue?

If you have lived in these parts for more than a couple of seasons, you already know the answer: It’s both. It is always both.

Every year, a few brave (or perhaps overly optimistic) souls declare victory over winter at the first sign of double-digit temperatures. Jackets get lighter, patios get swept off and someone — there’s always someone — fires up the barbecue while wearing flip-flops, shorts and a toque. Even though there’s still a suspicious-looking snowbank in the shade. These are the same people who, just days later, find themselves brushing wet, heavy snow off their cars while muttering things that would make a snowplow driver blush.

April in these parts doesn’t gently transition into spring — it negotiates. Aggressively. And last weekend was a perfect example. We watched as the temperature hit 24-degrees C on Saturday only to see a few snow flurries on Sunday

Yes, one day it’s sunglasses and ice cream; the next, it’s mittens and existential dread. The weather app becomes less of a forecast and more of a suggestion, like “maybe bring everything you own, just in case.”

And yet, we fall for it every time. Two sunny days in a row and suddenly we’re convinced winter has packed its bags and moved to Toronto.

But even as we cautiously eye the sky, there are signs — real ones — that spring is winning. The days are longer, the air has that faint smell of thawing earth, and perhaps most importantly, the streets are revealing their annual surprise: potholes. Not just any potholes — these are majestic, water-filled craters that seem less like road damage and more like newly discov-

ered inland lakes.

Driving along roads like Harwood or attempting to manoeuvre through the Tim Horton’s parking lot along Route 201 feels like navigating a fishing expedition. You don’t so much avoid potholes as you scout them, like an angler searching for the perfect spot. “That one looks promising,” you might think, as your car gently disappears into a puddle large enough it could be stocked with trout.

At this point, it wouldn’t be entirely shocking to see someone casting a line into one of these watery hazards. “Caught a nice one just outside the grocery store,” they’d say. “Bit of a fight, but worth it.” If nothing else, it would make the morning drive more entertaining — and possibly more productive.

Of course, amid the weather roulette and aquatic roadways, there’s another bright spot lifting spirits across the island: the continued success of the Montreal Canadiens. After seasons that tested the patience of even the most loyal fans,

there is a renewed sense of excitement around the team. Wins feel a little sweeter this year, and suddenly those chilly spring evenings are the perfect excuse to stay in, throw on a jersey and cheer them on.

There’s something comforting about it all — the unpredictability of the season, the

shared jokes about “false spring,” the collective sigh when the snow (inevitably) makes one last appearance. It is part of the rhythm of life here. We complain about it, of course. It’s practically a civic duty. But there’s also a quiet appreciation for the absurdity of it all.

So go ahead, take the leap of faith. Put the boots away. But maybe keep them within arm’s reach. Change the tires. But don’t tempt fate too loudly. Start that yard work, even if it’s just a symbolic gesture. Because around here, spring isn’t a single moment, it’s a series of negotiations, compromises and the occasional surprise snowfall.

And if all else fails, at least the Habs are in the playoffs. That counts as progress.

Go Habs Go!

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**There is always someone barbecuing in flip-flops, shorts and a toque.**

## QUOTE

**“You have to live with that. You see, like tomorrow if it’s nice, I’m going to fish from my balcony there with the fishing rod.”**

— Rigaud resident Michel Boudreau, commenting about rising flood waters around his home to CityNews on Monday



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# Carney has momentum — but will it last?



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What a difference a year makes.

Last year, the Liberal Party had just elected a new leader in Mark Carney, and was still struggling with the difficult legacy of Justin Trudeau and the rise of Conservative leader Pierre Poilievre. Early gaffes in the election campaign made Carney's campaign look vulnerable.

That is all history.

The Liberals won a minority government, and Carney was endorsed as the man to take on U.S. President Donald Trump. And now, with by-election wins in Toronto and a stunning 700-vote margin in Terrebonne, they have a majority.

