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Housing prices drop in first half of 2026

Median price now at \$610,000

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After hitting record-setting levels last year, housing prices in Vaudreuil-Soulanges have cooled somewhat in the first half of 2026, with the region emerging as the only area in the Greater Montreal region where the median selling price has dropped, according to the latest data from the Quebec Professional Association of Real Estate Brokers.

The median price of single-family home in the region dropped to \$610,000 in June, a decrease of 3 per cent compared with the prices recorded during the same month in 2025, when the median price hit \$630,500.

Although the median price is still well above the \$600,000 threshold — which was breached for the first time in Vaudreuil-Soulanges last year — prices in this region have retraced some of their upward trajectory in the first six months of this year, bucking the ongoing upward trend still being seen in other areas in the Greater Montreal area.

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Biggest federal investment ever



Courtesy Vaudreuil-Soulanges Hospital

Work at the site of the new hospital has stopped for the annual two-week construction holiday.

Canadian gov't chips in \$211M for hospital

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Described as “the largest federal investment ever made in Vaudreuil,” the Canadian government announced a \$211-million contribution to the construction of the Vaudreuil-Soulanges Hospital earlier this month.

Sourced from the Build Communities Strong Fund, the federal grant will help complete the construction of the \$2.6-billion hospital — the first new health-care facility in Quebec that will create additional hospital capacity in more than three decades.

“Thanks to a historic federal investment of \$211 million, made in partnership with the Government of Quebec, we are helping to deliver the most significant health-care infrastructure project our community

has ever seen — and the largest federal investment ever made in Vaudreuil,” said Vaudreuil-Soulanges MP Peter Schiefke in a statement released July 8.

“Our goal is clear: to build, alongside our partners, the modern health-care infrastructure needed to support our community’s growth,” Schiefke added. “This long-awaited hospital project will strengthen our health-care network, improve families’ access to quality care, and ensure our region has the infrastructure required to meet the health needs of today and of future generations.”

The announcement was made in conjunction with a tour of the hospital site given to federal Health Minister Marjorie Michel, Schiefke, Vaudreuil-Dorion Mayor Paul Dumoulin and Dominique Pilon, director-general of the Centre in-

tégré de santé et de services sociaux de la Montérégie-Ouest, which manages provincial health-care services in the area southwest of the island of Montreal. The only member of the CAQ government present was Marie-Belle Gendron, the MNA for the riding of Châteauguay. The tour was not open to the media.

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Courtesy Vaudreuil-Soulanges Hospital

The new Vaudreuil-Soulanges Hospital is scheduled to open in the summer of 2028, but not at full capacity.

HOSPITAL: With opening set for 2028, hiring now under way

From Page 1

The hospital, which is now expected to open in the summer of 2028, will consist of two pavilions, including one 13-storey building. It will include 404 patient rooms and 11 operating suites.

Construction of the facility began in 2022. At that time, the opening had been pegged for late 2026. That date, however, was soon pushed back to the summer of 2027. It was then further delayed to 2028, with officials now saying the launch will consist of a partial opening that will ramp up over a three- to five-year span.

The delays, in part, have been attributed to difficulties in filling the approximately 3,500 new positions the new facility will require.

Earlier this year, the MRC of Vaudreuil-Soulanges along with its business development agency, DEV Vaudreuil-Soulanges, issued a series of demands to the provincial government, including an unprecedented request for Santé Québec to outline its recruitment strategy for the new hospital.

The demand focused on what local officials characterized as the growing worker shortage crisis.

“Show us your strategy for the hospi-

tal,” said DEV Vaudreuil-Soulanges president Danie Deschênes at the press conference last February.

In May, the head of the Fédération des médecins omnipraticiens du Québec and the chief of general medicine with CISSMO raised the alarm over the search for doctors to staff the new hospital. They cautioned the staffing must not siphon doctors away from other hospitals, which are struggling with their own doctor shortages.

Officials with the CISSS de la Montérégie-Ouest did not respond to requests from *The 1019 Report* for information to confirmed that staffing for the opening of the hospital in 2028 is expected to be at about 40-per-cent capacity, with about 115 doctors and 1,885 employees hired, with the aim of increasing those numbers to full capacity by 2031 to 2033.

Currently, Santé Québec has 16 open employment offers posted online. Recruitment efforts look to fill a wide range of positions, including the director of emergency services, pharmacists, nurses, pharmacy technicians and physiotherapists. None of the job postings require English language skills. Portals are also open to receive inquiries from doctors.



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St. Lazare council defeats e-scooter motion

But issue dividing elected much bigger than motorized devices

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St. Lazare Mayor Geneviève Lachance invoked her power of veto last week after a majority of the town's council refused to support a resolution to formally begin the process of looking into how the municipality could — or even should — regulate the use of electric scooters and other personal motorized mobility devices, a topic that has generated much public discussion this spring as the popularity of these devices has soared.

The move means the resolution that proposed to simply ask the municipality's public safety committee to "analyse the situation ...in order to recommend concrete actions to the council" will return to council next month for another vote.

But it also publicly signalled a growing rift among the town's elected officials.

With four of the town's eight councillors voting against the proposed resolution and one councillor absent from the July 14th meeting, the resolution failed to gain majority support.

"The council is divided," said councillor Roselyne Legault in an interview with *The 1019 Report*. "It is clearly divided."

But the issue dividing them is not e-scooters, three of the four councillors who voted against the resolution all said in interviews on Monday. The real issue, they said, is two-fold. The first is proce-

dural. The resolution had been added to the meeting's agenda a few hours before the meeting, contrary to established norms of giving councillors 72 hours' notice of all items that will be presented at a public meeting.

Lachance acknowledges the last-minute addition, but said council had discussed it at a caucus meeting before the public meeting on July 14.

But the four dissenting councillors opted not to attend the caucus meeting, which is part of the larger problem. And this is where the issues get complicated.

Councillor David Hill, one of the four councillors who boycotted the preparatory meeting — along with Legault, Samuel Beauchamp and Serge Raymond — opted to skip the meeting because Lachance had issued the councillors a formal directive a few days before the July 14th meeting advising them that only topics on the caucus agenda would be discussed at these meetings.

Limiting discussion on issues, Hill said, smacked them as being undemocratic. But Lachance says that characterization is inaccurate.

In an interview yesterday, Lachance acknowledged the directive — given to all members of council. It states only topics on the agenda would be discussed at the meetings, but added that any councillor can request a topic be added to the agenda

by signalling it to the administration prior to the meeting.

But, according to the directive sent out by Lachance, not every topic suggested for discussion automatically makes it to the agenda.

"As chair of the working sessions, I will assess — in consultation with the administration if necessary — whether the matter is sufficiently prepared and whether it is appropriate to include it on the agenda for the next meeting or to defer it to a later session," Lachance wrote to the councillors.

This directive was issued, Lachance explained yesterday, because some councillors repeatedly raised topics "despite being advised that those matters were not ready for discussion."

Every councillor has access to shared electronic documents, Lachance continued, where they can list questions they would like to see answered by the administration, and propose topics for discussion.

But the four dissenting councillor rarely, if ever, use these tools, the mayor said.

