

Green Timbers Heritage Society Meeting Minutes



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In Attendance:

- Don Schuetze, Nathan Evans, Jim Foulkes, Amar Virk

Regrets:

- Bill Potma, Deanna Welters

Meeting Called to Order:

- 6:55 pm

Minutes approved.

New Business:

Jim: Stephen Pettigrew called

Running with McCallum's slate

- Lobbying for provincial removal of the Alternative Approval Process
- Run Skytrain down Fraser Highway and close road to traffic
- Close 144 Street

All candidates meeting tomorrow

Surrey Community Leaders & West Panorama Ratepayers Association are hosting an All-candidate Forum on Thursday Oct. 4th, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Please spread the word to your organizations, friends and family. This may be the only community hosted all-candidates forum this election.

Surrey Community Leaders, in conjunction with the West Panorama Ridge Ratepayers Association, distributed an 18-question survey to mayoral and council candidates. We will be sharing the results of that survey on Thursday evening and we will ask some follow-up questions to candidates based on their responses.

Forum Details:

- When: Thursday, October 4th, 7:00 p.m.
- Where: Colebrook United Church Hall, 5441 125a St, Surrey, BC V3X 1W4
- This event is being held on the traditional, ancestral and unceded Coast Salish territory.
- What: All-candidate Forum
- Why: To find out where the candidates stand on the issues.
- How: By posing questions based on the findings of the May 3rd Surrey Community Leaders' Forum and the candidate questionnaire.

The forum will start promptly at 7:00 p.m. and last for an hour and a half. There will be an opportunity to engage with the candidates following the forum.

Planning & Development report

6-storey transitional housing facility on Green Timbers Way

Letter thanking Kuldip for his work with us

Amar will send off some sort of thank you.

Nicomekl planning

The City of Surrey is planning a new riverfront park on the southside of the Nicomekl River in South Surrey. We invite you to share your ideas and feedback on the initial plan and concept designs by completing this survey.

AGM Nov 21

Ricky's, 5:30 Should we do a printed year-in-review? Consensus is generally it's a good idea. Nathan Evans has sent off request for info for advertising for AGM

Set up Whatsapp channel

Done

Meeting Adjourned:

- 7:51 pm
- Next meeting will be out AGM, Wednesday November 21, 2018 at Ricky's in the Evergreen Mall

Appendix 1: Calendar of upcoming events

Sat, November 3, 9:30am – 12:00pm

Sunnyside Acres planting

Sunnyside Acres Urban Forest, 2598 144 St

Habitat restoration in Sunnyside Acres Urban Forest is scheduled for Saturday morning, November 3, 2018 from 9:30 until planting is finished. Look for the ads in the Peace Arch News. Your participation is welcomed. Refreshment and all equipment is provided. (Via Facebook)

Wed, November 21, 5:30pm – 9:00pm **Green Timbers Gala, Banquet and Annual General Meeting** Ricky's All Day Grill - Evergreen, 8958 152 St The Green Timbers Heritage Society's Annual General Meeting. Please RSVP to info@greentimbers.ca

Appendix 2: News Mentions September-October, 2018

October

Foulkes, Charles join Surrey Civic Treasures club (October 3, 2018)

Historian and artist honoured at Business & the Arts event Tuesday at Surrey Arts Centre Jim Foulkes and Roxanne Charles were welcomed into the Surrey Civic Treasures club on Tuesday evening.

The pair are the latest winners of the annual award, given to those "who have achieved excellence in the production of the arts and/or made significant contributions to the development of arts and heritage in the City of Surrey and beyond."

https://www.northdeltareporter.com/community/video-foulkes-charles-join-surrey-civic-treasures-club/

Transitional housing facility, emergency shelter in Green Timbers moves forward (September 29, 2018, updated October 1, 2018)

Proposal includes 30-bed emergency shelter

Surrey council has moved forward a proposal to build a six-storey transitional housing facility and emergency shelter next to Green Timbers Urban Forest.

The City of Surrey submitted an application on behalf of BC Housing on June 21, 2018 to construct a six-storey transitional housing facility and emergency centre at 14150 Green Timbers Way.

