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Greek Community Honours OXI Day Legacy





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The Greek community of Laval and Montreal affirmed its enduring connection to its ancestral heritage during a powerful, two-day commemoration of "Oxi" Day. Through solemn ceremony and vibrant community gathering, Greek-Canadians marked the 85th anniversary of Greece's defiant "No" to fascism on October 28, 1940, and the 113th anniversary of the Liberation of Thessaloniki.

The weekend's events, organized by the Canadian Hellenic Congress (CHC) and the Hellenic Community of Greater Montreal (HCGM), balanced the duty of remembrance with a pressing, modern call to action, uniting political dignitaries, community leaders, and families in a shared display of patriotism and pride.

A Solemn Vow at the Cenotaph

The commemorations began on the crisp morning of Saturday, October 25, 2025, at the Laval City Hall Cenotaph. The CHC, led by its president, Dr. Theodore Halatsis, hosted a formal wreath-laying ceremony attended by a roster of distinguished guests.

Laval Mayor Stéphane Boyer, Senator Leo Housakos, and Greece's newly appointed Consul General to Montreal, Nikolaos Karalekas, stood with veterans and community members.

"The Hellenic community is a very important community here in Laval," Mayor Boyer remarked, adding he was "very happy to be here today" to honor the occasion.

Senator Housakos captured the spirit of the day in his address. "It is a day when we saw tyranny try to step on Greek soil. We said a strong 'No'," he stated. He recalled the famous saying coined during the war: "Heroes fight like Hellenes. We must be grateful for those of 1940."

Dr. Halatsis emphasized the global significance of Greece's stand. "Our small Greece... changed the course of the Second World War," he said. He also offered a contemporary warning, "Unfortunately, we must always say 'Oxi' because there are always enemies around Greece. We in the Diaspora are ready to help our Greece."

For Consul General Karalekas, who arrived in Canada just six weeks ago, the event was a profound introduction to his new post. "We have come here with my wife and son... and we have the joy and honor to celebrate with our entire parish," he said, expressing gratitude for the "warm embrace" he has felt from the community. "We are here for you, to serve the community."

This sense of inherited pride was palpable. Alexandra Sevapsidis, president of the Daughters of Penelope, shared her personal connection. "I am proud to be Greek and I am in Canada," she said. "My parents kept the customs... and I am proud to be Greek."

Yet, for some, the solemnity was mixed with a deep concern for the future of that very pride.

Antonis Beliotis, a local Greek dance instructor, was visibly moved after laying a wreath on behalf of the Hellenic Cultural Academy "Romiosyni". "I believe we must kneel as a sign of respect for our dead," he said, explaining his emotional gesture.

His emotion, however, was twofold. "I am a little sad," he confessed, "because once again I come to an event for Hellenism, and Hellenism is absent."

Mr. Beliotis lamented the low attendance from community organizations and schools. "The evil is that we are not passing the message to the new generation as we should," he warned. "The Evzones... the Macedonomachoi... where are they? ... The Hellene is not just about eating souvlaki."

His impassioned plea cut to the core of the diaspora's challenge. "If we do not pass this on to our children, in one or two generations, it will be gone. Now is the zero hour. We must wake up."

A Communal Response

As if in direct response, the community gathered in force the following day, Sunday, October 26. The HCGM's events began with a formal doxology at the Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church. The pews were filled, and students from the community's schools, serving as proud flag bearers, created a powerful image of continuity.

The celebration then moved to the Embassy Plaza Reception Halls for a commemorative luncheon. The hall was filled with over 235 guests, a significantly increased participation that organizers noted as a hopeful sign.

The head table included Her Excellency Ekaterini Dimakis, Ambassador of Greece to Canada; Dimitrios Azemopoulos, Ambassador of Greece to the ICAO; Member of Parliament Annie Koutrakis; and City Councillor Aglaia Revelakis.

HCGM President Basile Angelopoulos, serving as host, delivered a keynote address that framed the historical fight in a modern context. "We fight to keep our Greek identity alive," he declared. "This persistence is the bridge that connects the past with today."

Mr. Angelopoulos unearthed a 1942 quote from former Canadian Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King, who wrote: "Greece has fallen... but only after a resistance that will become legendary... To those of Greek race everywhere in Canada I send my greetings, my appreciation for what they have done."

This, Mr. Angelopoulos argued, is the legacy the community must now defend against a new, more subtle enemy.

"Today the enemy is a bit different," he stated. "Today the enemy... is the infamous : Apathy, Disconnection, Indifference. This enemy is much more difficult to deal with because it works quietly, underground."

He pointed to the 50 new volunteers who recently joined the HCGM leadership as the new frontline. "But 50 people... is a bit difficult," he said, comparing them to the 300 Spartans who were left to fight alone. "Hellenism needs your support... Register as members... renew your membership. If we don't do it, who will?"

The event was imbued with a spirit of faith, a cornerstone of Hellenic identity. Rev. Nikodimos Kodogeorgakis, who blessed the luncheon, reminded attendees of the spiritual dimension of the 1940 struggle. "Let us never forget the faith they had," he urged, recounting the miracles of the Panagia and Saint Demetrios, the patron saint of Thessaloniki. "God is always with us."

As families and friends shared a meal, students from the HCGM schools recited patriotic poems, their young voices bridging the gap between 1940 and 2025.

The weekend's celebrations thus concluded as a dual promise: a solemn vow to never forget the heroes of the past, and a renewed, resounding "Oxi" to the apathy of the present.


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Γράφει ο Δημήτρης Παπαδόπουλος

Καθώς καταλαγιάζει η σκόνη από τις δημοτικές εκλογές της 2ας Νοεμβρίου 2025, ένα νέο πολιτικό τοπίο αναδύεται στην ευρύτερη περιοχή του Μόντρεαλ, το οποίο καθορίζεται από μια σημαντική αλλαγή φρουράς στο δημαρχείο του Μόντρεαλ με την εκλογή της δημάρχου Soraya Martinez Ferrada. Ωστόσο, για τη δραστήρια ελληνοκαναδική κοινότητα, η ιστορία αυτών των εκλογών είναι μια ιστορία αξιοσημείωτης συνέχειας, βαθιάς συμμετοχής στα κοινά και μιας σειράς εντυπωσιακών νικών που επιβεβαιώνουν τον βαθιά ριζωμένο ρόλο της κοινότητας στη διαμόρφωση της δημόσιας ζωής της περιοχής.

Σε όλο το Μόντρεαλ, το Λαβάλ και τους γύρω δήμους, οι υποψήφιοι ελληνικής καταγωγής όχι μόνο συμμετείχαν σε δυναμικές και συχνά σκληρές αναμετρήσεις, αλλά εξασφάλισαν και αποφασιστικές εντολές. Από την ισχυρή επανεκλογή του Δημάρχου Διαμερίσματος Δημητρίου (Jim) Μπέη έως τις συναρπαστικές νίκες των ανεξάρτητων Αγλαΐας Ρεβελάκη και Γεωργίας Χαλούλου, και την σαρωτική νίκη της Έφης Γιάννου, τα αποτελέσματα σηματοδοτούν μια ισχυρή και διαρκή εμπιστοσύνη που επιδεικνύεται σε αυτούς τους ηγέτες της κοινότητας. Οι εκλογές ήταν μια σαφής απόδειξη μιας κοινότητας κινητοποιημένης, ενεργούς και υπερήφανης που συμβάλλει στον ιστό των πολιτών του Κεμπέκ.

Αυτή η ισχυρή παρουσία δεν ήταν ένα τυχαίο γεγονός. Ήταν το αποκορύφωμα μιας στοχευμένης, βασισμένης σε αρχές και βαθιά αισθητής έκκλησης για δράση από τους ηγέτες της ελληνικής κοινότητας. Εβδομάδες πριν από την ψηφοφορία, το Ελληνοκαναδικό Κογκρέσο (ΕΚΚ) εξέδωσε δημόσια δήλωση με την οποία «παροτρύνει όλους τους Κεμπεκιώτες ελληνικής καταγωγής να τιμήσουν και να σεβαστούν τις δημοκρατικές μας αρχές ασκώντας το καθήκον και το εκλογικό τους δικαίωμα». Με μια καθαρή φωνή κοινοτικής αλληλεγγύης, το ΕΚΚ προέτρεψε τους πολίτες να υποστηρίξουν τους υποψηφίους ελληνικής καταγωγής, τονίζοντας: «Στις εκλογικές περιφέρειες όπου υπάρχουν υποψήφιοι ελληνικής καταγωγής, το ΕΚΚ σας προτρέπει να τους στηρίξετε».

Αυτή η έκκληση για συμμετοχή συμπληρώθηκε από την ουσιαστική πολιτική δέσμευση του Ελληνικού Κογκρέσου του Κεμπέκ (HQC). Στο «Έγγραφο Θέσεων για τις Δημοτικές Εκλογές» του Οκτωβρίου 2025, το HQC προχώρησε πέρα από την απλή εκπροσώπηση, περιγράφοντας ένα εξελιγμένο όραμα για το μέλλον του Μόντρεαλ, του Λαβάλ και της Νότιας Ακτής. Το έγγραφο περιέγραφε λεπτομερώς τις κοινοτικές προτεραιότητες σε κρίσιμα ζητήματα όπως η δημόσια ασφάλεια, η οικονομική στήριξη των μικρομεσαίων επιχειρήσεων και η επείγουσα ανάγκη για προσιτή στέγαση.

