

NEWS & ANALYSIS

Keep all of CSL in one federal riding: council

By Joel Goldenberg
The Suburban

Côte St. Luc council passed a resolution last Monday night expressing its intention to tell upcoming electoral ridings hearings that all of that city should be in one federal riding.

Mount Royal MP Irwin Cotler said the same during a press conference last Friday. The commission is

proposing the creation of a new riding, John Peters Humphrey, which would change the current boundaries - and include parts of Dorval and lose parts of Côte des Neiges.

During Monday night's council meeting, District 4 Councillor Steven Erdelyi read the city's resolution, which pointed out all of Côte St. Luc is in the current Mount Royal riding. Erdelyi

said part of Côte St. Luc, including part of his District 4, would be split between the proposed ridings of John Peters Humphrey and Wilder Penfield. "Côte St. Luc council mandates its staff and council to make a presentation to the election reforms committee [Oct. 19], requesting the city be kept in its

entirety within [the riding]" the resolution says.

Mayor Anthony Housefather further explained that while a small part of Côte St. Luc would be in a possible Wilder Penfield riding if the recommendations go through, most of Town of Mount Royal would remain intact in a John Peters

Humphrey riding. "But it is unfair to the City of Côte St. Luc that we will not be all part of one riding and we have to lobby two separate members of Parliament for issues that affect the city," the mayor added. "This is certainly something we'll be very dogmatic about when we go to the commission." ■

Israel celebrated in Ste. Agathe

More than 2,300 people gathered Aug. 6 to celebrate Israel Day at the Festival Lumières sur le Lac in Ste. Agathe des Monts.

Dozens of Israeli flags adorned the streets, and on site was an Israeli-themed tent manned by staff from the Consulate General of Israel in Montreal. Passersby were served delicious Israeli fare and handed information on Israel. Calligraphers also printed special Hebrew nametags for hundreds of excited festival attendees of all ages.

During the evening, there was a special laser show on water, on Lac des Sables. Following that was an open air concert by the band Kleztor, who performed lively upbeat medleys fusing Eastern European, Balkan and Oriental music genres.

Israeli Consul General Joel Lion, along with Ste. Agathe Mayor Denis Chalifoux and Bertrand MNA Claude Cousineau, addressed the thousands in attendance.

"This was a marvelous gathering," Lion said. "A wonder-



Photographed, left to right, are Bertrand MNA Claude Cousineau, Israeli Consul General Joel Lion and organizers of Sainte-Agathes's Festival Lumières sur le Lac

ful opportunity for Israel to present itself and its vibrant cultural mosaic to the Québécois mainstream." - JG

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CSL CONCERT REMINDER

Harpist Gisèle Guibord will perform a concert of light classical music at the Harold Greenspon Auditorium (5801 Cavendish Blvd.) on Thursday, Aug. 23 at 7 p.m., the city announced. The concert is organized by the Eleanor London Library, and is

the second edition of the library's Candlelight Concerts series. This event is free of charge.

HAMPSTEAD GREEN COLLECTION

Hampstead is reminding residents to take advantage of the town's weekly collection to dispose of cut grass and weeds, waste from gardens or fruit trees and tillage residue from gardening, landscaping or other similar work. "To ensure that green waste can be composted properly, it is vital

that residents like you prepare it correctly for collection," says a town advisory. "Please put your green waste in a reusable container (old garbage bin or similar, but not your town-supplied garbage or recycling bins), cardboard box or paper garden waste bags for collection. The Montreal green collection site will no longer accept any type of plastic bags including biodegradable ones and they will not be picked up. Your container(s) may be put out after 6 p.m. the night before collection day." ■

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