I was in Montreal earlier this month for the Liberal policy convention, and the Palais des Congrès was bustling with activity. There were 4,500 delegates, half of whom had never attended a Liberal event, among 300,000 party mem-

bers. This convention was the prime minister's coming-out party. From the foreign policy sessions inspired by Carney's January speech in Davos to the Liberals' "Building Canada Strong" industrial policy, this convention had the Carney imprimatur. A short video from Justin Trudeau at the opening gathered polite applause, making it clear he is yesterday's man. As analyst Scott Reid said on the Curse of Politics podcast: "Every time Katy Perry tweets, Carney's favourables go up 3 per cent."

I ran into former agriculture minister Wayne Easter from P.E.I., who was one of the MPs behind the movement to get rid of Trudeau.

"I doubt we would have official party status right now" if Trudeau were still leader, Easter said, adding: the party is again "the Liberal Party of Canada, not the Justin Trudeau party."

Strategist and podcaster David Herle agreed, saying the party has reverted to the "big tent" of Jean Chrétien and Paul Martin.

Many delegates mentioned the "big tent," while expressing concern about recent floor crossings, particularly MP Marilyn Gladu, tagged as a social conservative for positions on COVID and abortion. They echoed the comment of pundit Andrew Coyne on CBC's At Issue panel, referring to Gladu's conversion: "The Liberal big tent is fine ... but at some point, the big tent becomes a circus."

Other delegates I spoke to described "parameters" to Liberal values, defined by House leader Steve Mackinnon as "human rights, a woman's right to choose, equality of men and women." Some delegates made the trek to Terrebonne during the convention to help out in the by-election there, but most stayed to chat in the corridors. There was no appetite for

Carney to go to the polls. Ontario Liberals with long memories recalled former premier David Peterson's defeat in 1990 when he called an early election.

What I also noticed at the convention was the profile and performance of MPs who were ignored by Trudeau. Defence Minister David McGuinty spent more than a decade on the backbench before joining Carney's cabinet, as did Public Works and Procurement Minister Joel Lightbound.

Former international public servant Chris Neal told me he hadn't been to a comparable convention in a long time.

"There was such enthusiasm from a young crowd," Neal said, which he attributed to Carney.

Carney "has credibility with his peers, in the international financial system," he added. "Having someone with that gravitas worldwide is an asset nationally."

Carney's closing speech was introduced by his wife, Diana Fox Carney.

"My husband and I have been stopped on the streets of (world capitals) by people seeking to thank Canada for our country's global leadership," she said.

Carney repeated the fundamentals of his Davos speech, called for Canadian unity and proclaimed: "We are the masters of our destiny, masters in our own house, without exception."

He closed with an appeal for "a Canada that's fair ... and kind."

Despite the Liberals' euphoria coming out of this convention, questions remain. First, can Carney manage a caucus so disparate it includes pro-Israel MP Anthony Housefather and former Ontario NDP MPP Doly Begum, who talked of genocide in Gaza? Or, ex-Conservative Marilyn Gladu and ex-NDP Lori Idlout?

Meanwhile, long-time loyal backbenchers may not appreciate the favours proffered to floor-crossers, like Michael Ma's trip to China with Carney.

There are great expectations after Carney's globetrotting to make dozens of trade deals. But they may not compensate for Canadian industries suffering from Trump's tariffs. And there's the unpredictability of the reopening of CUSMA, and of Trump himself.

And finally, separatists in Alberta and Quebec claiming Canada is an "illegitimate country" could soon be holding referendums.

Coming out of Montreal, Carney has tremendous momentum, but there are no guarantees it will last.

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### Convention was Carney's coming-out party

# ROYALVIEW: Owner holds \$1-million mortgage on lot

## From Page 1

The town was informed of an accepted offer to purchase the lot for \$1.3 million in March, triggering its registered right of first refusal. This means the town has the option to buy the lot by matching the price.