Είναι σημαντικό ότι το έγγραφο έδωσε έμφαση στην ανάπτυξη κατοικιών για ηλικιωμένους με υπηρεσίες που «να αντικατοπτρίζουν την πολιτισμική ποικιλομορφία των πόλεών μας», ένα σημείο που συνδέει δυναμικά την ελληνική αξία του σεβασμού προς τους ηλικιωμένους με την πρακτική δημοτική πολιτική. Αυτή η προεκλογική δέσμευση καταδεικνύει μια ώριμη πολιτική κοινότητα, η οποία όχι μόνο επιδιώκει μια θέση στο τραπέζι, αλλά φέρνει επίσης ένα λεπτομερές μενού ιδεών για τη βελτίωση της ζωής όλων των πολιτών.

Μετά τα αποτελέσματα, η υπερηφάνεια για αυτή τη δέσμευση ήταν εμφανής. Σε συγχαρητήρια επιστολή του προς τους νέους αξιωματούχους, το Ελληνικό Κογκρέσο του Κεμπέκ γιόρτασε την επιτυχία τους ως απόδειξη των ελληνικών αξιών. «Ενσαρκώνετε τις αξίες του «φιλότιμου», του αισθήματος του πολίτη και της ανθεκτικότητας που από καιρό καθορίζουν το ελληνικό πνεύμα», έγραψε ο Πρόεδρος του HQC, Σωτήρης Αντύπας. «Η παρουσία σας στην τοπική αυτοδιοίκηση επιβεβαιώνει τον ζωτικό ρόλο που διαδραματίζουν οι Καναδοί ελληνικής καταγωγής στη διαμόρφωση πόλεων χωρίς αποκλεισμούς, βιώσιμων, ασφαλών και προοδευτικών... Η υπηρεσία σας τιμά τις γενιές που προηγήθηκαν από εσάς και φωτίζει τον δρόμο για εκείνες που θα ακολουθήσουν».

Οι πυλώνες της νίκης: Μπέης και Γιάννου

Πουθενά αυτή η εντολή δεν ήταν πιο αποφασιστική από ό,τι στο Pierrefonds-Roxboro, όπου ο Δημήτριος (Jim) Μπέης, υποψήφιος με το Ensemble Montréal, εξασφάλισε εντυπωσιακή επανεκλογή ως Δήμαρχος Διαμερίσματος. Η νίκη του, η οποία αντικατοπτρίζει τη συντριπτική υποστήριξη που παρατηρήθηκε το 2021 όταν κατέλαβε το 60.4% των ψήφων, επιβεβαιώνει την ισχυρή και ακλόνητη θέση του στην τοπική κοινότητα.

Η ισχυρή εντολή του Μπέη επιτεύχθηκε σε ένα διαμέρισμα με ένα από τα χαμηλότερα ποσοστά συμμετοχής στο Μόντρεαλ, μόλις 28.05%. Αυτά τα δεδομένα υποδηλώνουν ότι η επιτυχία του βασίζεται σε μια εξαιρετικά καλά οργανωμένη και εξαιρετικά κινητοποιημένη εκλογική βάση που προσήλθε μαζικά για να τον υποστηρίξει σε ένα περιβάλλον γενικευμένης πολιτικής απάθειας. Απολαμβάνει την αμέριστη υποστήριξη όσων ψήφισαν, δίνοντάς του μια ισχυρή και αδιαμφισβήτητη εντολή να συνεχίσει το έργο του.

Μια εξίσου σαρωτική νίκη πέτυχε η Έφη Γιάννου στην περιοχή Bordeaux-Cartierville του διαμερίσματος Ahuntsic-Cartierville. Επίσης υποψήφια με το νικηφόρο Ensemble Montréal, η Γιάννου εξασφάλισε ένα κυρίαρχο 56.74% των ψήφων. Με 3.635 ψήφους, τερμάτισε με σαφές προβάδισμα 2.054 ψήφων έναντι της πλησιέστερης αντιπάλου της. Η επανεκλογή της επιβεβαιώνει την ισχυρή προσωπική της παρουσία στην περιοχή και την ικανότητά της να αξιοποιήσει τη δυναμική του νέου κυβερνώντος κόμματος.

Το πνεύμα της ανεξαρτησίας: Ρεβελάκη και Χαλούλου ξεπερνούν τις προσδοκίες

Εξίσου σημαντικές ήταν οι νίκες δύο ανεξάρτητων υποψηφίων, που απέδειξαν ότι οι βαθιές ρίζες στην κοινότητα και η προσωπική απήχηση μπορούν να θριαμβεύσουν επί των καθιερωμένων κομματικών μηχανισμών.

Στην περιοχή Chomedey του Λαβάλ, η κούρσα ήταν ένα πραγματικό θρίλερ. Η νυν ανεξάρτητη δημοτική σύμβουλος Αγλαΐα Ρεβελάκη επανεξελέγη, εξασφαλίζοντας 1.143 ψήφους. Κέρδισε με οριακή διαφορά μόλις 38 ψήφων έναντι του Κώστα Ντιμπ του Action Laval, ο οποίος έλαβε 1.105 ψήφους. Σε μια αναμέτρηση όπου κάθε ψήφος ήταν κρίσιμη, η νίκη της Ρεβελάκη ως ανεξάρτητης αποτελεί μια ισχυρή απόδειξη της προσωπικής της σχέσης με την τοπική κοινότητα, η οποία υπερέβη τις κομματικές δεσμεύσεις και επιβράβευσε την αναγνωρισμένη προσφορά της.

Στο Μόντρεαλ, η Γεωργία Χαλούλου πέτυχε μια αξιοσημείωτη νίκη ως ανεξάρτητη δημοτική σύμβουλος στην περιοχή Le Point d'Outremont. Η νίκη της είναι ιδιαίτερα αξιοσημείωτη λόγω του πλαισίου της. Η Χαλούλου κέρδισε την έδρα της στο Outremont, το διαμέρισμα που κατέγραψε την υψηλότερη συμμετοχή ψηφοφόρων σε ολόκληρο το Μόντρεαλ, ένα εντυπωσιακό 55.82%.

Συγκεντρώνοντας 2.864 ψήφους (42.35%) για να νικήσει την υποψήφια του Projet Montréal, η Χαλούλου απέδειξε ότι το μήνυμά της είχε απήχηση σε ένα ευρύ, πολιτικά ευαισθητοποιημένο και ιδιαίτερα ενεργό κοινό. Η επιτυχία της ως ανεξάρτητη σε μια περιοχή με τόσο υψηλή συμμετοχή δείχνει ότι οι ψηφοφόροι έδωσαν προτεραιότητα στις τοπικές της θέσεις και την προσωπική της υποψηφιότητα έναντι των κομματικών γραμμών, παρέχοντάς της μια ισχυρή και ευρεία λαϊκή εντολή.

Δύναμη σε όλη την περιοχή

Η επιτυχία της ελληνικής κοινότητας δεν περιορίστηκε σε μερικά βασικά διαμερίσματα. Στο Λαβάλ, ο Βασίλειος Καριδόγιαννης του Action Laval επανεξελέγη άνετα στην περιοχή L'Abord-à-Plouffe, λαμβάνοντας το 61.10% των ψήφων και επιβεβαιώνοντας τη σταθερή εμπιστοσύνη που του έχουν δείξει οι πολίτες. Το εύρος αυτής της επιρροής ήταν εμφανές στον ευρύτερο χάρτη του Μεγάλου Μόντρεαλ. Στο Kirkland, η Νάνσυ Κοκκινασίδη ανακηρύχθηκε νικήτρια άνευ αντιπάλου στην περιοχή Brunswick, μια απόλυτη νίκη που δεν απαιτούσε ψηφοφορία. Επιτυχία σημειώθηκε επίσης στο Beaconsfield, όπου η Αναστασία Ασημακοπούλου εξελέγη στο δημοτικό συμβούλιο, και στο Town of Mount Royal, με την εκλογή του Κώστα Λάμπου. Η κοινότητα εξασφάλισε επίσης διπλή νίκη στο Brossard με την εκλογή τόσο του Νικόλα Τόμας όσο και της Μπάρμπαρα Βαφόπουλος στο δημοτικό συμβούλιο. Αυτή η ευρεία επιτυχία υπογραμμίζει το μήνυμα του HQC μετά τις εκλογές, το οποίο γιόρτασε αυτά τα άτομα ως θεματοφύλακες της δημόσιας υπηρεσίας και της «πολιτισμικής συνέχειας» σε δήμους σε ολόκληρη τη μητροπολιτική περιοχή.

Οι μάχες που κρίθηκαν για μια χούφτα ψήφους

Ενώ πολλοί πανηγύριζαν, οι εκλογές προκάλεσαν επίσης στιγμές απίστευτης έντασης, υπογραμμίζοντας τη σημασία κάθε ψηφοδελτίου. Η πιο δραματική αναμέτρηση εκτυλίχθηκε στην περιοχή Parc-Extension, όπου η Μαίρη Ντέρος, βετεράνος της τοπικής αυτοδιοίκησης και υποψήφια με το Ensemble Montréal, βρέθηκε σε ένα πραγματικό δικαστικό θρίλερ.

Σύμφωνα με τα προκαταρκτικά αποτελέσματα, η Ντέρος βρισκόταν πίσω από την αντίπαλό της του Projet Montréal κατά μόλις έξι ψήφους. Αυτή η οριακή διαφορά προκάλεσε αυτόματα αίτημα για δικαστική επανακαταμέτρηση των ψήφων. Το τελικό αποτέλεσμα παραμένει σε εκκρεμότητα, καθώς η τύχη της αναμέτρησης έγκειται στην επανεξέταση ενός ασυνήθιστα μεγάλου αριθμού άκυρων ή απορριφθέντων ψηφοδελτίων, που ανέρχονται σε 211. Αυτός ο αριθμός, σχεδόν 35 φορές μεγαλύτερος από την ίδια τη διαφορά ψήφων, σημαίνει ότι η επανακαταμέτρηση δεν είναι μια απλή επαν-άθροιση αλλά μια προσεκτική νομική εξέταση κάθε αμφισβητούμενου ψηφοδελτίου. Ολόκληρη η κοινότητα αναμένει την τελική απόφαση σε αυτή την απίστευτα κλειστή αναμέτρηση.

