

## Quick answers to popular questions (Continued)

- **The police at the Westminster railway crossing cannot direct traffic.** They're paid by **Exo** only to ensure vehicles respect the barrier closings.
- **Public Security Officers (PSOs) cannot issue tickets for speeding, stop sign, or riding bikes on sidewalks infractions,** only the SPVM.
- **Once PAC issues a permit with recommendations** (that is, not exactly what you wanted to do) it is legally binding and cannot be reversed.
- **Traffic lights at railway crossing:** dismissed as unworkable according to a consultant.
- **Why doesn't the Town clear the sidewalk path across the tracks in winter?** CP won't let us.
- **Infrastructure priority list:** promised at February 2023 council meeting reported in the April 2023 Informer. Decision reversed at June meeting.
- According to the Town Facebook page (around May 7, 2024) **provincial law stipulates that the Town cannot remove wild animals from your property.** Consult with the [SPCA de Montreal](#).
- **Airbnbs:** illegal.
- **New dog runs?** none foreseeable at this time.
- **Bike paths map:** <https://portail-m4s.s3.montreal.ca/pdf/planvelo2019.pdf> Green = existing, orange = proposed.
- **BIXI stand in MoWest?** Expensive: \$120,000 plus usage October 28, 2024 Council meeting (36:06) The NDG mayor suggested putting one at the train station. NDG decision.
- **Neglected properties:** can be fined only a few times, ?expensive court proceedings/ time consuming.
- **Will wood burning stoves & fireplaces be banned?** Council & the Environmental Action Committee are reviewing, likely prohibited when air quality is bad.
- **Fossil fuel heating ban?** none considered at this time; however, Montreal periodically mentions 2030 and we'd likely follow suit after.
- **Restrict trucks on Avon?** waiting for Lachine to approve the bylaw. Difficult to enforce, what are the alternatives? Concrete trucks for house extensions in MoWest/CSL
- **Salt:** no alternatives, [too much is sometimes spread]
- **Tempos:** will remain illegal – unsightly and traffic safety issues.
- **Better street lighting:** new light poles are only put in when streets are redone; a consultancy made a master plan.
- **Speeding on Westminster:** can't put speed bumps due to buses & emergency vehicles, no new stop signs or traffic lights.
- **Why aren't we part of the Beaconsfield Agglomeration challenge?** It's a zero-sum game, if they obtain a reduction, all other Agglomeration towns must make up the difference.
- **Lead in pipes, water testing, filter program:** Streets with no lead are those for which road infrastructure work was done, and if the homeowner replaced any lead service entry at the time, which is why infrastructure renewal is important. [See...](#)
- **Why don't our PSOs patrol overnight when most of the car thefts and beak-ins tend to occur?** They do apparently patrol overnight.
- **Town committees:** [see...](#) Call for members in 2022. ([Find current memberships](#))
- **CRA programs:** [see...](#)