Hudson Mayor Chloe Hutchison earlier this month said the town had received notification of the accepted offer, and was weighing its option to exercise its right of first refusal on the lot. Yesterday, she confirmed a decision on whether the town will exercise that right is expected to be made at the next council meeting on April 28.

One member of council interview yesterday said he expects his council colleagues will approve the purchase at the April 28 meeting.

"This is our chance to get it," councillor

Mark Gray told *The 1019 Report*. "I expect it to be unanimous," he added.

According to the *Registre foncier du Québec*, the public database of all real estate transactions in the province, the lot at 2 Royalview was purchased by Brooke De Santis on July 15, 2021, for \$780,000 plus taxes. The sale of the property included an acknowledgment that "the property is partially situated in a flood zone and in a *Zone d'intervention speciale* and is affected, in part, by a *bande de protection riveraine*." The property also includes two servitudes; one in favour of the town and another in favour of Hydro-Québec/Bell Canada. No mortgage was registered.

The Town of Hudson registered its first right of refusal on Aug. 29, 2023.

On Aug. 1, 2024, a mortgage for \$1 million was registered on the property. Granted by Briva Finance, a private firm

specializing in short-term bridge financing, the loan carries a 25-per-cent annual interest rate "calculated daily and compounded monthly."

The mortgage is still active for the full amount, the property owner's husband confirmed to *The 1019 Report*.

At the March 24 council meeting Hutchison had said: "We are handling this file with care and attention, doing the validations and assessments it deserves."

In an interview yesterday, she confirmed town officials analyzed the 2024 land evaluation, the proposed flood map and the impact it would have on construction rights and looked into available subsidies. They had also confirmed no known ties exist between the proposed purchaser and the property owner.

According to the current assessment role for 2025-2027, the lot is valued at

just under \$1.17 million. The previous role pegged it 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 \$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 métropolitaine de Montréal*.

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# Contractor pleads guilty in Rigaud roadwork investigation

FREDERIC SERRE  
The 1019 Report

What began with a raid on an Île Perrot construction company in early 2025 by the province's anti-corruption unit ended last week with the company's owner pleading guilty to ripping off the Town of Rigaud by signing a false affidavit in connection with a contract to conduct roadwork.

Following his guilty plea, Alain Gauthier, 65, who lives in Magog, but heads L3B Construction, was given one year

probation last Friday when he appeared before a Quebec Court judge. Although Gauthier was charged with fraud, swindling and production and use of false documents, he pleaded guilty to one accusation – production and use of false documents, according to Unité permanente anticorruption (UPAC) spokesperson, Mathieu Galarneau.

Evidence presented by UPAC said that on June 13, 2023, the Town of Rigaud issued a call for bids to carry out infrastruc-

ture repairs on Ste. Madeleine and Gérard Chicoine streets. Gauthier's company was awarded the contract, valued at more than \$2 million.

This contract included progress payment clauses and required Gauthier to submit a sworn affidavit with each payment to certify that the work had been completed and that all subcontractors had been paid.

On Oct. 23, 2023, Gauthier received a progress payment of \$478,395 after sub-

mitting an affidavit for a portion of the work. However, following audits conducted by the municipality, the affidavit was found to be false, as four of the subcontractors had not been paid. In addition, Gauthier allegedly had signed the affidavit in his capacity as both declarant and certifying officer. He was charged by UPAC in February 2025.

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## Lives & Legacy

### Roslyn Britt Woodcock

It is with sadness that we announce the peaceful passing of Roslyn on March 30, 2026 at Ste. Anne's Hospital after a prolonged illness. She was the beloved wife of the late Bruce Woodcock, daughter of the late William Britt and Marguerite Evans and much loved sister of Sheila and

the late Karen. She leaves to mourn her brother-in-law Robert Smithman, her nieces Melissa and Ashley Smithman, and her stepsons David, Scott and Stuart Woodcock, their wives and children.

Roslyn enjoyed a rewarding career as an executive in Human Resources at Reader's Digest Canada. She and Bruce moved from Montreal to Stamford, Connecticut for a short period of time and upon returning to Quebec in 1998 took up residence in Hudson.