Οι οριακές διαφορές στο Parc-Extension και στο Chomedey αποτελούν μια οδυνηρή υπενθύμιση της αξίας της συμμετοχής. Αυτό το αίσθημα απηχήθηκε στο μήνυμα του Ελληνοκαναδικού Κογκρέσου μετά τις εκλογές. Το ΕΚΚ συνεχάρη όχι μόνο τους νικητές αλλά και «όλους τους Κεμπεκιώτες ελληνικής καταγωγής που είχαν το θάρρος να κατέβουν στις πρόσφατες δημοτικές εκλογές αλλά, που δυστυχώς, δεν εξελέγησαν».

«Είμαστε εξίσου περήφανοι για εσάς», ανέφερε η δήλωση του ΕΚΚ. «Σας ευχόμαστε ό,τι καλύτερο στη ζωή σας και σας παρακαλούμε να μην εγκαταλείψετε την επιθυμία σας να προσφέρετε στην δημόσια υπηρεσία της κοινωνίας μας». Αυτό το μήνυμα περιλαμβάνει εύστοχα υποψηφίους όπως ο Κώστας Ντιμπ, ο οποίος έφτασε σε απόσταση 38 ψήφων από τη νίκη, καθώς και η Δέσποινα Σουρίας του Projet Montréal, απερχόμενη σύμβουλος στη Loyola που ηττήθηκε από το ισχυρό κύμα του Ensemble Montréal, και η Λεμονιά Στραπάτσα, η οποία δεν κατάφερε να εκλεγεί στο Mile-End.

Μια εντολή σφυρηλατημένη σε κλίμα απάθειας

Αυτή η ισχυρή κοινοτική παρουσία έλαβε χώρα στο πλαίσιο μιας ευρύτερης αποστασιοποίησης των πολιτών. Η συνολική συμμετοχή των ψηφοφόρων στο Μόντρεαλ ήταν ένα «ανησυχητικά χαμηλό» 36.52%, το τρίτο χαμηλότερο ποσοστό συμμετοχής από το 1970. Αυτή η συνεχής μείωση της συμμετοχής των πολιτών καθιστά την κινητοποίηση της ελληνικής κοινότητας ακόμη πιο σημαντική.

Τα δεδομένα αποκαλύπτουν ότι οι νίκες δεν ήταν ομοιόμορφες. Η υψηλή συμμετοχή στο Outremont (55.82%) που εξέλεξε τη Γεωργία Χαλούλου έρχεται σε πλήρη αντίθεση με τη χαμηλή συμμετοχή στο Pierrefonds-Roxboro (28.05%) που επανεξέλεξε τον Δημήτριο Μπέη. Αυτή η διαφοροποίηση είναι κρίσιμη. Δείχνει ότι οι Έλληνες υποψήφιοι κέρδισαν με διαφορετικά μέσα: ορισμένοι εμπνέοντας ένα ευρύ, πολιτικά ενεργό εκλογικό σώμα, και άλλοι κυριαρχώντας στην κινητοποίηση μιας αφοσιωμένης εκλογικής βάσης.

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Hellenic community secures key victories in 2025 Greater Montreal Municipal Elections



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As the dust settles on the November 2, 2025, municipal elections, a new political landscape is emerging in the Greater Montreal Area, defined by a significant changing of the guard at Montreal's city hall with the election of Mayor Soraya Martinez Ferrada. Yet, for the vibrant Hellenic-Canadian community, the story of this election is one of remarkable continuity, profound civic engagement, and a slate of impressive victories that reaffirm the community's deeply rooted role in shaping the region's public life.

Across Montreal, Laval, and the surrounding municipalities, candidates of Hellenic origin not only participated in dynamic and often hard-fought races but secured decisive mandates. From the powerful re-election of Borough Mayor Dimitrios (Jim) Beis to the thrilling independent victories of Aglaia Revelakis and Georgia Haloulos, and the sweeping win of Effie Giannou, the results signal a strong and enduring trust placed in these community leaders. The election was a clear demonstration of a community mobilized, engaged, and proud to contribute to the civic fabric of Quebec.

This powerful showing was the culmination of a focused, principled, and deeply felt call to action from Hellenic community leaders. Weeks before the vote, the Canadian Hellenic Congress (CHC) issued a public statement urging «all Quebecers of Hellenic descent to honour and respect our democratic principles by exercising their duty and right to vote.» In a clear voice of community solidarity, the CHC urged citizens to support candidates of Hellenic descent, framing the act of voting as a vital way to ensure the community's voice is heard.

This call for participation was complemented by the substantive policy engagement of the Hellenic Congress of Quebec (HQC). In its October 2025 «Position Paper for Municipal Elections,» the HQC moved beyond simple representation, outlining a sophisticated vision for the future of Montreal, Laval, and the South Shore. The document detailed community priorities on critical issues such as public safety, economic support for small and medium-sized enterprises, and the urgent need for affordable housing.

Significantly, the paper emphasized the development of senior residences with services that «reflect the cultural diversity of our cities,» a point that powerfully links the Hellenic value of respecting one's elders with practical municipal policy. This pre-election engagement demonstrates a mature political community, one that not only seeks a seat at the table but also brings a detailed menu of ideas to improve life for all citizens.

Following the results, the pride in this engagement was palpable. In a congratulatory letter to the new officials, the Hellenic Congress of Quebec celebrated their success as a testament to Hellenic values. «You embody the values of 'philotimo', civic duty, and resilience that have long defined the Hellenic spirit,» wrote HQC President Sotirios Antypas. «Your presence in local government affirms the vital role Canadians of Hellenic descent play in shaping inclusive, sustainable, safe and forward-looking cities... Your service honors the generations who came before you and lights the path for those yet to come.»

The pillars of victory: Beis and Giannou

Nowhere was this mandate more decisive than in Pierrefonds-Roxboro, where Dimitrios (Jim) Beis, running for Ensemble Montréal, secured an impressive re-election as Borough Mayor. His victory, which reflects the overwhelming support seen in 2021 when he captured 60.4% of the vote, confirms his strong and unshakable position in the local community.

Beis's powerful mandate was achieved in a borough with one of Montreal's lowest voter turnouts, at just 28.05%. This data suggests that his success is built on an exceptionally well-organized and highly mobilized electoral base that turned out en masse to support him in an environment of generalized political apathy. He enjoys the undivided support of those who voted, granting him a strong and undeniable mandate to continue his work.

A similarly sweeping victory was achieved by Effie Giannou in the Bordeaux-Cartierville district of Ahuntsic-Cartierville. Also a candidate for the victorious Ensemble Montréal, Giannou secured a commanding 56.74% of the vote. With 3,635 votes, she finished with a clear 2,054-vote lead over her closest rival. Her re-election confirms her strong personal presence in the area and her ability to capitalize on the new governing party's momentum.

The independent spirit: Revelakis and Haloulos defy the odds

Equally significant were the victories of two independent candidates, who proved that deep community roots and personal appeal can triumph over established party machines.

In Laval's Chomedey district, the race was a true thriller. Incumbent independent councillor Aglaia Revelakis was re-elected, securing 1,143 votes. She won by a razor-thin margin of just 38 votes over Action Laval's Costa Deeb, who received 1,105 votes. In a race where every vote was critical, Revelakis's victory as an independent is a powerful testament to her personal relationship with the local community, which transcended party loyalties and rewarded her recognized service.

In Montreal, Georgia Haloulos achieved a remarkable victory as an independent city councillor in the Le Point d'Outremont district. Her win is particularly noteworthy for its context. Haloulos won her seat in Outremont, the borough that recorded the highest voter turnout in all of Montreal, an impressive 55.82%.

By gathering 2,864 votes (42.35%) to defeat the Projet Montréal candidate, Haloulos demonstrated that her message resonated with a broad, politically aware, and highly engaged audience. Her success as an independent in such a high-turnout area shows that voters prioritized her local positions and personal candidacy over party lines, granting her a strong and wide-ranging popular mandate.

Strength across the region

The Hellenic community's success was not confined to a few key boroughs. In Laval, Vasilios Karidogiannis of Action Laval was comfortably re-elected in the L'Abord-à-Plouffe district, taking 61.10% of the vote and confirming the stable trust citizens have placed in him. The breadth of this influence was evident on the wider Greater Montreal map. In Kirkland, Nancy Kokinasidis was declared the winner by acclamation in the Brunswick district, an absolute victory that required no vote. Success was also achieved in Beaconsfield, where Anastasia Assimakopoulos was elected to the city council, and in the Town of Mount Royal, with the election of Kosta Lambos. The community also secured a dual victory in Brossard with the election of both Nicolas Thomas and Barbara Vafopoulos to the city council. This widespread success underlines the HQC's post-election message, which celebrated these individuals as stewards of public service and «cultural continuity» in municipalities across the metropolitan area.

The battles decided by a handful of votes

While many celebrated, the election also produced moments of incredible tension, highlighting the importance of every single ballot. The most dramatic contest unfolded in the Parc-Extension district, where Mary Deros, a veteran of local government and a candidate for Ensemble Montréal, found herself in a true judicial thriller.

According to preliminary results, Deros was trailing her Projet Montréal opponent by just six votes. This marginal difference automatically triggered a request for a judicial recount. The final outcome remains suspended, as the race's fate lies in the re-examination of an unusually large number of spoiled or rejected ballots, numbering 211. This number, nearly 35 times larger than the vote difference itself, means the recount is not a simple re-addition but a careful legal review of each disputed ballot. The entire community awaits the final judgment in this incredibly close race.

