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# CSL mayor, seven councillors acclaimed

By Joel Goldenberg
The Suburban

Côte St. Luc Mayor Anthony Housefather and seven out of eight councillors were acclaimed for the Nov. 3 election; as no candidates signed on to oppose them.

The acclamations were not too much of a surprise. The atmosphere at council meetings is largely congenial and, at nearly every meeting, a resident praises the work of Housefather and the council. Also, in the 2009 election, only Councillors Allan Levine, Glenn Nashen and Steven Erdelyi were challenged, and all three incumbents won by large margins.

In this election, Housefather officially supported all eight incumbents and they officially supported him.

Councillor Sam Goldbloom (District 1) is being challenged by Marissa Sidel and Stewart Wiseman. Housefather, as well as Councillor Dida Berku, said the incumbents will support Goldbloom. Sidel's platform includes bringing her business experience to city hall, better traffic cooperation with Hampstead and Montreal, having Côte St. Luc refuse to implement the PQ's Charter of Values and ongoing presence in the community. Wiseman is a part time music journalist and photographer.

# TMR's Mayor Roy acclaimed for a new term

By P.A. Sévigny
The Suburban

During a recent interview, TMR's Mayor Philippe Roy just smiled when *The Suburban* asked him if he intended to become yet another one of the town's 'mayors-for-life' in much the same way as former mayors Vera Danyluk and Reginald 'Reg' Dawson were for decades before he took over the mayor's job following Danyluk's resignation because of ill health.

"One mandate at a time," he said after which he went on to describe his plans for the next four years. While little was said about the town itself, Roy did mention that he would be spending a lot more time on assorted city 'agglo' (agglomeration) issues because he does not believe that his responsibilities as the town's mayor stop at the edge of the town's borders with the central city. As devoted as he is to the town, he also cares for Montreal and he agrees with other city mayors - specifically Westmount's Peter Trent - about the necessity for all of the island's political leaders to pull together in order to begin the arduous process of fixing what many describe as a 'broken' city.

While he remains determined to revitalize the town's commercial centre around the tiny railroad station which was so much a part of the town's early genesis as one of the city's major suburbs, he also wants to build solid partnerships with the town's assorted community groups who will require bigger and better venues for all of their assorted activities.

While several citizens may believe well-fought elections are a regular and beneficial; part of the democratic process, town residents have once again demonstrated that they still prefer their own 'If it isn't broken, we're not going to fix it' approach to municipal politics.

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