Other disagreements

At the July 14th meeting, the group of four councillors also voted against a series of seven amendments proposed to an omnibus bylaw, an overarching law that includes several unrelated rules and reg-

ulations. The councillors explained they were not against all the proposed changes, but given it was an omnibus bylaw, they could not parse out what they would approve from what they wanted to vote against.

For that reason, they voted against the resolution, blocking all the amendments.

Among the amendments councillors opposed was a request from Transport Quebec to eliminate right-hand turns on a red light along Cité des Jeunes Blvd., authorizing the administration to approve certain contracts without council's authorization and banning e-scooters and other personal motorized mobility devices from municipal parks.

Lachance invoked her veto again on this vote, triggering its return to council in August. She explained that if the dissenting councillors had signalled their opposition to specific items included in the omnibus bylaw modifications, the administration could have prepared to have separate votes on all the items.

On Monday, Lachance said it was not yet clear if the omnibus amendments would be separated allowing specific votes on each of the items when the issue returns to council in August.

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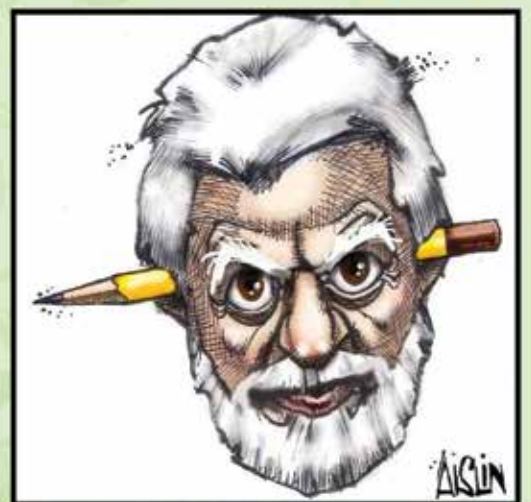


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It was the day when the sky took on a strange orangey-yellow hue, and the sun caught everyone's attention with its distinctively different look. It was Tuesday, July 14, when the smoke from wildfires in far-off locations entered into our consciousness. This view of the sun that day was taken late in the afternoon along the waterfront in Hudson.

Bixi to come to Vaudreuil next summer

JOSHUA ALLAN
The 1019 Report

Plans are in the works for the popular Montreal-based Bixi bike-sharing service to expand to Vaudreuil-Dorion next summer, marking the service's first expansion into the 1019 region.

Ten stations will be installed in the city, totalling 110 bikes, half of which will be electric. Vaudreuil-Dorion officials are currently examining potential locations for the stations, which will be announced in the coming year. A press release issued by the city last week indicated that some of the future stations will be located near "the train stations, commercial areas and key centres of activity."

"This service will offer a convenient and flexible travel option" for commuters, Mayor Paul Dumoulin said in a statement.

"We've had requests to be able to get around town in ways other than by bus, by car, etc.," Dumoulin pointed out during the city's July 6 city council meeting, where a resolution to sign an agreement between the city and Bixi was unanimously adopted.

It will cost Vaudreuil-Dorion slightly over \$1.1 million. The price will be shared between the city, which will contribute \$662,000, and the province, which will provide \$440,000.



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Raising the alarm over development plan

Vaudreuil residents worry return of project blocked 7 years ago

JOSHUA ALLAN

The 1019 Report – Local Journalism Initiative

Residents of a quiet cul-de-sac in Vaudreuil-Dorion are worried a nearby forested piece of land could soon be turned into a large residential development, similar to what had been blocked seven years ago.

Diane Desrosiers and David Boak said they were alarmed to see work crews last week near their home on Du Ruisselet Street. They tore down a weathered house on neighbouring White Street and felled what they described as “several healthy trees.”

The land is owned by Habitations Sylvain Ménard, a real estate development company, which also carried out the demolition.

Both Desrosiers and Boak are worried the forested plot of land could be the site of a new residential housing project, potentially including the construction of several multi-storey residential buildings and adding car traffic to this quiet area of town.

Their concerns are not misplaced, they say, as Habitations Ménard proposed a similar project for the site in 2019. The city at that time decided to not allow the project to move forward after 186 residents — almost three times the minimum required — signed a register voicing their opposition to the proposed plan.

“There was a major consensus in this area that we didn’t want” such a project, Desrosiers said.

She explained that seeing the construction vehicles on the site last week made her worried that a renewed residential project could already be under way, this time with no information provided to local residents.

Mayor Paul Dumoulin, however, was categorical: “Nothing has been proposed to the city yet.”

Habitations Ménard had been issued a permit by the city to demolish the house, Dumoulin said. But in terms of the future of the land: “There’s nothing on the table yet,” he said.

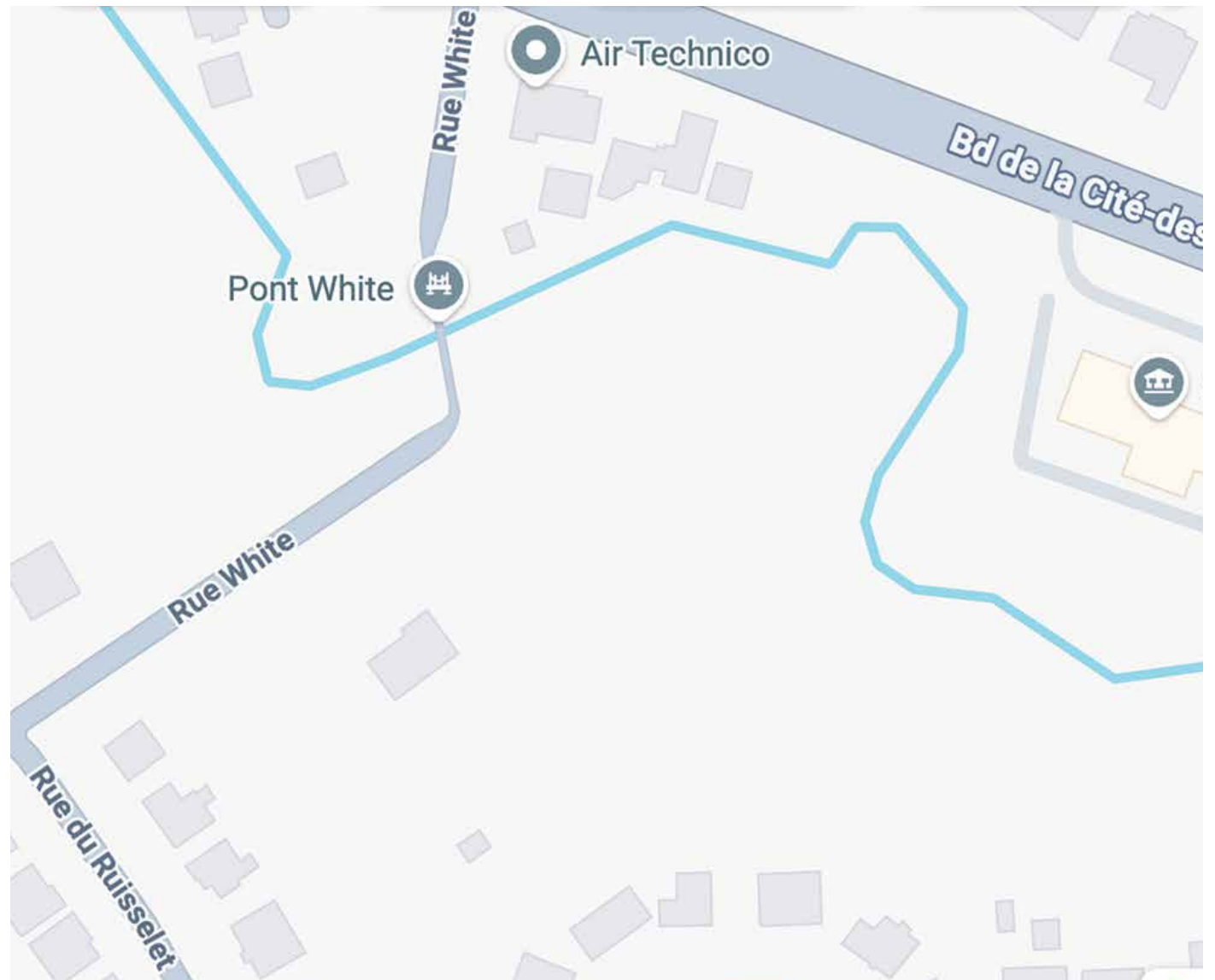
But that could change.

