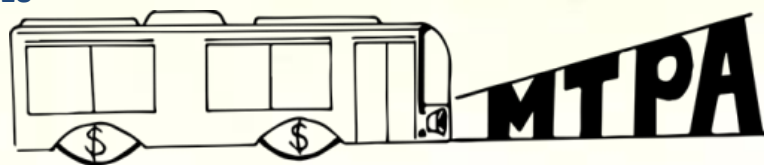


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REPORT BACK ON THE RALLY

A Social Fare Would Be Only Fair!

Near 200 people gathered at Lionel-Groulx metro on May 29.

This action was the final event of the *A Social Fare Would Be Only Fair* photo-testimonies campaign. The campaign showed that asking to be able to afford taking the bus and the metro is not asking for the moon!



The action also allowed to celebrate our victories and to recognize the important steps that are awaiting us. Music, films and games concluded yet another year full of action! Indeed, important steps were made since the summer 2017 rally:

- We were asking for the support of the city; we got political support from elected officials of Projet Montréal and the mayor, Valérie Plante!
 - The MTPA was even invited to do a presentation at the Transport Commission of the *Montreal Metropolitan Community* (MMC)
- We were asking the *Agence régionale du transport métropolitain* (ARTM) for public consultations on social tariff; the ARTM announced that those consultations will take place in June 2019!

The participants can be proud of their involvement to improve the mobility of people with a low income. You will soon be able to see the video and hear the brand new song composed for the rally! In the meantime, visit our Facebook page to see all the pictures of the event!

[MTPA-Album rassemblement 2018](#)

DANS LES MÉDIAS



- [Video Coverage \(in French\)](#)
- [Le Combat pour un tarif social en transport en commun se poursuit](#) article
- [Mobilisation pour un tarif social](#) article

THE MTPA AT THE MONTREAL METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY



This past June 15, the MTPA presented the problem of the costliness of public transit, the issues of isolation and social exclusion experienced by people with a low or very low income, and social tariff as a solution to reduce inequalities at the Transport Commission of the *Montreal Metropolitan Community* (MMC).

The mandate of this Commission is to propose orientations and expectations

in regards to social tariff of public transit in the MMC's territory.

The redesign and the harmonization of the different fares of the metropolitan region represent a timely step to implement a social fare, and we were there to demonstrate the necessity to take into consideration the mobility of the most impoverished members of our society.

A copy of the calendar was given to everyone, and testimonies from our 2016 compilation illustrated the difficulties faced by those trying to maintain an active social life, take steps towards reinsertion, take care of their health or the health of a loved one, or just trying to meet their basic needs.

The MTPA's delegates appreciated the close attention paid to their presentation, as well as the interest shown and the questions asked by the members of the Commission.

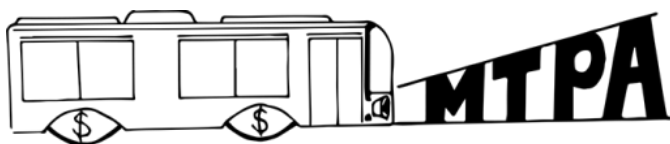
The Commission will deliver a report this fall. We are eager to read it!

ON THE PATH TO THE ARTM'S CONSULTATIONS

Very little information is available for the moment on the consultations announced for June 2019. We know that they will begin a strategic planning this fall. The MTPA is determined to take part in it.

<https://ici.radio-canada.ca/nouvelle/1113223/consultations-publiques-tarification-sociale-transport-commun-artm>

To be continued...



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TO CIRCULATE !

INVITATION TO TALK ABOUT SOCIAL TARIFF IN THE ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN

The *Mouvement pour un transport public abordable* (MTPA) is a coalition of community organizations preoccupied by the impact of the cost of public transit on people living in poverty. We demand a social fare to ensure that people with a low or very low income can access public transit services.

Indeed, the financial accessibility to public transit is a problem for many people with a low or very low income, since the fares are incompatible with their budget. This raises the question of the **right to mobility** that conditions the actual pursuit of many other rights – including visiting friends and family, participating in free public activities, doing groceries, looking for work or accessing public services.