City council voted Monday (Oct. 1) to give its approval for staff to draft a development permit, and also approved the terms of a development variance permit, which will now go to public notification. https://www.peacearchnews.com/news/transitional-housing-facility-emergency-shelter-in-green-timbers-c

oming-to-surrey-council/

September

Two-person 'Progressive Sustainable Surrey' slate joins election race (September 14, 2018)

Imtiaz Popat is running for mayor under the banner, and Deanna Welters to run for council Another new slate has materialized for the upcoming Surrey civic election on Oct. 20. Previously announced mayoral candidate Imtiaz Popat is joined by council candidate Deanna Welters and

together they call for reactivation of the inter-urban rail line instead of SkyTrain or LRT

Welters, who ran unsuccessfully for mayor in 2011, is a director of the Green Timbers Heritage Society. "I am running to save Green Timbers Urban Forest," said Welters in a release. "Both the proposed LRT and Skytrain will be detrimental to the forest. The construction of either project will be damaging to the fragile ecology of the forest and noise from both systems will be permanently disruptive to the biodiversity in the forest.

https://www.surreynowleader.com/municipal-election/two-person-progressive-sustainable-surrey-slate-joi ns-election-race/

Appendix 3: Facebook postings

September, 2018

Each paragraph was a shared link, a repost or a picture

updated on Sun Sep 30, 2018 12:38 **Feeling depressed about this:** Transitional housing facility, emergency shelter in Green Timbers coming to Surrey council https://www.peacearchnews.com/news/transitional-housing-facility-emergency-shelter-in-green-timbers-coming -to-surrey-council/

updated on Wed Oct 10, 2018 12:29 Sunflowers at the Surrey Nature Centre. Photos from Green Timbers Heritage Society's post

Fall colours. Photos from Green Timbers Heritage Society's post

updated on Wed Oct 10, 2018 14:27 **Mushrooms poking up now that it's wetter and a bit cooler** Photos from Green Timbers Heritage Society's post

updated on Fri Sep 21, 2018 22:16

Longtime GTHS director (and former president) Jim Foulkes has been selected as a Surrey Civic Treasure.

https://www.northdeltareporter.com/community/artist-history-buff-named-surrey-civic-treasures-for-2018/

updated on Tue Sep 25, 2018 14:14

Interested in ALR preservation? Someone is trying to take some land in Port Kells out of the ALR. Here's a petition against that.

https://www.change.org/p/adam-olsen-mla-leg-bc-ca-stop-conversion-of-alr-to-industrial-in-port-kells-9010-192st-19403-88-ave

updated on Tue Oct 02, 2018 13:51

You'd think by now companies would be more responsible.

Effluent from a cement plant is believed to have killed off salmon fry, crayfish and trout in the Nicomekl https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/british-columbia/huge-fish-kill-on-surrey-waterway-another-blow-to-conservati on-group-1.4828431

updated on Tue Sep 04, 2018 12:42 Green Timbers Urban Forest > September update from the Heritage Society

updated on Tue Sep 04, 2018 18:19

You may have heard about the giant cottonwood with an eagle's nest in South Surrey that had to be cut down because of vandals.

Here's an opportunity to help make sure there are plans to keep the eagles: https://hancockwildlife.org/support-for-bald-eagle-nests-in-the-lower-mainland/

Appendix 4: Communications

Invitation: Community Clean Up Challenge

Randeep.Sarai@parl.gc.ca 2018-09-04 13:32:52

View this email in your browser (https://mailchi.mp/02972822ef86/invitation-community-clean-up-challenge?e=a68c22d879) You're invited to...

Community Cleanup Challenge

I'd like to invite you to join me in the Community Cleanup Challenge! I'm teaming up with volunteers from across Surrey Centre to help clean up Brownsville Bar Park. It's a great opportunity to clean up garbage, plastic and pollution, and show our commitment to a cleaner environment for our kids and grandkids.

