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# Council votes to pay MMC

## CSL COUNCIL ROUND-UP

On January 28, the Côte St. Luc council, with some nays, authorized payment to the Montreal Metropolitan Community of nearly \$477,000 for the 2013 calendar year. Councillor Steven Erdelyi said the first payment, which is half of the total amount, is due in mid-March, with the balance due July 15.

“This is a resolution that we must adopt because of our membership in the Montreal Metropolitan Community,” said Erdelyi.

“It is, however, one that I adopt grudgingly, reluctantly and with regret. We get some good reports out of the Montreal Metropolitan Community, but I don’t think those reports warrant paying the \$476,000. I prefer we save this money and get those reports elsewhere.”

Mayor Anthony Housefather noted that provincial law states the municipality must comply and not paying would mean interest fees would accumulate.

Councillors Glenn Nashen and Alan Levine voted against the resolution without comment.

### Library video membership rate decreased

The council voted to reduce the monthly video membership rate at the Eleanor London Côte St. Luc Public Library. Instead of individuals paying \$25 and families paying \$55 a month for a membership.

Housefather said the new by-law

amendment will set one uniform tariff of \$25 per household.

### Itman jests

Meeting regular Irving Itman went to the microphone and pulled out a sheet of paper that was presumably the notes on issues he wished to discuss that evening. “Bananas, tomatoes ... Oh, that’s my grocery list.”

After the laugh, he got to more serious matters.

### Bill 14 push

While commending Housefather’s efforts to get the public and politicians involved in fighting the proposed provincial law that threatens the status of bilingual cities, Itman encouraged the mayor to keep those efforts going — to work with opposition parties — to defeat “this terrible, regressive, restrictive and vindictive law.”

Since 1977, it has been illegal for Quebec municipalities to, for example, send bilingual tax forms or English flyers to its citizens. However, the exception is for some municipalities that earned “bilingual status.” Bill 14 would strip municipalities and boroughs of that status if less than 50 percent of residents speak English as a mother tongue. Because only 45 percent of CSL residents speak English at home, there is a chance this law could stop the city from communicating with its citizens in both English and French.

The mayor said the city launched a website giving people the tools needed to communicate with provincial politicians. He has rallied municipal leaders from more than 80 bilingual cities and boroughs across the province. About 40, he said, have passed resolutions to oppose the bill and the hope, said the mayor, is that all will have passed a resolution by the time he appears before legislative hearings in March.

Housefather told Itman, “We will keep lobbying and pushing as much as we can to make sure the bill doesn’t go through.”

### Cuckoo for Coco

When approving the new, bilingual sign at Marché Coco Market, located in Decarie Square, Councillor Allan Levine commended the market’s food selection.

“I’ve been to Marché Coco and I’ve bought stuff there,” said Levine. “It’s excellent. They have wonderful prepared foods. It’s a terrific addition to the city.”

To which the mayor replied: “So, you’re saying you’re cuckoo for Marché Coco?”

—Isaac Olson



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