

3rd Montréal Climate Summit: Leaders working together to accelerate action on climate commitments

Montréal, February 20, 2024 – The Montréal Climate Partnership, in collaboration with the City of Montréal, invites leaders from the business, philanthropic, union, political, grassroots and environmental communities, as well as students and citizens of every stripe, to the 3rd **Montréal Climate Summit** on May 7 and 8 at the Grand Quay of the Port of Montreal.

Following consultation with Montréal businesses, public services and nonprofits, the 2024 edition will focus on nurturing connections and encouraging mutual support to help organizations break down barriers to climate action and build on the commitments made during the first two Summits. **Among those barriers, participants cited the lack of financial resources, labour and understanding about the impact of climate change on business, as well as the challenge of mobilizing all of an organization’s leadership and employees.** The Summit will provide concrete tools and best practices to address those challenges and ramp up climate action.

“Making commitments isn’t enough anymore. It’s time for action. **The impacts of climate change are intensifying and disproportionately affect society’s most vulnerable. The longer we wait, the greater the human, environmental and socio-economic costs will be.** That’s why this year, the Montréal Climate Summit is zeroing in on sharing winning solutions and resources that help people do more, faster,” said **Summit co-chair Dr. Mylène Drouin, Director of Public Health for the Montréal region.**

“**Businesses, industry and institutions need guidance to identify fast and concrete actions.** Our participants seek greater clarity on what actions to take and what support is available to generate returns on these investments and assist employees affected by these transformations. **To meet that need, the workshops and conferences will be grounded in practical experience and address these challenges,**” added **Summit co-chair Anne-Marie Hubert, Managing Partner, Eastern Canada at EY Canada.**

Implementing commitments and reporting results

Along with providing solutions for quick and ambitious action, this 3rd Summit will report on the progress made in implementing the commitments announced during its first two instalments. Developed with some thirty key partners, its programming will allow the hundreds of attendees and dozens of panellists to:

- Plan the transition of an organization and its entire value chain to expand the reach and impact its climate actions
- Promote sustainable transportation in Greater Montréal and provide solutions to reduce reliance on single-occupant cars in areas underserved by public transit
- Address the issue of housing affordability to support climate action
- Advocate for better practices in healthcare
- Leverage data to drive the transformation of our economy and promote a coordinated and coherent approach from all levels of government and stakeholders
- Prepare Montréal for the impacts of climate change.

“The City of Montréal is firmly committed to combating climate change and accelerating the ecological transformation. As climate chaos accelerates, **we have a duty to quickly achieve tangible results that will allow us to improve Montréal’s resilience and provide residents with a healthy and safe living environment.** “Our Climate Plan will continue to guide us as we work with the entire community to implement meaningful changes in response to the climate emergency,” said **Valérie Plante, Mayor of Montréal.**

With the success of the first two Summits – last year’s brought together nearly 900 people – the Montréal community has consistently answered the call to tackle the climate crisis. The Montréal Climate Summit has become the city’s annual must-attend event for climate action. On May 7th, **Catherine McKenna, the chair of the UN High-Level Expert Group on the Net-Zero Emissions Commitments of Non-State Entities, will open the Summit with a clear message:** climate ambition requires rigorous planning and follow-up.

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The Summit is co-organized by Alliance TRANSIT, the Chambre de commerce de l’Est de Montréal, the Chamber of Commerce of Metropolitan Montreal, CIUSSS du Centre-Sud-de-l’Île-de-Montréal, Collectif G15+, the Communauté de pratiques en communication climatique au Québec, COPTICOM Strategy & Public Relations, the Fédération des travailleurs et travailleuses du Québec, Finance Montréal, the Jeune Chambre de commerce de Montréal, the Transition Bridges Project, McGill University and Vivre en Ville. We thank the members of our working committee for their contributions to the 2024 Montréal Climate Summit program.

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About the Montréal Climate Partnership

Launched by the Foundation of Greater Montréal and the Trottier Family Foundation, the Montréal Climate Partnership (MCP) is an independent initiative bringing together nearly a hundred economic, nonprofit, philanthropic and institutional organizations. Its objective is to mobilize key players in the

Montréal community to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 55% by 2030 and put the city on the path to carbon net-zero by 2050. The initiative is funded by the Foundation of Greater Montréal, the Trottier Family Foundation, the McConnell Foundation and the City of Montréal. **Learn more at** climatmontreal.com/en

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