

1. Agglomeration

The Beaconsfield challenge.

The Town is not considering joining in Beaconsfield's court challenge to the way that town is being taxed by the Agglomeration's budget because it would simply redistribute the total tax bill among all the demerged towns. The Association of Suburban Municipalities wants a plan which would actually reduce the total amount billed by bringing in other factors rather than just property values into the determination of the total. **Find date in original file.**

2. Basketball on streets. (see Bylaws)

3. Bike paths & Bixi

Bike safety committee membership list

A member of the **bike safety committee** asked why it is taking so long for the Town to install a bike path in its territory. He said that this committee is preparing statistics on the number of dangerous incidents involving school children on bicycles, particularly in the area around the train station. Councillor Ulin explained there is a bike committee in the Town examining this issue and they are presently waiting for news from the Agglomeration committee for its recommendations concerning how Montreal West's plans can be incorporated into a city-wide plan. Unfortunately, these recommendations have been in abeyance for almost five years. The Town would also have to seek guidance from some professionals on the implementation and safety issues involved. (December, 2023, Informer -- **October, 2023**, Council meeting)

The province as well as the Town has regulations prohibiting bikes from being ridden on sidewalks for the safety of pedestrians. As the Mayor stated, while the creation of bike paths within the Town has been considered several times, he still feels a larger and wider consultation and coordination is desirable before the best plan for Montreal West can be developed. (December, 2022, Informer – **October, 2022**, Council meeting) **Follow up!**

Although possibilities for these internal bike paths have been discussed in the past, the mayor feels that it would not necessarily be the most efficient way to plan. The idea would be best looked at as part of the holistic plan being developed by the Agglomeration Council even though that plan is moving very slowly. (November, 2022, Informer – **September, 2022**, Council meeting)

It was suggested that a bike path connecting the present path at the end of Brock South to the Falaise Saint-Jacques and beyond would be desirable. The Agglomeration Council is in charge of developing bike paths on the Island although progress in that area is slow, the mayor will put the idea forward. More information was requested about the plan for a bike path to be built within Hydro-Quebec's Green Line, but no further information is available, (October, 2022, Informer – **August, 2022**, Council meeting)

The mayor explained that he doesn't know if there are any plans to install a BIXI at the train station during the Sherbrooke development since all of that takes place on the NDG side. He understands the cost to buy a BIXI station is quite expensive (??\$25,000?? Per year??), but when he meets with the mayor of NDG he will see if they have any plans to do so. (June, 2022, Informer – **April, 2022**, Council meeting)

“No Bike Riding” pictograms will be painted on the sidewalk ramps on Westminster in the centre of the Town and an awareness campaign will be starting soon. Police will be asked to ticket individuals who ignore the signs since this is a Quebec Highway Safety Code infraction. Anyone injured by a bike is asked to fill out an online traffic-related report with SPVM station 9. (November, 2021, Informer – **August, 2021**, Council meeting)

No safe method of designating a bike lane for the hill on Avon leading to Ville Saint-Pierre can be envisioned. (December, 2021, Informer -- **October, 2021**, Council meeting)