Dumoulin said he fully expects a proposal in the future.

“For sure they bought it to do something with it,” he said, referring to the company. “But we don’t know what they’re going to propose to the city yet.”

Habitations Ménard did not respond to a request for comment.

The quiet dead-end White Street is near



Google Maps

An old house on White Street was demolished last week, triggering fears among residents that a new building project could be on its way. The city, however, says no plan has been submitted.

the much busier Cité des Jeunes Boulevard and Henry-Ford Road just east of the major De La Gare and Cité des Jeunes intersection near the access ramps to Highway 30. There are about three hectares of forested land between White Street and the major arteries. A paved bicycle path connects White with Henry-Ford, while Cité des Jeunes is linked via a small pedestrian bridge.

Boak and Desrosiers, whose home along Du Ruisselet Street is three doors down from the demolition site, recalled the previous development proposal made by Habitations Ménard years ago. That proposal included building several single-family homes and triplexes along White Street, as well as extending the road to fully connect with Henry-Ford.

Boak estimates a similar project could

potentially mean hundreds of vehicles passing through their quiet neighbourhood daily.

Information session next week

In response to concerns raised by residents, the city is organizing an information session on Monday. Letters from the city had been distributed last week to those in the neighbourhood, inviting them to attend the session and have their questions answered.

“Several residents have reached out to Mayor Paul Dumoulin as well as district Councillor Jasmine Sharma to share their concerns regarding potential development in their neighbourhood,” the letter reads, adding that the session will serve to “respond quickly to the concerns expressed.”

“The sole purpose of this meeting is to

outline the land uses and standards applicable in the area,” the letter continues.

The meeting will be led by Chantal Saint-Laurent, the city’s division chief for the urban planning and land use department. Dumoulin and Sharma will also be in attendance.

The information session will serve “to explain to them (residents) that (Habitations Ménard) had a permit to demolish, but (also) explain what could be built there,” Dumoulin said, adding that he hopes the information will clear up any false online rumours.

The session takes place on Monday, July 27, at the city’s municipal centre at 2000 Émile-Bouchard St., starting at 6:30 p.m. Residents interested in attending must register by this Friday by emailing the city’s urban planning department.



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Election showcasing many to be simply political hacks

We have always known that politics are politics. But when you see the slithery cold quality that frequently shades the practice of public service up close, it strikes a blow, and raises the question: Would it be so hard to do better?

But let's not lob everyone into the same bucket. There is a distinction to be made between politicians who see themselves as public servants, and those who — whether they admit it or not — are just partisan hacks. And the worst hacks have no shame. They opt to live in their social media bubbles, where they put their hands in front of their eyes when confronted with truths they want to ignore; cover their ears when critics raise an issue; and refuse to speak and dodge when they are caught short, and fail to do the right thing.

With a provincial election around the corner, we are beginning to see more and more instances of blatant 'political hackism' right here in Vaudreuil-Soulanges.

Earlier this month, if you were not sure whether the provincial election campaign at the local level had started yet, the provincial government fired the starter's pistol when it organized a press conference in St. Lazare to announce a social housing project. The municipality had already publicly acknowledged the initiative. This newspaper had already reported on the 42-unit project, but the CAQ was about to put on a show. Premier Christine Fréchette, Quebec Housing Minister Karine Boivin Roy and local CAQ MNA Marilyne Picard were all here at centre stage. The provincial government was making a contribution to the project. And the media were summoned.

The provincial contribution was not the biggest financial boost to the plan, but anyone watching who did not do the math would have thought otherwise.

In fact, the federal government is the biggest single contributor to the project, but housing falls under provincial jurisdiction, so the CAQ took the lead.

Fast forward a few weeks, this time the federal government was set to make the largest single investment in this region ever. Yes, ever. It is providing \$221 million to the new Vaudreuil-Soulanges Hospital. But health care comes under provincial jurisdiction, so the CAQ took the lead

again. But how do you upstage such a big announcement by the feds?

The answer: If you can't upstage it, downplay it.

With the CAQ dictating the terms of the announcement, it was decided that there would be no press conference. The federal representatives — including federal Health Minister Marjorie Michel and Vaudreuil-Soulanges MP Peter Schiefke — were simply given a tour of the construction site, an event that was closed to the media.

The premier did not attend. The provincial health minister was not available. Not even local MNA Picard seem to be able to fit it into her schedule. The only person the CAQ could muster was a backbencher from the riding of Châteauguay.

What is the take-away from all this?

One conclusion is that the CAQ did not want to deal with the optics of accepting such a large allocation of funds from Ottawa. Oh, they are ready to accept it. They just don't want to be *seen* accepting it.

That is the party line, and the local MNA went along with it. Picard has been present for every announcement dealing with the hospital, but she did not have time for this one. How shameful is that?

But this kind of political 'hackism' is not limited to the CAQ. The provincial Liberals have shown signs of their own brand of corrosive political games-playing. Look no farther than how they handled an invitation to take part in an English-language debate. Instead of responding with a simple yes, the party's response came after all the other parties had weighed in. And all it could come up with was a meek, "Well, we will if the others agree."

What kind of leadership is that? And all the members of the party quietly said nothing — the MNA from Vaudreuil, all the MNAs from the West Island. That, too, is shameful.

Someone needs to stand up and say it: You can be a fierce Quebecer and a proud Canadian.

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Brenda O'Farrell
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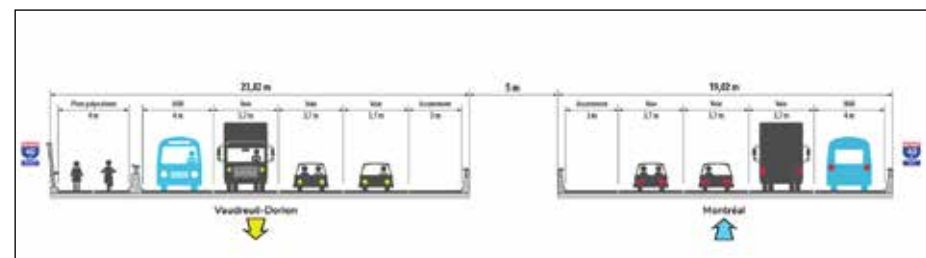
How will new bridge on highway accommodate bikes?