Though they travelled extensively, their very favourite place was their cottage on Lac Brule in the Laurentians. Roslyn will be remembered for her warm and welcoming personality and her ever-present smile.

A very special thank you goes to the staff at Ste. Anne's Hospital for their loving care each and every day.

A service will be held at St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Main Road, Hudson, Qc on Tuesday, May 12th at 10:30 a.m. to be followed by a reception. Should you so wish, a donation may be made to Ste. Anne's Hospital Foundation, 305 Boul. Des Anciens Combattants, Ste. Anne de Bellevue, H9X1Y9 or to Le Nichoir, 637 Main Rd., Hudson, J0P1H0, or to any charity of choice.

Condolences may be sent to [www.kanefetterly.com](http://www.kanefetterly.com).



## Lives & Legacy

### Eileen (Alder) Farnum

Aug 18, 1933 - Apr 13, 2026

Eileen passed away peacefully at the age of 92 in Hudson, Qc.

Born in England, Eileen came to Canada in her twenties and settled in Hudson where she built a life devoted to family and community.

Beloved wife of the late Patrick Farnum. Loving mother of Nancy (Peter), Jenny (Doug) and Debbie (Charlie). Predeceased by her children Andy and Judy. Cherished grandmother of Henry, Chloe, Mabel, Phoebe, and Ted.

Eileen will be remembered for her love of gardening, reading, birdwatching, curling, game playing, fitness, tap-dancing and her many years of volunteer service, including her involvement with the Royal Canadian Legion. She was known for her quick wit, classic style, and service to the community.

She will be sadly missed by her family, friends, and all who knew her.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Eileen's memory may be made to Maison Libella Soins Palliatifs in Hudson, whose compassionate care and support meant so much to Eileen and her family, making her final days peaceful and calm.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 2nd, 2026, at the Royal Canadian Legion in Hudson, from 2-5 pm.

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# 2 roundabouts planned for Cité des Jeunes

**BRENDA O'FARRELL**  
The 1019 Report

Cité des Jeunes Boulevard will be getting a major overhaul beginning this week, including the construction of two major roundabouts to accommodate easier traffic flow in anticipation of the opening of the new Vaudreuil-Soulanges Hospital.

The work, originally announced last summer, is one of 14 projects in the Vaudreuil-Soulanges region catalogued by Transport Quebec in an announcement earlier this month that listed 766 projects across the province that will be carried out over the next two years, including 121 roadway improvements in the Montérégie totalling \$1.1 billion. No specific figures were provided for each project.

The roundabouts on Cité des Jeunes will be built at the intersections of De La Gare Boulevard and Henry Ford Street in Vaudreuil-Dorion, beginning later this month.

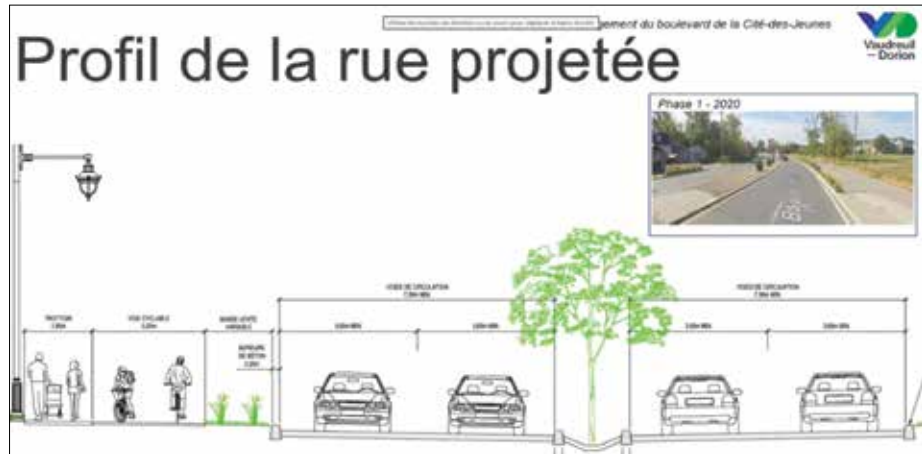
It is all part of a larger \$59-million plan that will include the redesign of two intersections on De La Gare by the entrance to the hospital and at the junction of Highway 30, which have been partially completed, as well as the construction of a path for cyclists and pedestrians between Harwood and De La Gare.