The narrow margins in Parc-Extension and Chomedey are a poignant reminder of the value of participation. This sentiment was echoed by the Canadian Hellenic Congress in its post-election message. The CHC extended congratulations not only to the winners but also to «all the Quebecers of Hellenic descent who had the courage to put their names down on the ballot but, unfortunately, did not get elected.»

«We are equally proud of you,» the CHC statement read. «We wish you all the best in your lives and ask that you please not give up your desire to be of public service in our society.» This message poignantly includes candidates like Costa Deeb, who came within 38 votes of victory, as well as Despina Sourias of Projet Montréal, an outgoing councillor in Loyola who was defeated by the strong Ensemble Montréal wave, and Lemonia Strapatsas, who was unsuccessful in her bid in Mile-End.

A mandate forged in a climate of apathy

This strong community showing took place against a backdrop of wider citizen disengagement. The total voter turnout in Montreal was a worryingly low 36.52%, the third-lowest participation rate since 1970. This continuous decline in civic participation makes the Hellenic community's mobilization all the more significant.

The data reveals that the victories were not uniform. The high turnout in Outremont (55.82%) that elected Georgia Haloulos contrasts sharply with the low turnout in Pierrefonds-Roxboro (28.05%) that re-elected Dimitrios Beis. This differentiation is critical. It shows that Hellenic candidates won by different means: some by inspiring a broad, politically active electorate, and others by mastering the mobilization of a dedicated electoral base.

The final tally of the November 2 election confirms a significant number of victories for candidates of Hellenic origin, spanning major municipalities including Montreal, Laval, Brossard, Kirkland, Beaconsfield, and the Town of Mount Royal. The results include decisive party wins, re-elections by acclamation, and highly competitive independent victories. The overall landscape of the community's representation, however, is not yet fully settled, as the final outcome of the election in Montreal's Parc-Extension district awaits a judicial recount for a race decided by a preliminary six-vote margin.

Laval to enforce new parking light system

Aglaia Revelakis urges for public clarity

Aglaia Revelakis, the Municipal Councilor for Chomedey, recently discussed her political career, ongoing municipal projects, and issues facing Laval residents in an interview for the Greek radio program EDO Montreal 102.3 FM with Sylvia Petrides. Revelakis, who has served on the council since 2013, detailed her path into civic life and addressed topics including infrastructure and public safety.





A political path starting at a young age

Revelakis recounted that her interest in politics began when she moved to Laval at the age of 16. «I was 16 years old and slowly I liked politics and started to get involved more and more,» she stated. Her early involvement included working at all levels of government—municipal, provincial, and federal. She described her first role as a «scrutineer,» a job that no longer exists in the same form. «The scrutineer back then was the one who went door to door to write down the names of those who have the right to vote,» she explained. «Now there is the electoral list and it is not needed.»

Before her election, Revelakis was active in several community organizations. She served on the Board of Directors for the local CLSC and was the first on the board for the Centre du Sablon, a community center in Chomedey. Her professional background includes accounting, and her first job was with the Hellenic Orthodox Community of Laval. She described the role as being «almost the manager of the whole community,» where she organized festivals and fundraisers.

Her formal entry into campaign organization began in 1997 when she assisted with a campaign for Mr. Angelopoulos. The campaign's organizer, she said, «showed me from A to Z how to organize a pre-election campaign.» This experience led her to work with Mary Deros in Montreal. «Mrs. Deros is our mentor for all of us who have come after her,» Revelakis said, noting she organized three election campaigns for Deros.

In February 2013, she decided to run for office herself. A client of her tax preparation business introduced her to Mr. Gobeil, a party leader at the time. «I told him if I get into politics with you, I only want Chomedey and no other area,» she recalled.

Election History and Independent Status Revelakis was first elected in 2013. Reflecting on that victory, she said, «I was the only one who won in that team,» which resulted in her becoming the Leader of the Official Opposition in Laval. «In four years I was the official opposition at the City of Laval. That was a big title for me.»

In the 2017 election, she was again the only member of her party to win her seat. By the 2021 election, the party's council presence grew. «In 2021, when the last elections were held, five of us from the team came out,» she said. In the 2021 election, she secured 52.2% of the vote in her district.

In February 2025, Revelakis made the decision to leave her party and sit as an independent councilor, citing a disagreement over the choice of a candidate for mayor. «I decided that this person is not the right person for me to support the Municipality and I decided to run as an independent,» she stated. She announced her decision at a Tuesday city council meeting without prior notice. «I went up and said that I am running as an independent and everyone was talking with their mouths open,» she said. «From then on I am independent and I work for my residents, because they elected me.» She affirmed her commitment to her constituents, stating, «whatever they need they always know where to find me and they always know that when they call me I will answer them.» She also noted that she now has three staff members assisting her with municipal affairs.

Services for Seniors and Community Support For 26 years, Revelakis has been the administrator of an affordable housing complex for seniors. «We rent apartments for residents who are over 60 years old,» she explained, clarifying that it is for independent living and does not provide services like meals or nursing care. She emphasized the importance of social connection for residents. «What I see after 26 years, yes, what you said is correct, that people need communication,» she said.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, she described her approach as keeping residents in their own «bubble.» While visitors were not allowed in the building, she said, «I was the only housing that let people have contact with each other. To come downstairs, to talk.» She stated this resulted in «no cases of covid inside our building.»

Revelakis also spoke about assisting residents who face language barriers when dealing with the municipality. She explained the city's official procedure: «They have to call 311, ask for an RC number, give me an authorization and then I can help them. This is the plan that the Municipality has. The system works like that and I'm sorry if we trouble them, but what can we do.»

Public safety and community engagement

In response to an increase in gang activity, Revelakis proposed a motion to create a committee to address the issue. «I submitted a proposal to the Municipality of Laval in cooperation with the other two groups... to work together, along with the experts, because we are not experts on this matter, with the police, with the social services, and to be able to find solutions,» she stated.

The committee's work lasted six to seven months and produced a report. «What we saw was that yes, this crime exists in Laval and especially in Chomedey, because in Chomedey there are 42 different nationalities,» she said. She noted that crime has since decreased and that police have increased their presence. «The police have tried to be more present in the parks. In the summer they were more present.»

She also commented on youth discipline. «It starts from home,» she said. «Parents must always have a little strictness with their children at home, because when you leave them as free birds, they do whatever they want. And they don't respect anyone.»

Municipal Infrastructure and Services Revelakis addressed several areas of concern for residents, including parks, roads, and a new parking system.

«The parks are very important because the parks are an era before and the children need different games,» she said, mentioning recent renovations and new facilities. The Centre du Sablon has a new area for skateboarding, and another park has new pickleball courts.

Regarding the state of the roads, she acknowledged public dissatisfaction. She recounted raising the issue in a June council meeting. «The roads had not been cleaned, the people were shouting, the sweeper had not passed,» she said. «They told us that the sweepers are broken.» She raised the issue again at the August meeting, noting that «only 37% have come out.»

A significant source of public confusion is a new system of lights intended to signal parking restrictions for street cleaning and snow removal. «People have been confused,» she said. «One day the lights will turn on because the lights always turn on and the next day the sweeper passes. The lights turn on, the sweeper doesn't pass.» This has led some residents to ignore the lights.

Revelakis clarified the system's operation: «When you see the light on, we don't park. The same day you turn on the light is for the next day. The light turns on and tells you from 7 in the morning to 5 not to park.» She stated that the city plans to begin enforcement in September. «They will start giving tickets to anyone who doesn't move the car when they should, and not only that, they can also tow you.» She has asked the city to publish clearer instructions for the public.

For any residents needing assistance, Revelakis provided her direct phone number: (514)242-5761.

President of Cyprus visits Canada and engages with business leaders

The President of the Republic of Cyprus, Nikos Christodoulides, is visiting Toronto as part of a broader effort to expand economic ties with North America and attract new streams of investment. During his stay, the President met with business leaders and investors, while also attending a working lunch dedicated to exploring opportunities for collaboration with Cyprus. His visit marks an important step in strengthening Cyprus's role as a gateway for international business and innovation.

At the meetings, President Christodoulides highlighted the strengths of the Cypriot economy and its evolving character in line with global challenges. He emphasized reforms currently being implemented to create a more flexible and competitive business environment, pointing out that Cyprus has established itself as a credible and stable investment destination. Special attention was drawn to sectors such as financial services, information and communication technologies, renewable energy, and shipping, which are viewed as pillars of sustainable growth.

Addressing investors in Toronto, the President underlined the unique geographic position of Cyprus, located at the crossroads of Europe, the Middle East, and Africa. He explained that this strategic location, combined with transparent legal and regulatory frameworks, provides significant advantages for companies seeking to expand their activities. He further noted that Cyprus has adopted policies aimed at fostering innovation, entrepreneurship, and outward-looking growth strategies.

The working lunch brought together influential representatives of the Canadian business community, who were briefed in detail about Cyprus's economic trajectory and its investment incentives. The President spoke about the country's clear path of development, pointing to consistent growth rates, improvements in productivity, and efforts to transition toward a green and digital economy. He also emphasized the government's commitment to supporting human capital, which remains a central factor in driving innovation and sustaining competitiveness.

Part of his message focused on the energy sector and the potential of Cyprus to emerge as a regional hub for energy connectivity. The Cypriot delegation outlined ongoing projects in renewable energy, energy security, and infrastructure development, which create a favorable climate for partnerships. Attention was also given to initiatives promoting transparency and good governance, elements which the President described as vital in shaping a trustworthy and resilient economy.

Beyond business matters, President Christodoulides acknowledged the important role of the Cypriot diaspora in Canada. He expressed appreciation for the contribution of expatriates in strengthening cultural and economic ties between the two countries and reaffirmed that engaging the diaspora is an integral part of Cyprus's broader strategy in North America.