I am trying not to seem ignorant here, but can someone please explain to me why the new bridge connecting the island of Montreal to Vaudreuil and its environs is going to have a bicycle lane as posted in most ads for the bridge? Highway 40 has signs posted that indicate no bicycles are allowed, so I am puzzled by the inclusion of said bicycle lane on the new bridge.

An answer would be most appreciated.

Gary McGregor,
St. Lazare

Editor's note: According to information provided by provincial and municipal authorities, the multi-use path that will run along the outside of the bridge structure that will accommodate westbound traffic, will be integrated into the existing "active transportation networks" on both sides of the Lake of Two Mountains. On the Vaudreuil-Dorion side, it will connect to the local municipal network of paved cycling path and the waterfront green spaces, while on the West Island side, it will connect to a path in Ste. Anne de Bellevue.



Courtesy Transport Quebec

Bicycle paths will be built on both ends of the new Île aux Tourtes Bridge, allowing pedestrians and cyclists access to a 4-metre lane along the westbound lanes of the span.

Young e-scooter riders raising safety concerns

At 9:20 a.m. on Friday, July 10, a kid was already on his scooter coming out the IGA doors, and as he headed towards the pharmacy, he proceeded to do a wheelie down the parking lot. It's clear that he does not read *The 1019 Report* ("If your kid has an e-scooter, get them to slow down," editorial, *The 1019 Report*, June 17). I'm not even sure if he was wearing a helmet.

There are similar issues with some riders on the streets in the Saddlebrook area. We just don't hear them coming.

But then, there was a girl on Ste. Angélique, near Bordelais, who actually stopped and walk across the street to keep using the bicycle path. At least on this occasion she had safety in mind.

Ken Magee, St. Lazare
Another letter page 8.

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Source: Ticket issued by a Sûreté du Québec officer to Brenda O’Farrell on July 8. The fine was paid on July 17.



The 1019 Report

In the shade of the trails on Rigaud Mountain: This four-legged hiker enjoyed being out of the sun on the path that winds its way along the slope of the mountain. The tree canopy provided the perfect protection to ensure the trek was enjoyable. And once at the top, well, the view from the area around the cross was definitely worth the trouble.

Ahhh, construction holidays, they hold great upside — if you stay home



Tom Whelan

There are few things more uniquely Quebec than the annual construction holiday — not poutine, not arguing over whether the Canadiens should be more active in the off-season, not even debating the proper pronunciation of “Vaudreuil.”

Only in Quebec could roughly one-third of the province collectively decide that the same two weeks in summer seem like a good time to take a vacation.

And somehow, it works.

Well, mostly.

The construction holiday, which dates back to the early 1970s, was originally negotiated to provide construction workers with a common vacation period. Today, it still applies to much of Quebec’s construction industry and, according to the *Commission de la construction du Québec*, involves about 200,000 construction workers. Once you add their families, suppliers, equipment companies, manufacturers and the countless businesses that support the industry, it becomes easy to understand why it feels as though about one-third of the province suddenly disappears for two weeks.

If you’ve ever tried finding someone to replace a broken window, pour a concrete pad or answer a business phone during these two weeks, you’ll know exactly what I’m talking about.

“Sorry, we’ll call you in August.”

Of course you will.

The timing has always fascinated me. Here we are in a province that experiences approximately six months of winter, followed by what often feels like two glorious weeks of perfect weather. Naturally, we’ve decided that virtually everyone should hit the road at exactly the same moment.

It’s a bit like announcing free coffee for everyone — but only between 8 and 8:05 on Monday morning.

Highways become parking lots. Campgrounds fill months in advance. Cottage country resembles downtown Montreal during rush hour. Somewhere, an unfortunate parent is explaining for the 15th time that no, we are not there yet.

For those of us staying home, however, the construction holiday may actually be a window to the best-kept secret of summer.

While everyone else is burning half a

tank of gas before reaching Trois Rivières, we’re sitting on one of the nicest corners of Quebec without realizing it.

The Vaudreuil-Soulanges region has quietly become one of those places that people intentionally visit, while many of us drive past its attractions on the way to somewhere else.

Perhaps this is the year to reverse that thinking.

Spend a morning wandering the charming streets of Hudson before grabbing lunch at a local café. Walk the waterfront in Vaudreuil-Dorion. Explore the Soulanges Canal bike path, where history and scenery somehow manage to co-exist without charging admission. Visit one of our local farms, discover a roadside market overflowing with fresh corn and berries, or simply find a quiet spot along Lake of Two Mountains and remind yourself that you don’t actually need an airport boarding pass to enjoy summer.

The “dog days” of summer have a funny way of encouraging us to slow down.

Maybe that’s the hidden genius behind the construction holiday.

For two weeks, even the people who normally can’t sit still are almost forced to relax. Deck projects are postponed. Meetings mysteriously disappear from calendars. Emails become remarkably polite, consisting almost entirely of automatic replies informing you that someone will be back “shortly.”

“Shortly,” of course, being a wonderfully flexible word.

Perhaps the greatest lesson of these two weeks is that not every summer memory has to involve hundreds of kilometres on the odometer. Sometimes the best vacation is the one that doesn’t require packing the car like you’re attempting an Arctic expedition.

So if you’re fortunate enough to have a few days off during Quebec’s annual great migration, consider becoming a tourist in your own backyard. Order dessert. Take the longer scenic route home. Watch a sunset over the water followed by the ubiquitous flickering fireflies instead of the taillights on Highway 40.

The construction crews will be back before long. Orange cones will once again become Quebec’s unofficial provincial flower. Traffic will resume its regularly scheduled programming.

Until then, enjoy these wonderfully lazy days of summer.

Just don’t expect anyone to answer the phone if your fence falls over.

QUOTE

“Thanks to a historic federal investment of \$211 million, made in partnership with the government of Quebec, we are helping to deliver the most significant health-care infrastructure project our community has ever seen — and the largest federal investment ever made in Vaudreuil.”

— Vaudreuil-Soulanges MP Peter Schiefke in a statement released July 8 announcing a government of Canada contribution to the construction of the new hospital in Vaudreuil-Dorion

Another letter to the editor

Sandy Beach can change its name, but residents wanted to save more than not just trails

Re: "Hudson takes first step to rename Sandy Beach," *The 1019 Report*, July 8:

We are in the midst of one of the hottest summers on record. The Hudson Community Pool is closed for repairs, the ferry to Oka is not functioning, some people who do not have the advantage of home air-conditioners and backyard pools are sweltering. And yet, residents of Hudson and surrounding municipalities have heard about and seen the foreboding black patrol car with a uniformed patrol officer going around the Sandy Beach area, telling people to get out of the water, that swimming "is not permitted."

How atrocious.