Here are the details:

DATE: September 8, 2018 TIME: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. LOCATION: 11931 Old Yale Rd, Surrey, BC V3V 3X3 WHAT TO BRING: Please dress for the weather and bring your own waterproof boots or shoes. Materials such as garbage bags will be provided. RSVP: By email at Randeep.Sarai.C1B@parl.gc.ca (mailto:Randeep.Sarai.C1B@parl.gc.ca)

As Canadians, we have a deep connection to the water. We're home to approximately 8,500 rivers, 2 million lakes, and the world's longest coastline connecting three different oceans.

From fishers to paddlers, swimmers to sailors, Canadians visit our oceans, rivers, lakes, and streams to earn a living and to enjoy the outdoors. But every year, 8 million tons of plastic flow into our oceans, choking our wildlife and damaging the natural spaces that we love.

Together, we can make a difference in Surrey Centre. I hope you'll join me.

Sincerely,

Randeep Sarai Member of Parliament for Surrey Centre

Commercial Insurance Program - New Insurance Contact at Foster Park Brokers Inc. 2018-09-05 16:07:35

------ Forwarded message ------From: Dawn-Anne Finley <dawnanne.finley@fosterpark.ca> Date: Wed, Sep 5, 2018, 3:39 PM Subject: Commercial Insurance Program - New Insurance Contact at Foster Park Brokers Inc. To: Dawn-Anne Finley <dawnanne.finley@fosterpark.ca> Good Afternoon,

We wanted to send you a quick note and advise of some changes we have had. Sydnee has recently relocated to another city with her family and is no longer with our organization. We were sad to see her go and wish her the best in her new adventures!

Will Lister, who has been working with your accounts already, will be handling all of Sydnee's clients. His contact info is as follows:

Will Lister Account Executive, Commercial/Life & Benefits D 604-579-1214| C 604-754-4337| will.lister@fosterpark.ca

Please do not hesitate to reach out to him with any questions or concerns about your insurance program.

Warm Regards, Dawn-Anne *Dawn-Anne Finley* B.Mgmt, CAIB *|* Operations Manager, Partner * FOSTER PARK* BROKERS D 778-574-1210| C 778-847-5493| #520-8621 201 Street

RE: Thanks for the presentation last night

creeksidefarms@shaw.ca 2018-09-05 16:17:43

Don: Thank You for the opportunity. As I said last night this is only the start. We need the public's help in either sharing our story, connecting us with like thinking people and/or help in our campaign. The announcement made yesterday should put to bed any thought of Skytrain to Langley, it is now up to us to speak up and bring common sense to the subject.

Lets keep in touch

All the best Rick

From: Green Timbers Heritage Society [mailto:greentimberssociety@gmail.com] Sent: Wednesday, September 5, 2018 9:37 AM To: Creekside Farms Subject: Thanks for the presentation last night

Hi Rick,

Thanks for coming out and giving an informative presentation last night.

I found it quite persuasive and I'm sure everyone else in the room felt the same way.

Please keep in touch!

Sincerely, don schuetze green timbers heritage society

Re: Survey Request - Status of Women Canada Project

2018-09-10 7:32:46

Hello Tessa,

Firstly, if you have already completed the below survey - thank you! Your perspective is invaluable to our research and I very much appreciate the time you've taken to support our work.

If you have not yet completed the survey, it would be great if you could do so by tomorrow, September 11. Our work hopes to, among other things, increase access of public consultation activities to diverse women, so they can play a larger role in government decision-making.

Please let me know if you have any questions about the project. You can access the survey here: Survey

Kindly,

Wendee

From: Wendee Lang Date: Tuesday, September 4, 2018 at 10:45 AM To: <greentimberssociety@gmail.com> Subject: Survey Request - Status of Women Canada Project

Hello Tessa,

My name is Wendee Lang and I am currently researching barriers to women's participation in local government. This project is initiated by Women Transforming Cities and the Canadian Research Institute for the Advancement of Women and funded by the Status of Women Canada.

One of the most common ways that women impact government decision-making is by participating in public consultation (e.g., open houses, digital surveys, focus groups, etc.). To gain insight into how women in Surrey do so, I have created a short 5 to 7 minute survey and am asking that representatives of various community associations and organizations provide feedback on their experience engaging with the City of Surrey.

You can access the survey here: Survey

Your insight is very valuable to our project and I would appreciate any time you can spare to complete the survey. With your help, we hope to provide a range of recommendations to improve gender and diversity equity and inclusion in local government. This survey will close on September 11 (noon).