The visit to Toronto is the first stop of a wider mission that continues in New York, where the President will participate in international forums and hold meetings with foreign leaders and global organizations. These engagements are expected to further enhance Cyprus's international presence, opening new channels for cooperation in economic, political, and cultural fields.

Speaking at his engagements in Toronto, President Christodoulides projected confidence in the country's future.



He noted that Cyprus is steadily positioning itself as an attractive destination for international investors by offering stability, security, and long-term prospects. He stressed that the government is committed to consolidating these advantages and ensuring that Cyprus remains aligned with global economic transformations.

According to a press release, the meetings in Canada underline a consistent policy approach by the Cypriot leadership, which aims not only to attract investment but also to diversify the economy and secure sustainable development. By reaching out to business communities abroad, Cyprus continues to broaden its network of partnerships and reaffirm its standing on the international investment map.

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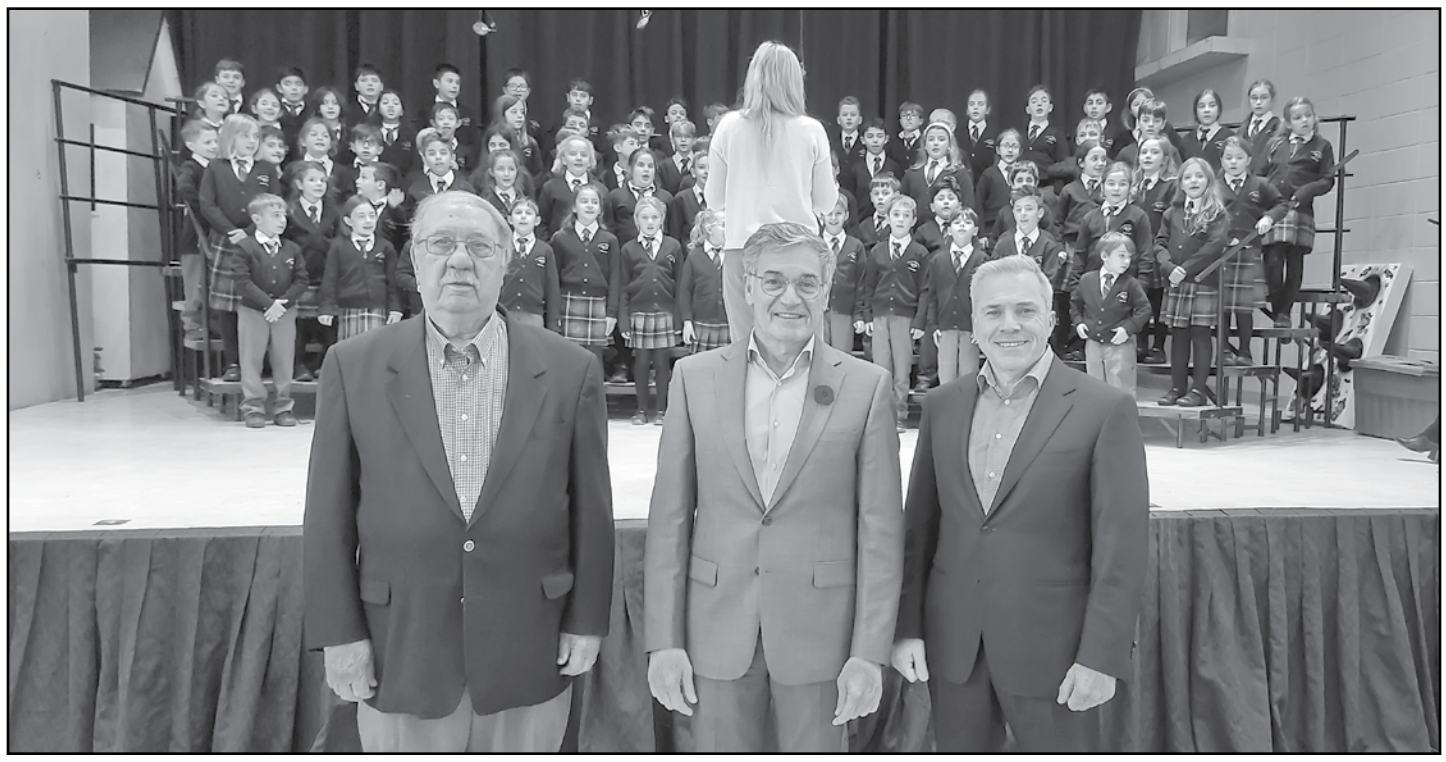
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Hellenic community rallies for annual radio marathon

Annual Fundraiser aims to secure future of Greek education



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from left to right: Tasso Xipolitakis, Basile Angelopoulos and George Tsitouras

The Hellenic Community of Greater Montreal (HCGM) is preparing for one of its most significant annual traditions, the Radio Marathon 2025. The day-long fundraising event, scheduled for Saturday, **November 29, 2025**, is dedicated to supporting the HCGM's "Socrates-Demosthenes" trilingual schools.

This year's event will broadcast live from Le Chateau Royale in Laval. It represents a cornerstone of the community's philanthropic efforts, uniting media partners to raise critical funds for the preservation and advancement of Hellenic education in Montreal. The broadcast on November 29 will be on carried by:

- CFMB 1280 AM (9 AM to 2 PM),
- CINQ 102.3 FM (2 to 3 PM), and
- CJLV 1570 AM (3 to 5 PM).

The fundraiser is organized by the HCGM's Fundraising Committee, chaired by Tasso Xipolitakis, with community leader George Tsitouras serving as this year's Honorary President. The event's singular goal is to raise funds for the maintenance, renovation, and technological upgrading of the HCGM's six school buildings, which serve as the hub for trilingual education and cultural transmission for hundreds of students.

Basile Angelopoulos, President of the HCGM, recently highlighted the profound importance of the schools' mission, framing them as essential to the very continuation of Hellenic identity in the diaspora.

"It is the era of the radio marathon, an event that is organized every year at this time," Mr. Angelopoulos said. He described the schools as "factories that make Greeks," drawing a distinction between identity by birth and identity by education. "The children born in Greece are born Greek. The children born here must become Greek. And only in these schools... can they have a true hope of learning our Greek culture, our civilization, our religion, our customs, and of course, our language."

The funds raised are earmarked for tangible, pressing needs across the school network. "Our schools have enormous needs and will continue to have enormous needs," Mr. Angelopoulos stated, "Some [schools] need windows changed, others need the toilets renovated, others need to upgrade the heating systems, others need to upgrade the air conditioning systems."

This focus on infrastructure is coupled with a commitment to modern educational tools. Organizers point to past successes of the marathon, which funded the acquisition of "the famous Smart Boards, which are now in every class," a technological leap from the chalkboards of previous generations.

Tasso Xipolitakis, the Fundraising Committee's long-serving president, has witnessed the community's schools evolve from humble beginnings. "The first school was in the basement of Holy Trinity," Mr. Xipolitakis recalled. "We progressed to the basement of St. George... where they used to separate the classrooms with rails."

From those basements, the community has built an educational "diamond," as Mr. Xipolitakis described it, through decades of collective effort. The Fundraising Committee, he noted, has channeled the community's generosity into numerous large-scale projects, including "$375,000 for the Smart TVs, $140,000 for the toilets at Demosthenes," and $365,000 for playground work, in addition to supporting supplementary education programs.

This year's Honorary President, George Tsitouras, brings a deeply personal connection to the cause. "For me, our beloved schools, and for my wife Panagiota, they have been in our lives and in our hearts for over 30 years," Mr. Tsitouras shared. "Our children went to Socrates, and now our grandchildren attend."

Mr. Tsitouras, who has been lauded by Mr. Xipolitakis as a potential successor for the committee's presidency, is appealing to the entire community, from families to professionals, to unite for the event. He noted that last year's effort raised $120,000, and he hopes to see the community surpass that. "Let's reach $200,000 this year," he urged.

Mr. Tsitouras also announced a special dedication for this year's marathon: "This year we want to dedicate the Radio Marathon to the mothers who send their children to Socrates-Demosthenes."

Inside the schools, the impact of this community support is evident. At the Socrates V campus in Laval, the mission of blending heritage with modern education is palpable. In one classroom, students like Katerina, Artemis, and Christina work on robotics projects, programming and assembling complex machines.

In another, teacher Ilias Bardouniotis spoke of his role in fostering a love for the Greek language. "I am particularly happy to be able to practice this profession, because I am given the opportunity to transmit to them the love I have for the Greek language and culture," he said. "They love the lesson very much, whatever we do, even our history, our songs, they are especially happy."

The students themselves are the most powerful testament to the schools' success. "I love my school because I feel it is a family environment," said Elena Polykratis, a Grade 6 student. "I have learned to speak, write, and read in Greek and I am very proud of that."

Her classmate, Andrianna Palmou, agreed. "I have made important friendships and I know I will keep them for my whole life."

This sentiment of pride and belonging, of connecting with ancestors and a wider history, is a common thread. It is this spirit that the HCGM leadership hopes to galvanize on November 29.

Mr. Angelopoulos framed the act of donating as a lesson in itself. "Philanthropy is not learned just by reading books," he said. "Philanthropy is something that is learned from examples, from actions, from gestures... Tell your children about it... so that they too, tomorrow morning, can have this sense of philanthropy and of helping others."

The Radio Marathon 2025 will be broadcast live from Le Chateau Royale, 3500 Boul du Souvenir, Laval, on Saturday, November 29. The community is invited to tune in and participate throughout the day on CFMB 1280 AM, Radio Centre-Ville CINQ 102.3 FM, and CJLV 1570 AM. Organizers will be at Le Chateau Royale to accept donations, and contributions can also be made online through the HCGM website.