It is true there is no lifeguard stationed on the beach. It is true the water quality in this specific area is not regularly tested. However, this is an egregious and pedantic act by the powers that be, regardless of those two issues. In past years, before the two-year closure of the area, Sandy Beach was an area that families, couples and individuals seeking a place to cool off, swim and enjoy the calm waters of the Ottawa River, flocked to during the summer months. It was a "swim at your own risk" situation. Parents watched their young ones splash around the shoreline, and adults looked forward to their "day at the beach" that allowed us some well-deserved recreational time on the sand and in the water.

When I ran into one of the patrollers who was looking for transgressors, I asked him: Why on Earth anyone would

want to gather up their beach accessories (blankets, towels, picnics, water toys, etc.) on a hot summer day and head off to the beach, without being permitted to enter the water? He responded with a shrug, and added that he agreed with me, but he was merely following the rules that he was told to enforce.

The town has to pay for his services, so why not re-direct those funds to either paying for the services of a young lifeguard during prime hours or putting up a new "swim at your own risk" sign with the addendum that there is no lifeguard on the premises and that the water quality is untested?

No matter what the name of the area is changed to, it is Sandy Beach that the good citizens of Hudson fought long and hard to save, not just the trails, wildlife and plants. Taking the word "beach" out of the official name will not suffice in people being OK with no longer being able to enjoy the shallow waters of our beach, which so many of us look forward to making use of during these dog days of summer.

I hope it's not time for me to throw away my water frisbee if this situation becomes permanent.

"Consultations" will only take place in the fall, which is too late for those of us who count on the waters of Sandy Beach to bring us joy and relief before the chilled air returns.

**Lori Rubin,
Hudson**



Courtesy Lori Rubin

People were in the water at Sandy Beach on July 11, when the patroller was not there.

Canada is not perfect, but has much to celebrate



**Andrew
Caddell**

In my last column, I focused on why I love Quebec, as well as assessing some of its flaws. I quoted Jean Lesage, who described his attachment to his homeland and his country as "*Le Canada c'est mon pays, le Québec c'est ma patrie.*"

This week, I thought I would articulate the strengths and weaknesses of our country. This seems pertinent, as this year two provinces, Quebec and Alberta, contemplate leaving Confederation.

Let's begin with the positives.

Canada is a country with two official languages, an enormous asset globally. English is the international language of business and tourism, and French is spoken by 400 million people. As neuroscientists will attest, bilingualism creates cognitive capacity that delays dementia. About 7 million of us can speak both languages fluently, and many more can "get by" in either language. Three in four Quebec anglophones speak French.

We live in a stable democracy, with a free press and the rule of law. While we take this for granted, there are dozens of countries where that's not true.

We are a country of immigrants, managing to successfully integrate people from everywhere into a common sense of "vivre ensemble," or living together.

We have a health-care system that ensures people don't have to worry about paying tens of thousands of dollars to be well. As a result, our life expectancy ranks among the top 10 major countries of the world.

Our upward mobility is among the highest in the world. Stories of immigrants and their descendants succeeding are not fables. Much of this is thanks to excellent public primary and secondary education, and relatively inexpensive college and university studies.

We have a public service recognized for its efficiency, representing Canadians from all backgrounds and both languages. We can take pride in the diplomats who have built our global credibility.

Having worked in the foreign service, I know how highly regarded we are abroad. Our leaders, negotiators, heads of mission are our best and brightest. The same goes for our military. Go anywhere Canadians have served in the cause of peace, and you will be overwhelmed by the goodwill our soldiers, air crew and sailors have earned.

We live and thrive in a northern climate, which makes us more resilient. Getting to work or school when it is snowing or minus-20 is a challenge most of us take

for granted, not to mention trekking to the arena, gym, ski hill or trail.

That said, Canada is far from perfect. We have a serious problem of housing and homelessness, especially in our cities, which did not exist a generation ago. With increased immigration, we are struggling with declining economic productivity and intolerance of others.

Many of our ambitious and brilliant youth are joining the "brain drain," to work elsewhere, threatening our economic viability, as we can no longer rely entirely on resources to ensure employment. Almost half of us are functionally illiterate, which handicaps us in the knowledge economy.

We suffer an urban-rural divide, where cities grow at the expense of rural Canada. Demographically, small-town Canada is older and poorer. Policies for urban dwellers reflect the lack of understanding of the challenges facing smaller communities.

Our efforts at reconciliation are falling short, not due to a lack of will, but because of a neglect of indigenous populations, many of whom live in small, distant, rural communities, while the rest live in or near our cities. That said, there

are many extraordinary stories of First Nations communities and individuals: we need to recognize their success and encourage those great leaders as examples to all of us.

Our health-care system needs to be more efficient. Across Canada, there are not enough family doctors or specialists, and access to care varies enormously.

Finally, we may be too modest. Our patriotism has always been a quiet one, not imposing or jingoistic. We are an enormous, complicated, diverse country relying on pluralism and compromise to succeed. Francophone Quebecers mock Canadians as not having a "national" identity, as they do.

Yet, when we watched the Canadian team at the World Cup, from every corner and background of the country, working together, embracing each other, with tens of thousands in the stadium joining millions at home in a sea of red and white, it was a moment for Canadian pride, and it's who we are: a great country.

Keep the faith.

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**The list
of positives
is long and
varied**



Median selling prices: *Single-family homes*

REGION	PRICES							% Change since 2025
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025 June	2026 June	
Vaudreuil-Soulanges	\$400,000	\$510,000	\$570,000	\$550,000	\$575,000	\$630,000	\$610,000	-3%
Island of Montreal	\$594,000	\$710,000	\$720,778	\$715,000	\$749,450	\$804,000	\$850,000	6%
South Shore	\$408,000	\$500,000	\$555,555	\$540,000	\$575,000	\$634,950	\$650,000	2%
North Shore	\$336,850	\$424,000	\$490,000	\$490,000	\$520,000	\$575,000	\$595,000	3%
Laval	\$410,000	\$497,000	\$557,000	\$530,000	\$575,000	\$597,750	\$635,000	6%
Province of Quebec	\$295,000	\$365,000	\$415,000	\$416,500	\$450,000	\$499,000	\$515,000	2%

Median selling prices: *Condos*

REGION	PRICES							% Change since 2025
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025 June	2026 June	
Vaudreuil-Soulanges	\$245,000	\$315,000	\$356,000	\$358,500	\$360,000	\$379,000	\$375,000	-1%
Island of Montreal	\$388,000	\$419,000	\$442,000	\$447,750	\$460,000	\$482,500	\$495,809	3%
South Shore	\$253,000	\$317,000	\$330,000	\$335,000	\$377,930	\$404,000	\$409,750	1.1%
North Shore	\$215,000	\$275,250	\$355,000	\$330,000	\$345,000	\$359,950	\$370,000	3%
Laval	\$279,000	\$340,000	\$380,000	\$380,000	\$390,000	\$415,000	\$435,000	5%
Province of Quebec	\$272,000	\$328,000	\$360,000	\$360,000	\$378,000	\$405,000	\$409,500	1%