If you have any questions about the project, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

Wendee Wendee Lang, BA Master of Community and Regional Planning (MCRP) (Master's Student 2019) UBC School of Community and Regional Planning Park People - September Edition

info@parkpeople.ca 2018-09-12 8:03:55

New webinar series, program launches and more

New free webinar series and big announcements from your friends at Park People View this email in your browser (https://mailchi.mp/6c5cd844aafe/park-people-winter-newsletter-2941881?e=3eb3bfe5e3)

** Free Webinars on best practices for city parks

Beginning September 19, join us for Park Perspectives, a series of free webinars on topics from park governance to community development in parks featuring experts from across Canada. Read about them all and register now.

Public Space Incubator projects announced

We excited to share the 2018 Public Space Incubator winning projects. They all reimagine parks, laneways, parking lots, and vacant lots as places to gather, celebrate, and connect with our communities in different ways.

Pot in the Parks-What the experts say Thought leaders across Canada weigh in on what cannabis legalization will mean for parks and public spaces.

Public toilets-Can we make them less crappy? Public bathrooms are an important, yet marginalized public health issue. We spoke to experts across Canada to understand what needs to happen to make them better.

Subject: Speaker at office Charity Event

contact@greentimbers.ca 2018-09-13 9:31:13

From: Denise Howden

Message Body: From: Denise Howden Subject: Speaker at office Charity Event Message: I work for the Ministry of Finance, every year we have a Provincial Employees Community Service Fund" campaign. Our goal is to encourage staff to donate, through payroll deductions, to their favorite charity.

We are holding a "PECSF" kick-off event where we will have various charities come and speak about their charity. I was wondering if you had anyone from the your group that could come and speak in our Surrey office(10475 138 Street) October 2 (between 10:30-12:00 pm) We are asking for a 10 minute presentation, followed by 5 minutes for questions.

Denise R. Howden, CPA, CGA, MBA Audit Manager

Sprint With Sarai - Event Reminder!

Randeep.Sarai@parl.gc.ca 2018-09-14 14:04:34

** Surrey is home to beautiful parks, wonderful trails, and healthy communities. It may be a little rainy tomorrow, but that won't stop us... I hope you and your family and friends can join me for a run (or sprint) around our amazing Green Timbers Park!

DATE: Saturday, September 15, 2018 TIME: 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. LOCATION: Green Timbers Park (Trail entrance of the 100 Avenue and 146 Street park entrance.)

RUN: Approx. 5 KM Estimated Time: Approx. 40-60 minutes All levels of runners are welcome! We will begin on the Douglas Fir Trail and make our way around a mapped route. Finishing on 100 Avenue and 143 Street (close by our starting location). We will walk back to the parking lot area where we will have water bottles and a sweet snack available.

PREP:

Running apparel, enthusiasm, and perhaps your favourite playlist!

Any questions, please feel free to contact Leena at 604-374-8598.

Sincerely,

Randeep Sarai Member of Parliament for Surrey Centre

Register for our new Engagement Webinar

engage@naturecanada.ca 2018-09-17 9:50:23

** Make sure to save your spot at for our Engagement Webinar

There is power in sharing experiences and knowledge in our efforts to create change.

You're invited to participate in our quarterly Webinar Series on Engagement Organizing to learn from groups across Canada actively working within this model.

If you would like attend please register here. If you would like to share a learning or story during the webinar please reach out to engage@naturecanada.ca (mailto:engage@naturecanada.ca).

Thank you for your support! RSVP for the Webinar (https://naturecanada.us18.list-manage.com/track/click?u=b3e6701b306716a2a740b27a8&id=1ccc0d4f0 0&e=63e308c4c6)

Conservation Connections Event October 10th

tamsin@sccp.ca 2018-09-17 13:58:52

Hello!

Registration is now open for the SCCP's annual Conservation Connections event for Wednesday, October 10th.