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Sold out Montreal crowd cheers Protopsalti's philanthropic show



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The lights of Théâtre Maisonneuve dimmed, but the collective spirit of Montreal's Hellenic community illuminated the packed auditorium. On Friday, October 25, 2025, a palpable wave of anticipation and pride filled the air as the legendary Greek performer, Alkistis Protopsalti, took the stage for her only scheduled North American performance. The evening was a profound gathering of purpose, organized by The Hellenic Initiative (THI) Canada as its landmark 2025 fundraiser. The event, sold out and brimming with emotion, stood as a testament to the community's enduring bond with its heritage and its commitment to philanthropy.

From the first note, Protopsalti, a dynamic force of nature, commanded the stage. She brought all the colors of the Greek soul to Montreal, delivering a performance that was at once powerful and tender, weaving through moments of passionate "kefi" and quiet, shared reflection. The energy was electric, a circuit of mutual admiration between the artist and an audience that sang along, word for word, to cherished anthems. The night was, as Federal MP Annie Koutrakis later described it, "a magical evening at Place des Arts, a night filled with music, pride, and emotion."

"The legendary Alkistis Protopsalti lit up the stage with her incredible voice," Ms. Koutrakis noted, reflecting the sentiment of the entire theatre. The event was a powerful demonstration of intergenerational unity, celebrating the Hellenic spirit in a city that so many Greeks call home.

A defining and deeply moving highlight of the evening was the collaboration between the artist and the talented youth of the local community. Protopsalti was joined on stage by the choir of the Socrates-Démosthène School, Campus III. Under the precise direction of Maestro Dimitris Ilias and the supervision of campus director Christos Filandrianos, the students' voices soared, blending seamlessly with Protopsalti's seasoned vocals. Their presence was a living symbol of cultural transmission. Anastasios Moussas, Canadian President of AHEPA, was in attendance and praised the collaboration, stating, "Bravo to the students - members of the Choir of the Socrates- Demosthenes III School and their teacher-director Dimitris Ilias, they were wonderful."

The genuine connection between Protopsalti and the choir was forged before the curtain rose. A heartwarming anecdote circulated from the days prior: two days before the concert, during what the choir believed was just another rehearsal, the door to their music room opened unexpectedly. Protopsalti herself walked in, surprising the students, whose expressions of shock quickly turned to "indescribable joy." It was the first time they had met the renowned performer with whom they were about to share the stage. A spontaneous and lively final rehearsal ensued, a moment that "sealed the path to the big night" and created a bond visible to everyone in the audience on October 25.

This connection reached its emotional zenith during the concert. As the choir sang, Protopsalti was seen to tear up on multiple occasions, visibly moved by the fresh, earnest voices performing her songs. The audience, witnessing this tender exchange, rose to its feet in a sustained standing ovation, their applause echoing the deep emotion of the moment. The artist, herself a child of the diaspora, was clearly overwhelmed. In a statement after the event, Protopsalti encapsulated the feeling: "An evening forever engraved in my heart! Thank you so much!!!! You were wonderful!!! The children are in my heart!!! I will never forget them!"

Her profound connection to the children and the audience at large stems from a shared experience. As a child of the diaspora, born in Alexandria, Egypt, Protopsalti's family was also displaced, eventually restarting their lives in Greece. This personal history provides a deep understanding of the "ache and the thorn" that can exist in the soul of the diaspora. Her performance was a direct and personal offering to that spirit, an opportunity for the community to "travel back to the homeland, even mentally, through music."

This powerful emotional undercurrent was channeled toward a concrete goal. The concert was the flagship event for The Hellenic Initiative Canada's 2025 fundraiser. The organization plays a critical role in strengthening the ties between the diaspora and Greece by raising funds to support vital programs. According to the event's charter, all proceeds are directed to support "youth, the elderly, education and entrepreneurship in Greece." The beneficiaries include vital organizations such as Regeneration, which creates professional opportunities for youth in Greece, as well as Oikogeneia and Emfasis, which support vulnerable citizens and families.



Mr. Puffs' generosity sweetens *Pink in the City* fundraiser

On the evening of Friday, October 24, 2025, the halls of Le Château Royal in Laval were filled with an atmosphere of profound emotion, elegant celebration, and determined hope. More than 850 community leaders, supporters, and breast cancer survivors gathered for the annual "Magic of Hope" Gala, the flagship fundraising event for Pink in the City.

This year, the event was anchored by the significant participation of Mr. Puffs, a brand synonymous with Hellenic heritage and community values. Serving as Elite Sponsors, the company, celebrated for its modern take on traditional Greek loukoumades, demonstrated a deep commitment that extended far beyond a simple corporate donation.

The gala itself was a moving testament to the community's resilience. Guests walked a pink carpet, a symbolic pathway honoring survivors, before entering a ballroom energized by the live music of the Freddy James Project. The evening was not just a fundraiser but a communal embrace, celebrating life while raising critical funds for the MUHC Foundation's Breast Centre Wellness Program.

The "Magic of Hope" Gala is the culmination of a movement that began nearly two decades ago. Pink in the City was founded in 2006, not in a boardroom, but from a simple, heartfelt gesture: founder Denise Vourtzoumis's 11-year-old son, Lawrence, asked to shave his head to raise money in solidarity with breast cancer patients.

That singular act of compassion has since grown into a powerful non-profit organization that has raised over $3 million.

"What became as one small idea [has grown] to become a lasting legacy of hope and healing," Vourtzoumis stated in a statement leading up to the gala. She emphasized the inclusive nature of the cause, a sentiment that resonates deeply within the multicultural Greek community. "We have a very multicultural, diverse



community, and breast cancer doesn't discriminate."

That spirit of inclusive support was championed by Mr. Puffs and its President and CEO, Tom Bountis. For Mr. Puffs, a company that has expanded from a single Laval location to over 70 stores, philanthropy is embedded in its business model.

In a statement issued on October 2, Bountis set the tone for the month, announcing a new campaign: for every medium box of 30 Puffs sold, $1 would be donated to breast cancer awareness.

"With growth comes responsibility," Bountis stated. "Supporting breast cancer awareness is one way we can give back, raise hope, and use our platform to amplify voices that need to be heard."

This initiative was not a standalone effort. It was part of a month-long commitment that saw the company sponsor the dessert at the October 1st Pink in the City charity event with its food truck, and again at the "Raise Craze" event on October 30.

The results of this campaign were tangible: Mr. Puffs successfully raised $15,000 from the in-store initiative alone. This contribution adds to the Mr. Puffs Group's formidable history of giving, which totals over $350,000 to breast cancer initiatives, funding research, education, and direct support.

At the gala, Bountis elaborated on this philosophy, framing it as a personal mission rather than a corporate strategy. "When we donate, host awareness events, or partner with organizations, it's more than a marketing campaign. It's personal," Bountis explained. "Our goal is to make a real difference... in research, in early detection, in the lives touched by this disease."

The vital importance of that difference was personified by the survivors who attended the gala, including Marouche, who was diagnosed with triple-negative breast cancer in 2019 and is now in remission. She shared her perspective on the journey, offering words of strength.

"I just had to make sure to get through it," she recalled. "No matter how bad the day might be, it's going to get better. Because the chemo, I never looked at it as poison going into my body. I always looked at it as the medicine that was needed."

It is for survivors like Marouche that the funds are raised, benefiting the wellness program at the MUHC led by Dr. Sarkis Meterissian. The program focuses on holistic patient care, addressing the physical, psychological, and social well-being of patients during and after treatment.

The sense of broad community responsibility was visible throughout the room. The Greek-Canadian diaspora was strongly represented, with dignitaries including the President of the Hellenic Community of Greater Montreal, Basile Angelopoulos, and Senator Leo Housakos in attendance, demonstrating a unified front of support for the cause.

The gala's attendees actively participated in the fundraising. The energy was palpable during the various charitable activities, which included a silent auction, raffles, and the popular "Balloon Pop," where guests purchased balloons for $100 for a chance to win WestJet tickets. A live draw for a new Volvo SUV, courtesy of Groupe Taddeo, rounded out the night's major fundraising efforts.

Denise Vourtzoumis sees this groundswell of support as validation of their nearly two-decade-long mission. "It validates the importance of a community coming together and really embracing change for the future," she said.

For Mr. Puffs, that change begins with turning an everyday pleasure into a vehicle for philanthropy. The company's deep integration into the Pink in the City events, from its status as Elite Sponsor of the gala to its hands-on dessert sponsorships, illustrates a modern approach to Hellenic ideals of community care.

Tom Bountis captured this mission in a final, powerful call to action. "Every puff we sell carries more than flavor. It carries possibility of hope, awareness, and action. We're dedicated to growing this movement, and we invite everyone... to join us on this journey."

Η ειρηνοποιός παρέμβαση του Τραμπ δια την παγκόσμια ειρήνη



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Η καταλυτική συμβολή του Τράμπ στις διαπραγματεύσεις μεταξύ Ισραήλ και Παλαιστίνης, ήσαν σημαντικές για την δρομολόγηση τυχόν εξελίξεων, αφενός καταπαύσεως των μαινομένων σκληρών εχθροπραξιών και εξ ετέρου, δια την επίτευξης μίας συμφωνίας, δια την επικράτηση της ειρηνεύσεως, εις την Λωρίδα της Γάζας.

Ο στόχος είναι να μην οξυνθούν εκατέρωθεν οι μεταξύ τους σχέσεις και η μη διολίσθηση σε ακραίες στάσεις και συμπεριφορές, γεγονός το οποίο απαιτεί τω όντι, μία βιώσιμη και αμοιβαίως δεκτή ισότιμη λύση, ως προς την παραίτηση από όποιες διεκδικήσεις αλλά και την διαρκή προσπάθεια τηρήσεως των συμπεφωνημένων δυνάμει παρουσίας μία διαρκούς επιτροπής ελέγχου, του «Συμβουλίου της Ειρήνης».