Single-family homes - # units sold

REGION							
	2022	2023	2024	2025	2025/June	2026/June	% of change
Vaudreuil-Soulanges	1,357	1,175	1,320	1,545	144	121	-16%
Island of Montreal	3,916	3,679	4,443	4,827	480	419	-13%
South Shore	5,835	5,233	6,275	6,438	602	585	-3%
North Shore	6,897	5,854	6,984	7,530	679	650	-4%
Laval	2,488	2,108	2,464	2,732	253	272	8%
Province of Quebec	55,238	49,488	58,380	63,210	5,830	5,639	-3%

Single-family homes – Ave. selling time (# of days)

REGION							
	2022	2023	2024	2025	2025/June	2026/June	% of change
Vaudreuil-Soulanges	31	51	57	50	50	32	-18
Island of Montreal	39	61	57	49	42	41	-1
South Shore	29	48	47	37	32	27	-5
North Shore	28	44	46	36	33	30	-3
Laval	31	47	47	36	27	36	9
Province of Quebec	41	54	56	46	40	38	-2

REAL ESTATE: Number of homes sold takes double-digit dip

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For example, prices in both Montreal and Laval continued to gain in the first half of 2026, with the median price of a single-family home in those areas jumping 6 per cent. The median price for a single-family home on the island hit \$850,000 at the end of June, up from \$804,000 from the same time last year. In Laval, the median price last month was \$635,000 compared with \$597,750 at this time in 2025.

The fluctuations translate into the median price being the most affordable here than anywhere else in the Montreal metropolitan area.

Since the pandemic lockdowns in 2020, however, the median selling price of a single-family house in Vaudreuil-Soulanges has jumped a whopping 52.5 per cent. That impressive increase, however, is still well below the 74.5-per-cent hike the provincial median price has taken in the same period since COVID.

The median price of a condo sold in Vaudreuil-Soulanges also took a slight dip at the end of the first half of 2026 compared with the same time in 2025, hitting \$375,000. The median price at the end of June last year was \$379,000. That represents a 1-per-cent drop, which is not much, but distinguishes this region as the only area in Greater Montreal that saw a retreat in condo prices.

The highest median price for a condo at the end of June in the Greater Montreal area was found on the island of Montreal, where it came in at just under \$496,000. The least expensive median condo price was registered in the North Shore area — which includes the area north of Laval — where the median selling price for a condo last month was \$370,000, up 3 per cent compared with this time last year.

Number of homes sold also down

Not only were prices down in Vaudreuil-Soulanges, but the number of homes sold

in the area in June saw a significant decrease, with only 121 single-family residences changing hands, representing a 16-per-cent drop compared with June 2025.

In all, 164 residential properties in the region were sold in June last year, which in addition to single-family homes, included 39 condos and four two- to five-unit plexes. This is a 17-per-cent decrease in the total number of homes sold compared with June 2025. The overall total value of the transactions last month represented a little more than \$103.5 million in property changing hands.

But while prices dropped and fewer homes exchanged hands, homes were selling faster in this region last month.

According to the data, the average selling time for a single-family home in this area was 32 days, a whole 18 days faster than for a house sold in June 2025. Condos in the region were also moving faster, on average nine days faster this past June

compared to the same month last year.

Across the province, 8,492 residential units were sold last month, a drop of 4 per cent over June 2025, according to the real estate brokers' association.

Across Quebec, the average selling time for a single-family house was 38 days, down from 40 in June 2025, while condos took, on average, a little bit longer. The average condo in the province sold in June moved in 46 days, up from 43 this time last year.

"Affordability remains a major challenge," said Charles Brant, the director of market analysis for the real estate brokers' association. "The rising cost of living and difficulties in saving for a down payment under less favourable conditions continue to limit the purchasing power of many first-time buyers. Similar pressures are being felt by some repeat buyers with tighter budgets or more vulnerable employment situations."

Les Cèdres ends months of dumping sewage

Town installs temporary wastewater system, working on permanent fix

JOSHUA ALLAN

The 1019 Report – Local Journalism Initiative

The town of Les Cèdres last week completed the installation of a temporary pumping system to direct wastewater from about 250 homes into its municipal sewer system, finally ending the practice of dumping it into a waterway.

The move comes after raw sewage from the town's Lucerne district in the northeast end of the municipality had been dumped directly into the Chamberry Stream for the past seven months. The stream flows into the Ottawa River. The situation had been the focus of heavy media scrutiny early last month, as the warm summer weather caused the stream to become especially foul.

The town spent \$200,000 to install a temporary network of pipes and a pumping system to redirect the wastewater from the area into the municipal sewer system. This project, which was completed last Thursday, had begun on June 22, just two weeks after the issue had initially made headlines.

The town now plans to launch a permanent sewer infrastructure project in that sector, starting with a call for tenders to be launched in August. In a statement issued June 30, the town estimated this project will cost about \$1.6 million.

The temporary system "will remain in place until the completion of the permanent work, planned for before winter," said Mayor Michel Proulx in a short video



The red oval highlights the residential area of Les Cèdres known as the Lucerne district, while the red arrow indicates the Chamberry Stream.

published by the town on July 10.

Proulx did not respond to multiple requests for comment.

Dumping since December

The town made headlines last month after *La Presse* reported raw sewage from the Lucerne district – a small residential area that is home to about 500 residents –

was being dumped directly into the nearby Chamberry Stream.

From Les Cèdres, the stream runs along the Summerlea golf course in Vaudreuil-Dorion, as well as a residential area in Pointe des Cascades before reaching the Ottawa River.

Since the news was reported, officials from Pointe des Cascades have met with

officials in Les Cèdres to discuss the situation and learn about their plans to halt the dumping of raw sewage into the stream, said Pointe des Cascades Mayor Peter Zytynsky in an interview earlier this month.

Quebec's Environment Ministry had conducted multiple water safety tests around the mouth of the Chamberry Stream, as well as in the water near the Village des Écluses — the town's hub for restaurants, events and outdoor water activities. This area is located about 700 metres east of the mouth of the stream.

The tests found the level of fecal matter at the mouth of the stream to be 6,000 times higher than what is considered safe for a water source accessible to the public.

However, "At Village des Écluses, the water testing came back from the ministry and it was all fine," Zytynsky said.

Both Pointe des Cascades and Les Cèdres have advised residents to avoid contact with the Chamberry Stream, including at the mouth of the river.

The decision by Les Cèdres to dump the wastewater from the Lucerne district into the stream came after the owner of the private wastewater treatment plant — which had managed sewage in the district — turned ownership of the facility over to the town in early December.

The small facility was in such poor shape, the town deemed it "inoperable," leading to the decision to dump directly into the Chamberry Stream.

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Vaudreuil to repurpose former library into cultural centre

JOSHUA ALLAN
The 1019 Report

The City of Vaudreuil-Dorion will breathe new life to its former library, announcing it will turn into a new cultural centre.

The building on Jeannotte Street has been closed for more than a year following the inauguration of the city's new municipal hub, which includes a new spacious library. The older structure, which had been built in 1995, will require "major work to ensure the building's long-term sustainability," reads a statement issued by the city last week.

This work will begin with restoring the building's envelope, which includes fixing crevices that have developed over the

past year, causing some leakage inside the empty building.