The section of Cité des Jeunes that runs east of De La Gare Boulevard will also be widened along a length of about 1.5 kilometres — between Henry Ford and Bill Durnan Street. This section will be



Transport Quebec

This is what the roundabouts along Cité des Jeunes at De La Gare and Henry Ford in Vaudreuil-Dorion will look like.



City of Vaudreuil-Dorion

The section of Cité des Jeunes east of De La Gare will be widened over a 1.5 kilometre stretch, with two lanes of vehicle traffic in each direction, and a pedestrian and cycling path.

widened from a two-lane road, with one lane in each direction, to four lanes, with two lanes in each direction, along with a

pedestrian and cycling path. This work is being carried out by the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion.

Work will last 30 weeks, according to Vaudreuil-Dorion Mayor Paul Dumoulin, which puts the scheduled completion date in November. A number of road closures in the sector are planned during that period.

“It’s going to be very difficult for traffic in that sector,” Dumoulin said in a statement.

In a later phase, scheduled for 2027 and 2028, Transport Quebec will modify three intersections along Cité des Jeunes in St. Lazare to add exit lanes to help accommodate an anticipated increase in traffic flow along the artery, which will be completely resurfaced from Ste. Angèlique Road in St. Lazare to De La Gare Boulevard in Vaudreuil-Dorion by 2028.

### And in Rigaud

Another project for the region included in Transport Quebec’s list of improvements is a plan to rebuild the overpass above Highway 40 at Chemin de la Baie in Rigaud. The work is listed in the projects that will cost between \$10 million and \$25 million. No exact figures were provided.

In all, Transport Quebec plans seven roadwork improvement projects in Vaudreuil-Soulanges in 2026–2028, including seven projects in Vaudreuil-Dorion, three in Rigaud, and minor upgrades in Coteau du Lac, Rivière Beaudette, Ste. Justine de Newton and Pointe Fortune.

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## TV WATCH REPORT

# Cultivating plants, family and a few scary stories



Denise Duguay

Normally, this would be when I would advise you to get outside and enjoy the spring, and save these recommended series for after sundown. But these will instead help pass the time until, say, summer?

**THIS IS A GARDENING SHOW** (series premieres on Wednesday, April 22, on Netflix) A new non-fiction series might just have something for both aspiring gardeners and off-beat comedy fans. Host and producer Zach Galifianakis (The Hangover) is being his best absurd self in this half-serious, half-loopy gardening show. Will “Zach Gaspa Fadasky,” as he refers to himself here, provide actual gardening advice? Possibly? It will help to be a fan of his high-low comedy. It will also help to watch the kids he occasionally interviews react so enthusiastically to his artful silliness.

**HALF MAN** (series premieres Thursday, April 23, on Crave) Richard Gadd has been working more than

red carpets and talk shows to maintain the momentum created by his disturbing and gorgeous 2024 series Baby Reindeer (Netflix). He has again found the time to write and star in a new series, starring opposite Jamie Bell (Billy Elliot) as brothers Ruben and Niall. They are not blood brothers but as good as family in the best and worst ways. With the narrative action set in motion by a burst of violence, Half Man aspires to be a ferociously uncomfortable examination of what is, and what could or should be, the proper way to become a man.