Visit here

<https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.sccp.c a%2Fevents%2Fconservation-connections-2018&data=02%7C01%7C%7Cc9b21a78c91e478 9afdd08d619d5483a%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C6367248011604 97459&sdata=yZ8Dv9cMGfvdJVrobWmMt3ixDA0siGKxKZ%2BfCb1Tlx4%3D&reserved=0>

for more information, and please feel free to spread the word. The event this year is happening in North Vancouver. We hope to see you there!

Please contact me if you have any questions,

Best, Tamsin Baker SCCP Stewardship Coordinator

Save the date - HEART OF THE CITY CONFERENCE - Montreal, June 12-14, 2019 info@parkpeople.ca 2018-09-24 9:02:07

Park People's national conference is coming to Montreal next June! La conférence des Amis des parcs arrive à Montréal en juin prochain !

http://eepurl.com/dHNd1H?utm_source=Montreal+Heart+of+the+City++-+Save+the+Date&utm_campaign =6a72daf2b9-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_05_29_06_36_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_14 4ccfbf03-6a72daf2b9-1244447257

We're delighted to share that Park People's second Heart of the City Conference, presented in partnership with the City of Montréal, will be held June 12-14, 2019 in Montreal.

Over three days, we will explore how we can harness the power of city parks for all Canadians.

Thank you to TD Bank Group for their support of this upcoming event.

Sign up to receive conference updates / Inscrivez-vous pour recevoir les mises à jour de la conférence (http://eepurl.com/dHNd1H?utm_source=Montreal+Heart+of+the+City++-+Save+the+Date&utm_campaig n=6a72daf2b9-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_05_29_06_36_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_1 44ccfbf03-6a72daf2b9-1244447257)

http://us2.forward-to-friend.com/forward?u=ba963c8c64482c0ad756245c3&id=6a72daf2b9&e=3eb3bfe5e 3

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Our mailing address is: ParkPeople Studio 119, City Builder's Lab 401 Richmond Street West, Toronto, ON M5V 3A8

2019 Environmental Extravaganza Planning Meeting

2018-09-27 16:01:15

Hello everyone,

It's almost time to start thinking about the Environmental Extravaganza 2019! I'd like to invite you to attend our fall planning meeting on November 23rd, 2018 (details below). This will be a chance for us to discuss the EE 2019 and help generate new ideas moving forward. There will be opportunities for small group and roundtable discussions. I've attached the Partner Charter for your review.

Location: Surrey Nature Centre (14225 Green Timbers Way) Date: Friday, November 23rd Time: 1pm - 4pm Coffee/tea and snacks will be provided.

Please RSVP to me by email or at 604-598-5774. Let me know if you have any questions. Hope to see you there!

Best,

CHANTELLE DESLAURIERS | STEWARDSHIP PROGRAMS ASSISTANT CITY OF SURREY Parks, Recreation & Culture Urban Forestry 6651 - 148 Street, Surrey, BC, Canada V3S 3C7

Save Surrey Parks el9@telus.net 2018-10-03 19:29:18

Hello everyone,

We have started a new environmental campaign called Save Surrey Parks.

Save Surrey Parks is a group of citizens dedicated to protecting Surrey¹s parks and green spaces. Save Surrey Parks will petition the newly elected Surrey Mayor and Council to instruct staff to start the process that will ultimately end up in giving numerous Surrey¹s Parks and designated green spaces the highest level of protection that is available under the law. The Save Surrey Parks group is committed to ending the use of the Alternative Approval Process for removing the dedicated status of parks.

Here is our petition: https://www.change.org/p/save-surrey-parks

Here is our web site: https://savesurreyparks.ca/

Please join us and circulate this information throughout your network. Lets save some parks!

Steven Steven Pettigrew Campaign Coordinator

RE: Sale of part of park?

2018-10-04 10:39:15

Hi Don, Thanks for your prompt reply. I too think the information must be inaccurate. The notice was a map/brochure showing details of a new water main. To the map someone had pinned a hand written note claiming the city had sold four parks for development including Hawthorne park and part of Green Timbers. They had outlined that piece of Green Timbers and written "sold" on it. The note was unsigned. I left Landucci a voice mail asking him to call me. So far not heard from him.