"This is Phase 1 of the project," said Mayor Paul Dumoulin in an interview. "We're going to fix it so no water will come in."

"After that, we're going to see what we're going to do from the inside," he added.

City officials are currently looking at "layout and specific uses of this future cultural centre."

The city is also inspecting the building before announcing a possible timeline for the project, as well as estimates on repair and renovation costs.

"But it's going to be a nice place to go," Dumoulin added.



Madeleine Langlois, The 1019 Report

There is still no date as to when the Hudson-Oka ferry will open this summer. All inquiries by *The 1019 Report* to the operators of the service that provides a transport route across the Lake of Two Mountains have gone unanswered. This is the first summer since the ferry service began operating in 1909 that the boats have remained idle. The new owners of the operation — Philippe and Serge Daignault — took over the business in 2024.

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TV WATCH REPORT

Boxing, serial-killing and other non-soccer TV



Denise Duguay

Now that all good (and SO intense!) soccer/football people have had a nap or two to recover from the 2026 World Cup final, but before they turn to their screens for the return of Ted Lasso (coaching a women’s soccer/football team in Season 4, starting Aug. 5 on Apple TV), here are a few suggestions for some brand new non-soccer programming.

THEY FIGHT (movie streaming now on Disney+/Hulu) It’s hard enough for some to find their fight in the first place. This drama, set in Washington D.C., concerns an ex-con who is drowning in doubt, from within and without, but trying to retrieve his fight. The boxing gym beckons and it’s no spoiler to say he finally responds and learns that the best way to help yourself is to help others first. As they say in the trailer, “lock in!” Andre Holland (Selma) plays our hero alongside fellow acting heavyweights Samira Wiley (The Walking Dead) and Wendell Pierce (Elsbeth).

THE DINK (movie premieres Friday, July 24, on Apple TV) Pickleball knows you look down on it and it doesn’t care. (Furthermore, it knows you only mock the crazy popular court sport because you are in denial about your age and failing physique. Oh wait. Did I just write that out loud? Anyway…) Apple

bills this new comedy, from producer (and co-star) Ben Stiller (Dodgeball) as a “laugh-out-loud underdog story,” and that looks about right. Jake Johnson (New Girl) plays Dusty Boyd, former rising tennis star laid low by an injury for which his doctor prescribes pickleball. Dusty is mortified and tries (and fails) to rage his way through the pickleball community. His new partner (Mary Steenburgen, Man on the Inside) helps him embrace the joy of the new game — and of the “dink” shot. Real-life tennis star Andy Roddick co-stars, as does Ed Harris (Dutton Ranch), Chloe Fineman (SNL) and Aaron Chen (Fisk).

72 HOURS (movie premieres Friday, July 24, on Netflix) A supposedly 40-year-old executive (Kevin Hart) hopes to rediscover his youth by actually showing up to a three-day bachelor party that he knows he was only accidentally invited to via a group text. The result is slapstick mayhem in Miami: young guys making old-guy jokes, ridiculous sexual hijinks, horrifying jellyfish injuries. Sounds like a summer movie to me! Joining actor/comedian Hart are SNL’s Marcello Hernández, Ben Marshall and Kam Patterson along with Mason Gooding (Heart Eyes), Michael Mando (Better Call Saul) and Teyana Taylor (One Battle After Another), to name a few.

FURIOUS (series premieres Monday, July 27, on Disney+/Hulu) Emmy Rossum (Shameless) is back and



Courtesy Apple TV

Jake Johnson and Ben Stiller star in The Dink, a pickleball movie, which hits Apple TV on Friday.

that is enough to get me to temporarily pause my serial-killer blackout (though I will still fast-forward through the inevitable unnecessarily long torture scenes). Rossum plays a brand new FBI agent who is pulled into the orbit of what she alone believes to be a serial killer, played with creepy effectiveness by Lola Petticrew (Say Nothing). Jake Lacy (The White Lotus) and Scoot McNairy (Halt and Catch Fire) co-star. In return for repeating the press kit line about the female characters each pursuing their version of “justice,” I allow myself to express an equally unlikely wish: that if film/TV/books spent half their serial-killer budgets on non-homicidal stories, the world would be a much less nutso place. But, like, I’m still gonna

watch. **THE DEVIL’S MOUTH (movie premieres Wednesday, July 29, on Prime Video)** While Apple TV’s hit Widow’s Bay blends small town comedy with supernatural horror to thrilling effect, The Devil’s Mouth offers a different kind of marine jump scare. When five friends head to a remote cave system in Thailand, the terror comes from the realization that some kind of fearsome creature is hunting them. Things go all Survivor after that. Will anyone live to tell the tale?

Questions, comments and suggestions gratefully accepted at d2calm@gmail.com.

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It's OK to want what other gardeners have

The challenge is figuring out how to get it



Let no one believe that the heart of any gardener isn't ridden with dark envy and the capacity to act on it. Inside every gardener is a scavenger and thief, and it's just a truth universally acknowledged that sometimes another garden has what you want.

With our flowers growing like crazy these days and nothing to do but water and weed, we find our thoughts darkening to these things that we covet. We allow that maybe there can be other garden pursuits. Not dull, ho-hum pursuits, but intriguing, some would say less wholesome, ones. If you're a new gardener, don't be dismayed. It's just normal.

Maybe it's the seeds of some perennial you crave. Maybe it's a cutting you covet. Maybe you realize you're even going to try for some roots. It will all depend on access. But that's a practical mystery to be solved in September. Right now, while gardens are roaring, is when you must locate your prey. You must follow the blooms to see where they are. And then

plan for what you will be stealing in the fall.

Case in point for me is a local bank of butter yellow hollyhocks so tall, pristine and beautiful, they top my deepest garden envy list this year.

Hollyhocks are one of the flowers I love the most, but they're not easily found these days. Once prolifically planted everywhere, even the Victorians loved hollyhocks. So when I saw them in an older part of a local town, I knew this would be the scene of the crime.

Older neighbourhoods are great repositories of vintage flowers. But any casing of these neighbourhoods must happen soon. The blooms will disappear in a few weeks as the plant gets ready for that big energy burst necessary to complete their seed production by autumn. That's when you get your Part 2 under way.

If you have a dog to walk, nothing could be better. Under the guise of bending down to "pick up," it couldn't be easier to grab a seed head or two from any flower you have your eye on. In the case of my yellow hollyhocks, a notoriously tall flower, it's easy to grab seed heads even without a dog. All that's left to do is go home and try not to forget about them



Terry O'Shaughnessy, The 1019 Report

Covetted old-fashioned yellow hollyhocks are at the top of my garden envy list, the items that other gardeners have that I want.

in the spring.

It's important to feel no guilt. Unless you're heaving whole perennials out of the ground — and that's not what I'm advocating — a seed head or two will contain only a fraction of what you need. As long as you're not wrecking property and lurk discretely around the edges, a little garden kleptomania never hurt anyone.

Of course, you could always just introduce yourself and ask in person for these things, but that's not the kind of advice you'll find here. Other gardeners are scheming right now for what they will steal from your garden. Why not join in and turn a blind eye?