Several groups witness how much the high cost of public transit contributes to social exclusion and see social tariff based on income levels as one of the solutions to this problem. Our demand has had a certain recognition lately. Indeed, the Transport Commission of the *Montreal Metropolitan Community* (MMC) recently studied the idea of social tariff, and will report back about it in the fall. The upcoming public consultations on the public transit fares harmonization for the Montreal Metropolitan area organized by the *Autorité régionale de transport métropolitain* (ARTM) will also be an opportunity to talk about social fares.

- **The MTPA invites you to put forward our demand during the fall 2018 electoral campaign, by talking about it in meetings, debates, and assemblies with the candidates of your region.**

HERE IS A QUESTION WE SUGGEST YOU ASK THE CANDIDATES - IT CAN BE ADAPTED TO REFLECT YOUR OBSERVATIONS ABOUT THE PROBLEM

The cost of public transit is a big problem for people with a low or a very low income. The fares are too high for their budget. Each trip represents one too many expense that forces people to make painful choices between various basic needs: going to the food bank, going to a medical appointment, or visit their mother.

Because of the cost of public transit, people with low or very low income can't afford anymore to get out their place, and become isolated. Also, public services are located further and further away, which forces people to pay to access them.

A growing number of community organizations and elected officials think that a social fare, which is a fare that depends on your income, would be a solution. It's available elsewhere in Canada, and even in Quebec.

My question: Do we have your word that you'll act so that the government ensures the right to mobility for the whole population, and especially for people with a low income?

A CALENDAR TO INCREASE AWARENESS



A calendar was made using the dozens of pictures taken during the *A social fare would be only fair!* campaign. It will be handed out when the MTPA does representations so that no one forgets that every day of every month, year round, people walk, deprive themselves, can't visit their loved ones, can't go to their appointments nor enjoy the city's activities because they cannot afford to take public transit.

- You participated in the *A social fare would be only fair!* campaign?
- You don't have your calendar already?
- Contact us to receive it!

HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER



Your group needs to **fill the membership application form** available on our website at the following link: [membership application form \(in French\)](#). Financial contribution is voluntary and another form is available for this purpose. You will also find it on our site, by following the same link as the one for the membership application form.

OUR MEMBERS

- ACEF du Nord
- ADDS-MM
- Afrique au Féminin
- Atelier des lettres
- Carrefour d'éducation populaire de Pointe-Saint-Charles
- CDC Solidarités Villeray
- Centre d'éducation et d'action des femmes (CEAF)
- Centre de lecture et d'écriture
- Centre des femmes d'ici et d'ailleurs
- Centre des femmes de Laval
- Centre des femmes de Verdun
- Centre des femmes solidaires et engagées
- Coalition Climat Mtl
- Coalition Montréalaise des tables de quartiers (CMTQ)
- Comité d'action de citoyennes et citoyens de Verdun (CACV)
- Comité logement Lachine-Lasalle
- Concertation en développement social de Verdun (CDSV)
- Femmes du monde à Côte-des-Neiges
- Groupe Alpha Laval
- Imagine Lachine Est
- La Marie Debout
- Lettres en main
- Maison St-Dominique
- Projet Genèse
- Projet suivi communautaire
- RACOR en santé mentale de Mtl
- Regroupement des organismes familles de Mtl (ROCFM)
- Regroupement des usagers du transport adapté et accessibles de l'île de Mtl (RUTA)
- Table de concertation des aînés de Mtl (TCAIM)
- Table régionale des centres de femmes de Mtl métropolitain et Laval (TRCFMML)
- Travail de rue et action communautaire (TRAC)

THE FOLLOWING GROUPS ARE PART OF THE MTPA FOLLOW-UP COMMITTEE:

Action-Gardien, AQDR Saint-Michel, CÉDA, Comité des sans emploi de Pointe-Saint-Charles, Comité de lutte à la pauvreté du Grand Châteauguay, Mouvement Action-Chômage de Montréal, Projet P.A.L., TROVEP Montréal, and the Welfare Rights Committee of South-West Montreal.

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