**STRANGER THINGS; TALES FROM '85** (animated spinoff premieres Thursday, April 23, on Netflix) The mother series' showrunner Eric Robles and creator/producers the Duffer Brothers have teamed up again to expand the teen horror franchise into animation. They are taking viewers back to the town of Hawkins but, this time, without Millie Bobby Brown and the other actors fans have come to know and love. With new actors voicing the main characters Eleven, Mike, Will, Dustin, Lucas and Max, the story starts in the winter of 1985 just after the events of the main series as the gang is reclaiming their lives of D&D and snowball fights. Only there's something



Courtesy Bell Media

Jamie Bell and Richard Gadd star in Half Man, which drops on HBO/Crave on Thursday, April 23.

under the ice.

**WIDOW'S BAY** (series premieres Wednesday, April 29, on Apple TV)

I get a little twitchy when press releases self-describe a new series as “genre-bending.” There are cases where a series has indeed redefined the accepted formulas. The island-plane-crash series Lost mostly successfully, often brilliantly blended elements of drama, thriller, supernatural and soap opera. Mob-drama The Sopranos helped establish a new kind of anti-hero. Twin Peaks just plain stretched viewers' brains. But those assessments were earned. Even so, I'm trying to keep an open mind about the “genre-bending” horror comedy Widow's Bay. Matthew Rhys (The Beast in Me) plays Tom Loftis, mayor of a New England town des-

perate to prove that it is not cursed. But just as tourism begins to pick up, weirdo stuff starts at least appearing to prove the creepy stories true. “Aawwo!”

**LORD OF THE FLIES** (miniseries premieres Monday, May 4, on Netflix)

William Golding eventually made quite the splash with his debut novel, which was rejected by many publishing houses before it was printed in 1954. The story of boys stranded on an island without adults came to be shorthand for ruthless domination and what is now called toxic masculinity. Adapted for TV, the miniseries distills the story into four episodes each named for and carrying the perspective of the main characters.

Let the games begin.

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# Yes, the sun came out, but don't plant too early



Terry  
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## GONE TO GROUND

April is the cruelest month, say the poets. Gardeners think they may be right.

One day, it's as warm and sunny as early summer. The next day, you're putting newspaper over the plants that are poking leaves up in the garden but are still too frail to withstand a frost. Though the countdown to the big planting weekend has begun (less than a month away), the boomeranging weather of 24 degrees one day and snow falling the next is as unsettling as it is tempting. We've been lolling around all winter making summer garden plans but now want to get out there and start making it real. Chances are, some of us will go ahead and plant before the big day. But should we?

It doesn't help that the seeds we started indoors are sprouting their heads off into enthusiastic seedlings. Or, that the ground is more and more workable every day. Or, that whole planets of earth have been spotted already delivered to some driveways, and are just lying there ready to be shovelled onto flower beds and vegetable rows. It all just can't come fast enough is how it feels right now. But no gardener worth their salt truly trusts the weather to be good enough to garden before the hol-

iday weekend (which falls on May 16th to 18th this year). The temptation to plant earlier, however, is high.

If you're like me, you have in the past impatiently put flowers in too soon only to harvest dead plants before May was over. The truth is, even if plants put in early withstand a late frost, they can still be stunted by ongoing cool weather, or have problems with root development. Even if you get lucky with the weather, the ground itself is not warm enough yet.

The Plant Hardiness Zone Map of Canada, compiled by Natural Resources Canada, can be helpful about what plants will cope with our climate. It places the island of Montreal as zone 6a, with some suburban areas considered to be a cooler zone 5b. Off-island communities like Vaudreuil-Dorion are overall slightly cooler than the island of Montreal, with a steady plant hardiness zone of 5b. But the hardiness of plants geared for these zones means nothing if you're putting them in too early.

So when you are tempted to follow those recommendations that suggest the last threat of frost will be all over by April 28, as some are doing, think again. We all know from hard experience that unexpected snow has been known to fall.

Because the poets are right. April — and sometimes even May — really can be the cruelest months.



Terry O'Shaughnessy, The 1019 Report

Blue and mauve chionodoxa are among the first flowers to bloom in spring.