Εν άλλοις λόγοις, δια άλλη μία φορά, οι Η.Π.Α επιχειρούν να συμβάλλουν ουσιωδώς εις την εδραίωση της ειρήνης με κράτιστο γνώμονα την διαβούλευση και την δόγμα ότι η καλύτερη μορφή επιλύσεως των προβλημάτων από την κόλαση ενός πολέμου, είναι μία μορφή διαπραγμάτευσης με ό,τι συνέπειες επέλθουν δια τα εμπλεκόμενα μέρη.

Ο Τραμπ, όπως και εις την παρέμβασή του με την Ρωσία, επιδιώκει την επίτευξη και την εδραίωση της ειρήνης δρώντας με στρατηγικό σχεδιασμό, σοβαρότητα υπευθυνότητα, επιδιώκοντας να αναγορευθεί σε παγκόσμα γεωοπολιτικώς ηγεμονική δύναμη παραδίδοντας, τρόπον τινά, εποικοδομητικά μαθήματα διπλωματίς και εις τις λοιπές χώρες.

Ασφαλώς το διεθνές ανταγωνιστικό περιβάλλον, οι εύθραυστες ισορροπίες, οι αντικρουόμενοι συνασπισμοί κρατών, συνιστούν διόλου ευκαταφρόνητες δυνάμεις, -εις στρατιωτικό και οικονομικό επίπεδο-, οι οποίες ενίοτε, αμίλλωνται τις Η.Π.Α, ή επιδιώκουν την πρωτοκαθεδρία και έστω την ήπια σύγκρουση, παρά ταύτα όμως, ο διαχρονικώς αποτελεσματικός τρόπος των Η.Π.Α υπέρ της παγκόσμιας ειρήνης και ενάντια της στυγνής τρομοκρατίας, του ακραίου θρησκευτικού φοντομενταλισμού αλλά και κατά οιασδήποτε ακραίας τάσης, η οποία κατατείνει να υποσκάψει τα θεμέλια του πολιτισμού αλλά και των Δυτικών Δημοκρατιών καθίσταται αδιαμφισβήτητη.

Τηρουμένων, τοίνυν, των αναλογιών ο Έλληνας Πρωθυπουργός, ως εικός, ήταν τυπικός, ως προς την προκαθορισμένη επίσκεψη την Τρίτη 23-9-2025, με τον Ερντογάν, ο οποίος εξετέθη ανεπανορθώτως, παρά την όποια ατελέσφορη απόπειρα επικοινωνιακής διαχειρίσεως, του αποτροπιασμού προς τη διεθνή κοινότητα, ένθα προεκάλει η αντιδεοντολογική του εν γένει συμπεριφορά και εν τέλει στάση του.

Είναι πρόδηλον ότι η ανορθόλογη αυτή κίνηση, συνιστά μομφή προς την ίδια την χώρα της Τουρκίας, καθότι ο ηγέτης της ουδέποτε παραστάθηκε εις την συνάντηση με τον Έλληνα Πρωθυπουργό, αναιτιολογήτως και άνευ ουδεμίας δόσεως πειστικής δικαιολογίας, πέραν από τις άναρθρες, αμιγώς επικοινωνιακού τύπου ιαχές, κραυγές και μηκυθμούς, οι οποίοι τεχνηέντως και όλως ανεδαφικώς, παροχετεύτηκαν εις τον Τουρκικό τύπο, ωσεί προπαγάδνας, προκειμένου να αποσείσουν τις ευθύνες του Ερντογάν προς την κοινή γνώμη, αποβλέποντας εν ταυτώ, προς την εκτόνωση της εντάσεως αλλά και την ισχυροποίηση των αντανακλαστικών του κόσμου της φοβικής Τουρκίας, ότι ο Ερντογάν, ως ηγέτης τους, δικαιούνται άνευ πρωτοκόλλου, ελέγχου και προγραμματισμού να αυθαιρετεί στις διεθνείς υποχρεώσεις του, ήτοι, να αυτομολεί, να ακυρώνει τις προκαθορισμένες, διακρατικές συναντήσεις τους, τορπιλίζοντας εκ βάθρων και άρδην, τις διπλωματικές σχέσεις.

Η βλάβη προς το κύρος της Τουρκίας εξαιτίας αυτής της ακαταλήπτου στάσεως, ήτο απτή προς το Διεθνές γίγνεσθαι καθότι ο εν θέματι, νηπιώδης, λεονταρισμός, καταδεικνύει τον τρόπο αντιλήψεως και καθολικής ερμηνείας του γίγνεσθαι, των Τούρκων, οι οποίοι διεκδικούν ευθέως και άνευ ετέρου τινός, την μερίδα του «λέοντος» τρέφοντες μαξιμαλιστικές γεωπολιτικές τάσεις εισέτι και ως προς τις Ελληνικές θάλασσες.

Η Ελλάδα ως πολιτισμένο κράτος, μέλος της Ε.Ε, ευθυγραμμιζόμενη αταλάντευτα με τις Παραδοσιακές συμμαχίες, έχει συμπήξει μία σταθερά και φερέγγυα, γεωστρατική στρατηγική και έχει αναπύξει ιδιαίτερα θερμές διπλωματικές σχέσεις με όλα τα κράτη του Οργανισμού των Ηνωμένων Εθνών, καθότι σέβεται τα θεμελιώδη ατομικά και κονωνικά δικαιώματα, της εθνική ταυτότητα και τον πολιτισμό των γείτονων χωρών και εν τέλει απολαμβάνει της διεθνούς αποδοχής.

Η ανεπίληπτη διπλωματική στάση της Ελλάδας αναπτύχθηκε περιτέχνως και διαρκούσης του θέρους, κατά τον χειρισμό των αναφυομένων τότε ζητημάτων αναφορικώς προς τον Όρος Σινά, λόγω των αναταράξεων, ως εκ τούτου καθίσταται απολύτως πασίδηλον, ότι η Ελλάδα, ναι μεν γεωγραφικά και πληθυσμιακά είναι αναντιρρήτως μικρή χώρα, εν τούτοις όμως, πέραν του πολιτισμού της ο οποίος συνιστά ανυπερθέτως την κιβωτό του Γένους, η πολιτική ηγεσία, με γνώμονα της, την πιστή συνέπεια, την εμπιστοσύνη και την σταθερότητα με τους διεθνούς οργανισμούς και θεσμούς, δύναται να αναγορευθεί εις μία αξιοσέβαστη ισότιμη χώρα με περιφερειακή δύναμη και ισχύ, η οποία συσφίγγει τις διακρατικές σχέσεις, απολαμβάνοντας, αναντιρρήτως, τον σεβασμό όλων των συμμετεχόντων χωρών.

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HCGM Board reviews audited financials, ‘non-sustainable’ debt, and approves new membership system



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MONTREAL – The Board of Directors of the Hellenic Community of Greater Montreal (HCGM) held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, November 4, 2025, at the community's headquarters. The session, covered a detailed agenda that included the presentation of the organization's audited financials, the new operating budget, the approval of a modern membership portal, and extensive reports on the state of the community's real estate assets and educational programs. The meeting outlined the organization's significant financial obligations alongside new strategic initiatives in technology and marketing.

The central focus of the meeting was the HCGM's financial position. The Board reviewed the audited results for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, as presented in the Treasurer's Report. The documents showed a total net operating loss of approximately $644,000. This figure represents a 57.48% reduction from the $1.5 million net loss reported in the previous 2023-2024 fiscal year. The results showed a cash deficit in the General Fund of approximately $805,000, while the Socrates-Demosthene Fund recorded a cash-positive position of approximately $161,000. The Treasurer’s report also detailed $571,084 in capital expenditures for the 2024-2025 fiscal year, which included $346,863 for the Socrates-Demosthene Fund (funding projects such as bathroom renovations and an air conditioning project at the Emerson campus) and $224,220 for the General Fund (funding projects such as roof and boiler repairs, and church maintenance).

HCGM President Basile Angelopoulos presented the proposed operating budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, which will be brought to the Annual General Assembly on November 16 for approval. He stated that the new budget projects a total operating deficit of under $400,000, reduced from over $600,000 in the previous year. Despite this, Mr. Angelopoulos used the term "non-sustainable" to describe the HCGM's current debt load. He specified that the organization makes annual payments of approximately $850,000 to the bank for interest and capital. The Treasurer's report, dated October 30, 2025, lists the HCGM's total estimated liabilities at $7,054,420. This figure includes a BMO Line of Credit of $1,994,488, which was noted in the report as "Nearly maxed out (vs. $2.0 million)". Mr. Angelopoulos announced that following the General Assembly, the finance team would begin discussions with banks to renegotiate the organization's debt.

Following the financial report, the board voted on several key initiatives. A significant motion was the approval of a new membership portal to replace the HCGM's current system. George Lazaridis, the Secretary of Business Intelligence, reported that the current database is 20 years old, fragmented, manual, and has been unsupported by its developer since 2003. The board reviewed an evaluation of five different CRM vendors and, following the administration's recommendation, voted to adopt a Quebec-based platform called "FindJoo". The cost was stated to be $335 per month, which the President noted is comparable to the $340 per month currently being paid for a limited "Keela" system. Mr. Angelopoulos stated the goal was to add tangible value to the membership card, telling the board, "an example is that we can go to business owners and ask them to give a discount to the members of the Hellenic Community". During the media question period, a question was raised about $30,000 spent by the previous administration on a different system, "BarcodeApps," which the Secretary's report noted was "commissioned but never implemented". Mr. Lazaridis responded that the money was paid for a framework but the project did not proceed, and he now considers those funds "lost".

