

NEWS & ANALYSIS

# Hateful opposition to Richler petition

By Dan Delmar  
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Almost immediately after two city councillors revealed their petition encouraging some sort of honour for writer Mordecai Richler, some hard-line sovereignists began an aggressive opposition campaign on the Internet.

Those posting on pages on the social networking site Facebook and many blogs are decrying the idea of having a permanent, official tribute for Richler, who Société Saint-Jean-Baptiste (SSJB) president Mario Beaulieu describes as an "anti-Quebec racist because he denigrated French Quebecers."

On Facebook, Beaulieu has promoted and shown his approval for one anti-Richler page: "No to a Mordecai Richler Street! No to anti-Quebec racism." The page contains offensive comments aimed at both Anglophones and Jews. Beaulieu briefly "liked" — in Facebook jargon, showing approval for — a comment by one Gèbé Tremblay: "What next? A B'nai B'rith (sic) street?"

Facebook page contributor Michel Émery: "As far as I'm concerned, it will always be 'no' to Mordecai Richler but how many ass-licking Semites do you think will bow down to the power of money?"

Another poster, Marc-Claude Grenier: "Go to Israel and name a street after Adolf Hitler to see their reaction, because Richler was Jewish before all. I'm not anti-Jewish...but I don't like traitors."

Francois Ouellet posted a picture of Richler's grave, with a comment saying, "this is more than sufficient."



Responding to the comment was Louis Préfontaine, a well-known sovereignist blogger who has spoken on behalf of Impératif Français, an organization that promotes the use of French in Quebec.

"A simple hole without a name would have sufficed in his case," said Préfontaine, who also took aim at the councillors who started the petition, Marvin Rotrand and Côte des Neiges-NDG mayor Michael Applebaum; as Préfontaine described them, "two Jews...proud inheritors of Richler's paranoia, who are piloting the

dossier...having two Anglophone Jews asking for the recognition of another Anglophone Jew...shouldn't surprise us. But having the director-general of the city of Montreal, Louis Roquet, a Québécois, support the Richler tribute is what surprises us."

Préfontaine has a different tribute in mind. On his website, he promotes another anti-Richler group: "For the Mordecai Richler garbage dump."

Both Facebook groups have under 500 supporters; Rotrand and Applebaum's petition has roughly 800 signatures. ■

## New STM mini-bus for CSL seniors

By Joel Goldenberg  
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Montreal's STM transit authority launched a new mini-bus last week, the 262 Navette Or Côte St. Luc, geared to that city's senior population.

The bus is running four times a day,

Tuesday, Wednesdays and Thursdays, except legal holidays. The bus runs from Carrefour Angrignon in LaSalle north into Côte St. Luc and stops at such landmarks as Caldwell Residence, Maimonides Geriatric Centre, Cavendish Mall, Manoir Montefiore, B'nai Brith House, city hall and the Eleanor London Library and the Côte St. Luc Shopping Centre, among others.

The north end of the route is at the Côte St. Luc gymnasium and pool and the soon-to-be-built Intergenerational Aquatic Centre, on Parkhaven, and goes back south to LaSalle. The fare will be the same as on regular buses.

The STM held an official media launch and councillor Steven Erdelyi announced the new route recently at a district council meeting he held at Le Waldorf.

"It's officially a seniors' bus, but anyone can actually go on it," Erdelyi explained. "This is something they're trying on a pilot basis. You can use this bus if you have an Opus card." ■

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