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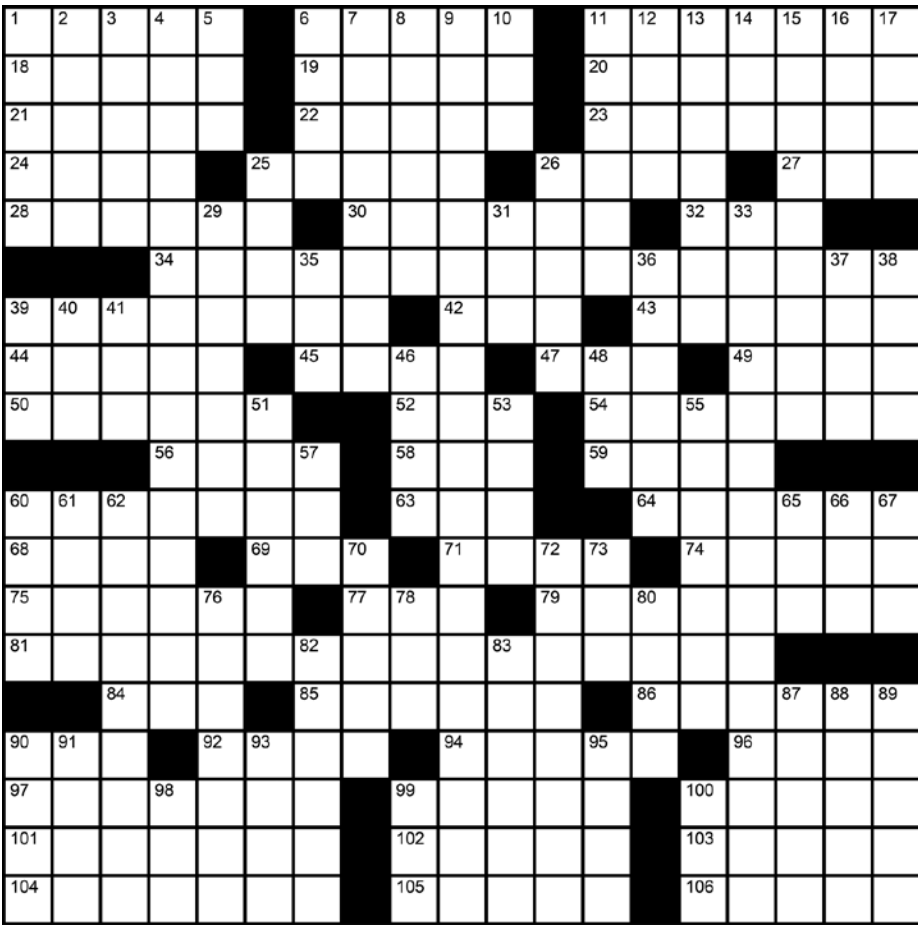
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6. David Cronenberg flick genre
11. Paul \_\_\_ (Canadian bandleader associated with comedy and late night television)
18. Stringed toys
19. Georgia city
20. Draft
21. Form a curve
22. COC = Canadian \_\_\_ Company
23. Cleverly quick comebacks
24. Have \_\_\_ to pick
25. Southern Prairie Railway's home in Saskatchewan
26. Art for Jean Arp
27. Use a sponge, \_\_\_ up
28. "Okey-Dokey!!", to a Brit
30. King on Dark Ages drama "Vikings"
32. \_\_\_ Canada (Sitcoms television network)
34. 'Titanic: The Unsinkable Ship and Halifax' is one at #39-Across: 2 wds.
39. Maritime Museum of the \_\_\_, in Halifax
42. Charge
43. Refresh the Spring lawn
44. Checkmate classic game
45. Canadian chocolate classic
47. Segment, for short
49. Unchanged: 2 wds.
50. Mix the tea again
52. Canadian hockey legend Bobby
54. Mr. Lam, Canadian author of the short story collection at #33-Down
56. Poet's 'nightfalls'
58. Chance \_\_\_ lifetime
59. Bucket: French
60. "\_\_\_ Bay" by Bobby Bloom
63. Montrealer's 'me'
64. Make mad: 2 wds.
68. Posh pronoun
69. Campaign
71. Patron saint of Norway
74. "\_\_\_ Doone" (1951)
75. Teeter or totter
77. Antiquated
79. "If I Had My Way" Toronto band: 2 wds.
81. Ten provinces + \_\_\_ = Canada
84. Nova Scotia hours, e.g.
85. GPS technology, fun-style
86. Navy ranks, e.g.: 2 wds.
90. "Hey, um, like ...thanks for over-sharing!"
92. Biblical brother
94. "If" band
96. Carbamide
97. Earnest
99. Alphabet's first capitalized letters, \_\_\_
100. "Good \_\_\_, Charlie Brown!"
101. Single set of spectacles say: 2 wds.
102. Anoint, olde-style
103. Axe handle
104. Swashbuckler's sailors
105. "C' \_\_\_ vie!"
106. Land masses on oceans

