



Ville de Saint-Lazare



Mayor's office



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A word from the Mayor

Getting on the bus and on track

Dear Fellow Citizens,

It is with great enthusiasm that I announce to you Saint-Lazare's public transit will be up and running on time for the back-to-school season! A new era is about to begin in Saint-Lazare as we become a public transit-offering municipality!

The bus route was designed balancing Council's main objectives in mind: to service as many of you as possible, to keep a reasonable travel time to the Vaudreuil's train station, to be coordinated with neighbouring public transit systems, to provide a high level of frequency to make the service attractive and keep you safe at the bus stops.

Starting this fall, whether you are going to school, going to work or to an appointment locally or in the metropolitan region, you will have a choice of 7 morning buses. Instead of using your car, you can walk, cycle or be dropped off at one of several Saint-Lazare bus stops and take a comfortable ride to the Vaudreuil train station where you can take the train or buses offered by l'Agence métropolitaine de transport (AMT) or le Conseil Intermunicipal de Transport La Presqu'île (CITPI) and head to the Bell Centre, Côte-Vertu metro station (by an Express bus!), Rigaud, Hudson, Pincourt, Vaudreuil-Dorion, Notre-Dame-de-l'Île-Perrot, Île-Perrot, Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue and Valleyfield.

Public transit will offer students greater independence, relieve parents from being taxi moms and dads and provide students and other residents greater access to regional jobs. In addition, the AMT train and CITPI bus operators have given Saint-Lazare an exceptional Zone 5 designation for 2010. This means a Saint-Lazare student will be able to purchase a monthly Tram 5 card for \$112, take the bus from Saint-Lazare to Vaudreuil, take the AMT train to Montreal, and then take a STCUM metro heading to Montreal or Laval, all with the same card. The card gives passengers access to almost the entire public transit system in Montreal, Longueuil and Laval. Saint-Lazare is now part of this large public transit network!

Over the next year, we will monitor your traveling habits and the use you make of this service. The bus route is therefore in a "pilot project" mode and will be adjusted to reflect our passengers' needs. Council is committed to providing a service that meets the needs of our users and that is flexible enough to attract as many as we can. We will poll users and residents in order to establish the need to include more buses, alter routes, add Express buses or add another distinct bus route, depending on the degree of use, and resident and user feedback. Council will also review the possibility of adding bicycle racks, parking areas and « kiss-N-ride » drop off zones.

Currently a CIT client, Saint-Lazare is expected to become a CIT board member in the next few months, along with the other 5 municipalities, giving it an equal voice in regional public transit issues.

My council is committed to providing Saint-Lazare families with services they need and encouraging environmentally sound habits and lifestyles. Public transit achieves both goals. We encourage you to leave your cars at home and join the public transit movement.

You will find the bus route and schedule details in the next edition of the Liaisons. Subscribe to the Town's newsletters to get the public transit updates.

Members of Council join me in wishing you a nice ride!

Pierre Kary, Mayor