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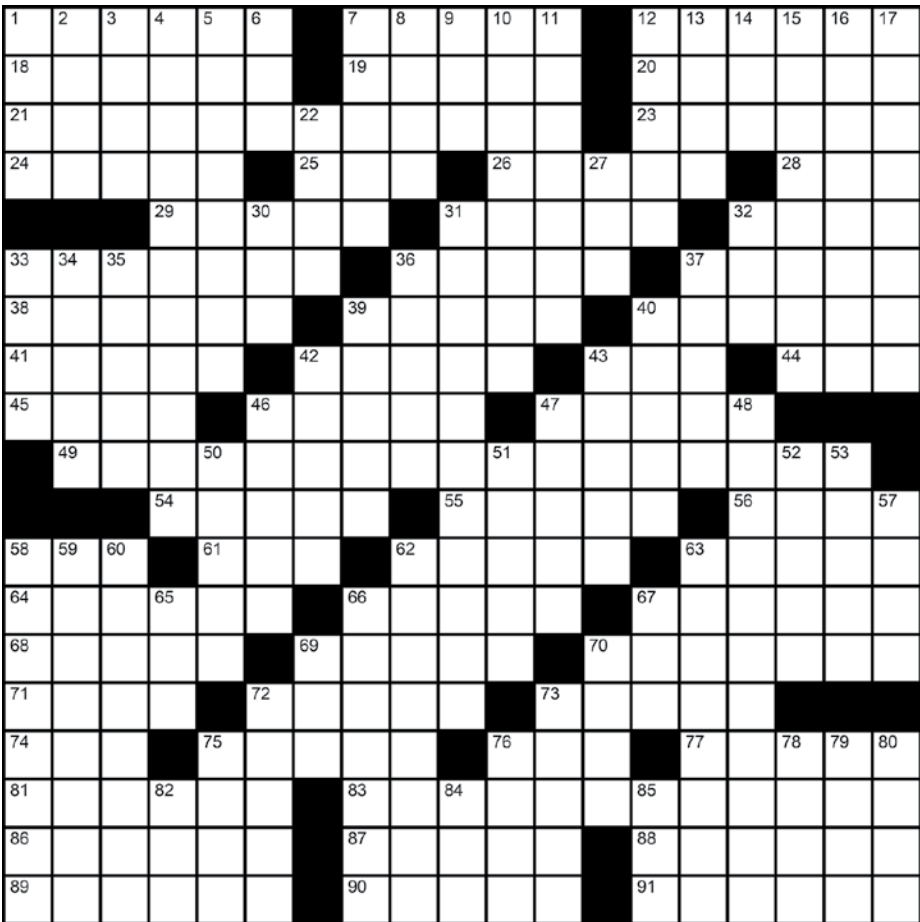
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- Stylish summery shade
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- Peanut butter consistency option
- Beat Generation poet, Elise ___ (b.1933 - d.1962)
- ___, New York
- Quebec Laurentians... Summer setting in Sainte-Agathe-des-Monts as per #31-Down: 3 mots
- Abraham ___ (b.1797 - d.1864 ... Canadian inventor of #62-Down's answer)
- Tech giant headquartered in Santa Clara, California
- "Was that ___?" (Your reply is negative?)
- Steven of 1990s sitcom "Wings"
- Co-star to Kirstie and Rhea
- "___ Science" (1985) starring Kelly LeBrock
- Speedy sports spectacles
- Spartan queen of Greek myth
- Have a British afternoon break: 2 wds.
- Canadian Badlands formation
- Rock drill
- Grown-ups
- Ora pro ___ (Pray for us, in Latin)
- Ma ___ (American singer called the 'Mother of the Blues')
- Mr. Crawford of "Gossip Girl"
- Access a web account: 2 wds.
- Month, in Madrid
- Wellness and beauty getaway
- Han of the 'Star Wars' universe
- Not hidden, ___ the open
- ___ Law (Frankish legal code)
- Harmonious scene for #48-Down in Summer-set Canadian comedy "Meatballs" (1979): 2 wds.
- Jagged
- Poppycok
- Dress ___ (Wear a costume)
- ___-Pekka Salonen (Finnish conductor)
- Famous foodie Ms. Garten
- 13-stringed instruments of Japan
- Tom ___ (1983 Indy 500 champion)
- Grant absolution after confession
- Annoy: 2 wds.
- Trajectory-raising rotational motion
- Joni Mitchell's 'Mermaid Cafe' tune
- Golf course warning calls!
- "New ___ Is Sinking" by The Tragically Hip
- 'A' of USA [abbr.]
- React hungrily at the sight of dessert
- Basketball legend Shaquille
- '_' ___ for Laval
- Provokes
- 'Direct' suffix (Formal guideline)
- Streamlined
- Mary of "The Maltese Falcon" (1941), and surnamesakes
- Residence in L.M. Montgomery's famous story: acronym + word
- Traditional cone-shaped abode
- Year's written record
- Liverpool's river in England
- Funds
- Some boxing hooks

91. Ford's famous fabrications

DOWN

- 1151, in ancient Rome
- ___ Islands, in Ireland's Galway Bay
- Bus. envelope's shape
- Given a friendly Canadian reception as a tourist: 2 wds.
- Breakfast food in Joni Mitchell's "California"
- Mr. Cobb's of baseball greatness
- "Boogie Shoes" by ___ The Sunshine Band
- Canadian TV... "The Littlest ___"
- Cobbler's tool
- S.S. ___ (Edwardian Era passenger steamship attraction in Kingston, Ontario)
- Grasshoppers and Mosquitoes
- Coops
- Blue Jay or Yankee, e.g.
- TV network in 1976 movie "Network"
- "Patio ___" by Kim Mitchell
- Like a legs-in-a-lake level
- Jaxartes is the ancient name of this Central Asia river: 2 wds.
- Ms. Ramirez of "Grey's Anatomy"
- Flower garden visitor
- Plural word endings sometimes
- Duddy works at it as a waiter in The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz: 2 wds. ...And the name of it is at #21-Across
- Law, in Montreal
- tic ___ (some brand-name mints)
- Specific-purpose committee 2 wds.
- ___ Lumpur, Malaysia
- Humphrey Bogart's nickname
- Herb used in pesto
- Our, in Quebec City
- Convey
- 1849 Verdi opera, ___ Miller
- Spell casters of yore
- Be ___ mind (Have the same opinion)
- Snob
- As per #49-Across... CITs = ___-in-Training
- King's ___ Council for Canada
- Scintillas
- Grammy-winning group, Salt-_-
- Mr. MacLeod of "The Love Boat"
- Without
- Increase the intensity
- Three-stringed instrument of Japan
- Comedy series for Canada's Will Arnett, "___ Development"
- Rustic lamp fuel, as per #23-Across
- Had fun in the lake
- Occupational suffix to 'Cash'
- Fine friend: 2 wds.
- Suffix to 'Press'
- Paris' country, to the IOC
- Humdinger
- Measured medicines
- Some gem shape selections
- Became bigger
- "___ all?" (By any measure?)
- 'Chant' suffix (Ginette Reno, par exemple)
- Donkey, in Germany
- Car door openers
- Squash variety
- "Concerto ___" by George Gershwin
- Tussaud's title, tiny-ly



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