### DOWN

1. Sheetless music-learning way: 2 wds.
2. 'Sleep'-meaning prefix
3. "\_\_\_ Fat Greek Wedding" (2002) by Canadian filmmaker Nia Vardalos
4. Squeezables dispensing cavity-fighting paste: 2 wds.
5. #31-Down's opp. direction
6. Downtown cloudiness
7. April 1912 ...The Titanic's distress calls were first picked up at the Marconi wireless station at \_\_\_, in Newfoundland
8. The \_\_\_ Cometh (Eugene O'Neill play)
9. What a city raccoon will do when hungry: 5 wds.
10. "Message \_\_\_ Bottle" by The Police
11. Unusually uncommon: 2 wds.
12. Filled with colour
13. Lawyer's 'case' brought to court?
14. Waitress on "Alice"
15. Diamond corner at a Blue Jays game: 2 wds.
16. 'Within'-meaning prefix
17. Aretha Franklin's legendary spelling, "\_\_\_-\_\_\_-E-C-T..."
25. \_\_\_ Cloud, in Astronomy
26. Courted
29. Stress-filled
31. Compass point, e.g.
33. Scotiabank Giller Prize winner in 2006, Bloodletting & \_\_\_
35. "Mamma \_\_\_!" (2008)
36. St. Francis \_\_\_ University, in Antigonish in Nova Scotia
37. Put \_\_\_ writing (Make a contract)
38. Examination
39. 'RCMP' or 'SNL', e.g.
40. \_\_\_ Guess Who
41. WKRP employee
46. Leeway
48. Hosp. drip hookups
51. Sense of remorse
53. CP \_\_\_
55. Punch tool in carpentry: 2 wds.
57. French coin of yore
60. Shortened pre-Friday weekdays....
61. "I know the answer, over here, I know the answer!": 2 wds.
62. Really easy choice to make
65. Energy unit
66. Ms. Stubbs of "Sherlock"
67. \_\_\_ excellence
70. Singer Ms. Jones
72. Especially or mainly: 2 wds.
73. Douglas \_\_\_ (Tree in British Columbia)
76. "We shall dine now.": 2 wds.
78. Edmonton transport mode, commonly
80. Embellish
82. Compounds in perfumes
83. Objective
87. Dig for oil
88. "Superman" (1978) star Christopher
89. Where valuables might be stored
90. MFSB's hit tune in '74
91. \_\_\_ Cooper
93. Fort \_\_\_, Ontario
95. Between ports
98. Income tax pro, e.g.
99. UK defence contractor, \_\_\_ Systems
100. Pre-J trio

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# Flood season is full swing

Flood waters expanded throughout last weekend along the waterfronts in a variety of areas in the 1019 region in the last five days. At Jack Layton Park in Hudson below), the trails were under water. In Île Cadieux, properties were threatened (upper right). While in Rigaud, many homeowners were filling sandbags to fortify their properties from the rising waters.



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