On a different matter: I recently attended the presentation by Rick Green, et al at the meeting at the nature house concerning reactivating the interurban RR. I didn't hang around for discussion. But I wonder what the GTHS thinks of the proposal. It could save some of the park along the Fraser Highway. So I'm in favour. But I don't know what drawbacks the deal would have. I'd appreciate your thoughts.

Betty

From: Green Timbers Heritage Society Sent: Wednesday, October 3, 2018 5:39 PM Subject: Re: Sale of part of park?

Hi Betty,

First I've heard of it, and I'd be surprised if it was true.

Can you send me a picture, or some of the details?

The new forestry guy is Robin Landucci, robin.landucci@surrey.ca -- he's heading up the GTUFAC now. I haven't heard anything from him for a while though.

Let me know if he responds to you.... I'm wondering if he's avoiding me.

Thanks for getting in touch, -don

PS: the GTHS AGM is Wed, Nov 21 at the Ricky's at Evergreen Mall. It would be great to see you there!

On Wed, Oct 3, 2018, 4:53 PM , wrote:

Hi, I just saw a notice on my apartment bulletin board stating that the part of Green Timbers Park North of 100 Ave had been sold by the City. Is that correct? I was a member of GTUFAC a couple of years ago but

since Neil left have heard nothing about the committee. Is it still active? I can't believe they would sell a piece of the park without convening it. Please advise. Betty

Save Surrey Parks Petition 2018-10-05 0:15:18

Hi Folks,

We have started a new campaign/petition. Please sign it and share it.

https://www.change.org/p/save-surrey-parks

It will only take a minute and we need your help.

Steven Pettigrew, council candidate, Surrey First Coalition

Engagement Webinar: October 17th

engage@naturecanada.ca 2018-10-11 5:59:36

Register now to save your spot!

** Don't miss our next Engagement Organizing 101 Webinar!

Our next webinar is fast approaching on October 17th at 2pm EDT. We are working towards making these webinars as interactive as possible so we will be using Zoom. This is a free application that you can download on your computer and allows us to see and hear you if you have a webcam and mic.

Here's what you can expect from one of our 101 webinars:

* An overview of the 5 Engagement Organizing principles

* Hear a case study from a Canadian Nature group (this time we have the awesome organizers at Nature Trust of New Brunswick)

* More about our program and next steps to getting your group involved!

We can't wait for you to join us, so make sure to secure a spot by registering below!

We appreciate all the work your organization does and are excited to support you on your journey. Register now! (https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/engagement-organizing-webinar-tickets-50070133116?aff=odeimcmailchimp &mc_cid=8730176540&mc_eid=[UNIQID]) Hope to see you on Zoom!

Hannah Dean & Teagan Yaremchuk Nature Network Organizers

Park People - October Edition

info@parkpeople.ca 2018-10-11 12:11:44

Upcoming webinar series and Heart of the City Conference

Upcoming Park People events: View this email in your browser (https://mailchi.mp/0ec432210d95/park-people-winter-newsletter-2948525?e=3eb3bfe5e3)

Webinar - Park Governance: A close look at Montréal's Mount Royal Park - Wednesday, Oct 17, 2pm

Join us for the second of our four-part webinar series Park Perspectives on the power of parks in cities. Wednesday's upcoming webinar will explore the partnership between the Bureau du Mont-Royal Read more and register for the webinar

(https://parkpeople.ca/webinars?utm_source=Park+People+Newsletter&utm_campaign=e4547a81e1-EM AIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_02_28_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_ad8ea9319d-e4547a81e1-1204214525)

Heart of the City Conference - Montréal - Save the Date https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8kOzSzmx-kE&utm_source=Park+People+Newsletter&utm_campaign =e4547a81e1-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_02_28_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_ad8ea93 19d-e4547a81e1-1204214525

Our upcoming Heart of the City Conference will be held in Montréal, June 12-14, 2019. This conference is a chance to learn about innovations and best practices in parks governance, funding, design and engagement from people actively involved in shaping parks from across the country.

** Blog: How parks can help address social exclusion

Feeling alone, without support, is a rising trend even in the most densely populated urban centres. How can our parks and public spaces play a role in reducing social exclusion among our most marginalized? We take a close look at Montréal's Parole d'excluEs to find some answers.