The state of the HCGM's real estate portfolio was another major topic. The President reported that eight apartments in the "Foyer" building adjacent to the headquarters are in "miserable condition" and cannot be rented. He estimated the lost revenue at "at least $100,000 annually". Because the community cannot finance the repairs, Mr. Angelopoulos announced the renovations would be undertaken through volunteerism and donations. He publicly thanked several companies and individuals, including National Carpet, Nick Plombery, J.E. Plumming, AVALED, Mr. Zanis of Satoro Iaki, and Dion Kastelis, for committing to provide flooring, plumbing, lighting, paint, and electrical work.

Related to the properties, the President discussed a BoD tour that took place on October 18 to visit HCGM buildings in Montreal and Laval. Mr. Angelopoulos stated that it was his first time visiting some of the properties. "It was the first time I set foot in the South Shore community center," he said, adding that it was also his first time at the Laval Annex. He described the "sadness" the board members felt upon seeing the condition of the assets. In response to a member's question about the "Houde" building, the board confirmed it is in negotiations with the Armenian community to rent the property for its high school, with anticipated rent of "around $8,000" per month.

The new budget includes a significant increase for the marketing of École Socrates-Démosthène, rising from $30,000 to $100,000. The president stated this would fund promotion "12 months a year", rather than just during open house periods. This was supported by the Secretary of Education's report, which stated the goal is to make the school a "top-tier private school in Quebec". The report also highlighted recent school activities, including student participation as flagbearers in the 'OXI Day' Doxology and the performance of the 34-member Campus III choir at the October 25 Alkistis Protopsalti concert.

The Secretary of Public Relations' report provided a detailed summary of the recent 'OXI Day' celebrations. The events on October 26 included an official doxology at Holy Cross Church in Laval, attended by dignitaries including Ambassador Ekaterini Dimaki, and a family luncheon at Embassy Plaza with a record participation of 240 attendees.

Regional and cultural reports were also submitted. The South Shore report noted several upcoming events, including a Bouzouki Night on November 22, and the recent receipt of an $11,000 donation from a poker tournament organized by the Moraitis/Kidder family, which will be used for facility maintenance. The Secretary of Cultural Affairs reported that a committee will be established in November to begin planning for the HCGM's 120th anniversary in 2026 and the Greek Independence Day Parade.

The meeting also served to formally welcome the HCGM's new Executive Director, George Tsantrizos, who started on October 14. Mr. Tsantrizos addressed the board, describing himself as "a proud product of the community" and a former student of the HCGM's daycare and Socrates II school.

In other news, the President read a letter from a couple in the community who are finalizing their will to include a provision donating one-third of their estate to the HCGM. The board also formally ratified the topics for the Annual General Assembly, which is scheduled for Sunday, November 16, 2025, at Château Royal in Laval. The next Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for December 2, 2025.

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Μα δεν σε καταλαβαίνουν όλοι Είναι των ανθρώπων το ελάττωμα να αμφισβητούν ο,τι δεν κατανοούν και να φοβούνται.

Κι έτσι έξω από τις πόρτες σου κάποτε ακούγονται κραυγές φωνές που δεν ξέρουν μα ούτε και μπορούν να νιώσουν πώς μέσα σου στέλνονται προσευχές χιλιάδες προσευχές που τις ψυχές σε ανύψωση οδηγούνε

ούτε μπορούν να νιώσουν πώς μέσα σου γεννιούνται όνειρα χιλιάδες παιδικά όνειρα που ταξιδεύουν και γίνονται πράξη .

Πόσο θα ήθελα να σταματήσω τη στιγμή να βρω τη μνήμη να ιστορήσω, τον πλούτο σου τον πνευματικό, τον άυλο τον ζωντανό .

Δεν είμαι ποιητής ούτε συγγραφέας. Είμαι ένας ντελάλης του παλιού καιρού που έμεινε δίχως φωνή μα ξάφνου από τα μέσα μια άλλη φωνή πρόσταξε να γράψω δίχως το φόβο για τις λέξεις

Πολλές οι μουτζούρες πάνω στο χαρτί, σαν τ άπλυτα τα ρούχα του εργένη. Μα δεν πειράζει· Οταν η χρεία το απαιτεί πλένονται και φοριούνται Κι οι λέξεις που πονούν θα διαβαστούν.

Πώς να ακουστεί στις μέρες μας η ψυχή σου; Πώς να μπούνε οι ήχοι της αγάπης σου στις καρδιές μας;

Τόσα χέρια που υψώθηκαν Τόσα χέρια που χαράξανε σταυρούς προτίμησης Τόσα χέρια που σε αρνήθηκαν Άλλοτε σε πλήγωσαν κι άλλοτε σε προσπέρασαν αδιάφορα Μα πάντοτε όλοι γυρίσανε πίσω Κι εσύ κακία δεν κρατάς Όλα τα συγχωρείς

Γιατί ξέρεις πως μέσα σ αυτές τις παλάμες μια μικρή φλόγα κατοικεί. Ίσως μια αστείρευτη πηγή κι από εκεί, πάντα αναβλύζει μια νέα ζωή. Πάνω από την πόλη στο φως του ήλιου και της οικουμένης .

Καθένας με την κρίση του. Μα ποιος είναι ακέραιος; Στον καιρό του ο καθένας περπάτησε γυρεύοντας το καλό σου. Άλλοι το βρήκαν Άλλοι το έψαξαν μα όλοι στον ίδιο δρόμο .

Τώρα που προσπαθείς να προστατεύσεις το κορμί σου από το χρέος το βαρύ με ραγισμένη την καρδιά που δεν σε υψώσαν στο Λαβάλ, όλα τα έχεις συγχωρέσει. Μα μην αφήσεις τώρα πια να ρίξουν τον κλήρο τους ξανά για τα ιμάτια σου .

Άφησε την ψυχή να φτερουγά με τον αθέατο πυρσό για να φωτίσει τις γενιές στο χρέος το δικό τους

Πέρασε ο Αιώνας με την ζωή σου να κυλά στην αιωνιότητα, με των αγγέλων τις μελωδικές ψαλμωδίες, και τα χαρούμενα τραγούδια των παιδιών. Θα τα απλώνεις πάνω από την πόλη για να κοιμάται χαρούμενη, προσμένοντας την άλλη ημέρα που θα είναι καλύτερη. Ναι! Ετσι θα είναι. Γιατί εσύ είσαι γιαγιά, μητέρα, κόρη, αδελφή, παππούς, πατέρας, γιος, αδελφός.

Και ύστερα θα έρθει το πλήρωμα του χρόνου για να γυρίσει ο νους των ανθρώπων. Και τότε θα οχυρώσουν το μέλλον σου, με μια καθάρια φωνή, μια φωνή που θ ακουστεί στεντόρεια από μακριά, κι ας είναι τόσο κοντά.

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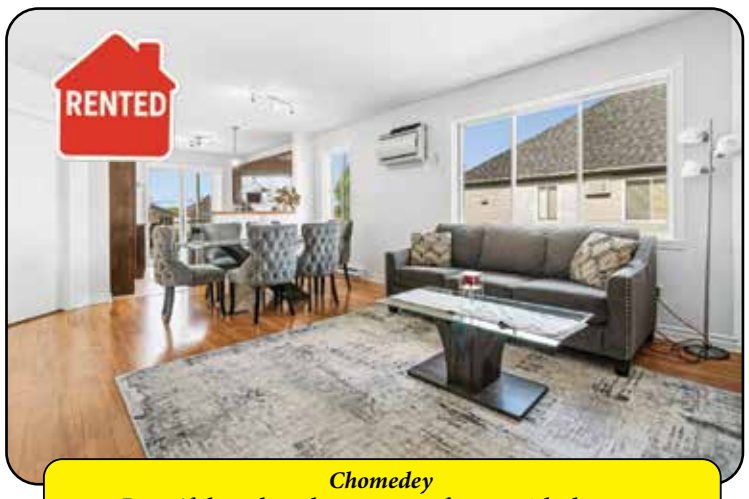
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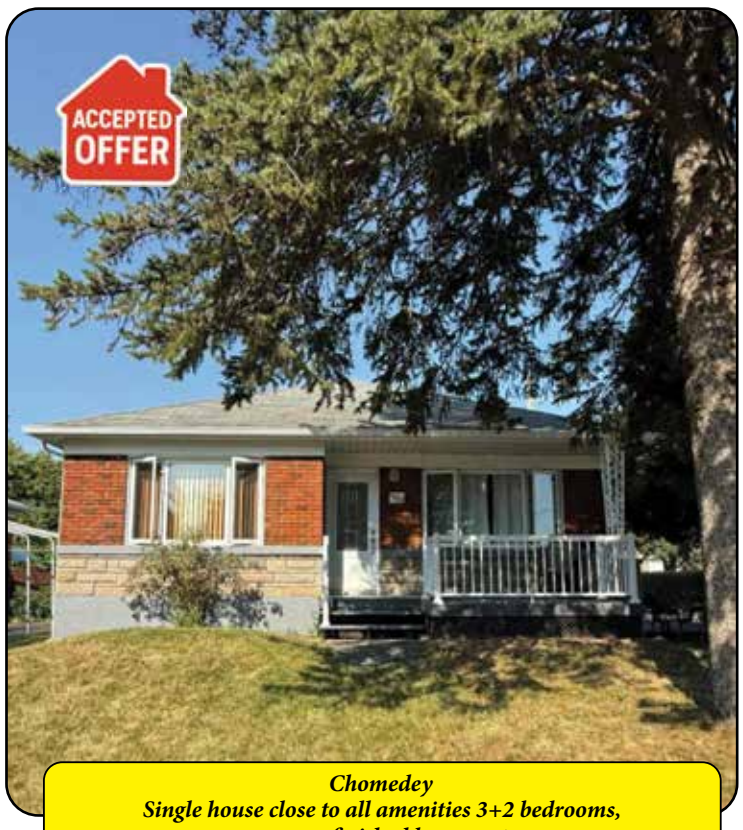
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