

CSL promoting 'alternative transport'

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The Suburban

Côte St. Luc council passed a resolution last week to promote alternative and active means of transport, such as public transit and walking for exercise, specifically on Sept. 21 or 22 through a special event to be organized by city staff.

The City of Montreal has a car-free day on Sept. 22, but Côte St. Luc is not going as far as that.

The Côte St. Luc resolution was introduced by Councillor Dida Berku, and seconded by Councillors Glenn Nashen and Steven Erdelyi, and points out that on Aug. 1, the Eleanor London Library will be hosting a lecture called "Leave the car at home: Get walking. Get healthy."

The city has also resolved to "actively support public transit solutions when and if they are available and meet residents' needs."

Côte St. Luc is also asking Montreal's bus service to "move forward with a shuttle service" to the very busy Côte des Neiges hospital district, which includes the Jewish General and St. Mary's hospitals, and numerous medical buildings along Côte des Neiges Road.

Côte St. Luc's resolution also asks the Metropolitan Transport Agency (AMT) and Montreal agglomeration to support a train station within the municipality, and authorizes the city to participate in the AMT's blog, "which is offered in order to promote the interests of the citizens of Côte St. Luc for more access to AMT train and bus services, which will encourage and allow our residents to benefit from these public services which they support financially."