

# LAKESHORE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION

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## JUNE 2024 NEWSLETTER

### “JUNE IS BUSTIN’ OUT ALL OVER!”

That wonderful title of the song by Rogers and Hammerstein expresses to me the joy I feel on welcoming this month....

As does this first stanza of the poem “June” - by Lottie Brown Allen

*Oh what is more sweet than the month of June  
When our senses thrill and our hearts keep tune  
To the song of the birds and the rose in bloom?*

We seemed to have jumped from wintry weather almost directly into summer this year, with just enough sunshine, warmth and rain to fill our gardens almost overnight with flowers, plants and weeds!

I have spotted several bees in my flowers, a most welcome sighting. Birds are singing! And I have had regular visits from cardinals, chickadees, nuthatches, goldfinches, even 2 pileated woodpeckers were hard at work one day on my Silver Maple tree! Racoons, groundhogs, rabbits, chipmunks and countless squirrels visit my back yard too - although my neighbour’s cat keeps those at bay when it patrols!

June is indeed a month for possibilities. Veronica Johnson will share some of hers with us on June 2. Father’s Day on June 16 is a time for celebrating those who made our own lives possible. And at our Annual General Meeting on June 26, we will review the past exciting year, and envision our plans for the year ahead. Possibilities abound!

So as we say farewell to May, and welcome the month of June, I share these words that end the poem “June”.....

*And if we could hold in some magic way  
To your trailing robes for a single day,  
Dear month of June, we would bid you stay.*

~ **Sheila Laursen**

**June 2, 2024 - 10:30 a.m.**

**Hybrid service**

*Movers & Shakers*

**Possibilities - An Immigrant's  
Journey and the Power of Dreams**

**Veronica Johnson**

Veronica Johnson's passion for Canada began in a high school history class in her native Jamaica. Several years later at the age of 21, she immigrated to Canada and proceeded to spend four decades as a teacher, guide and role model, before becoming a citizenship judge in August, 2011, to help other people realize their dreams.

"One of my great passions is the country of Canada, so for me to be able to welcome people here is amazing," said Johnson. "I'm very pleased with what I have accomplished especially considering the journey I had to make to get to this point." Johnson says that by helping others, she gets to live her life to the fullest, and be grateful.

**Service Leader - Sheila Laursen**

**Musician - Kerry-Anne Kutz**

**Greeters - Gabor & Kathy Matyas**

**Refreshments - Milda Graham & Heather Falconer**

**Technician - Oddbjorn Taraldsvik**

**Zoom Host -TBD**

**June 9, 2024 - 10:30 a.m.**

**Hybrid Service**

*Our Planet, Our Lives*

**Bridging the Eco-generation Gap**

**Jacky Farrell**

Jacky Farrell from [McGill's Office of Science Outreach](#) will discuss how to bring families of all ages together and connect with nature. We'll talk about how to engage youth, plus nature apps and local opportunities, followed by some outdoor nature games. Jacky has been facilitating science outreach activities for schools, families and nature-lovers of all ages for over 20 years. She loves being outdoors, sharing nature with others and re-discovering the connections all around us.

**NOTE** - Jacky will organize an outdoor activity for children and grandchildren during the coffee time with our SE team. This will be followed by sandwich making for Bread and Beyond 12:30 to 1:30. Four families have registered so far. LUUC members are encouraged to bring their grandchildren and their friends on June 9.

**Service Leader - Christine Wooley**

**Musician - Kerry-Anne Kutz**

**Greeter - Mandy Brown**

**Refreshments - Sheila Laursen & Gary Spiller**

**Technician - Oddbjorn Taraldsvik**

**Zoom Host - Gabor Matyas**

**June 16, 2024 - 10:30 a.m.**

**The Role of Fathers**

**Hybrid Service**

On this special Father's Day Sunday, we take time to recognize and celebrate the role fathers play in the everyday participation in the growth of a family, both economic as well as spiritual.

In this service, we will reflect on how this role has changed over the generations, remembering our own fathers and how they may have aided in our development and how present-day fathers are perceived as more than family heads but equal members, sharing the responsibilities of nurturing the family as well as "bringing home the bacon". This will be a service of call and response, where congregants are expected to take an active role.

**Service Leader - Paul Sullivan**

**Greeter - Chris Bassett**

**Refreshments - Sheila Laursen**

**Technician - Oddbjorn Taraldsvik**

**Zoom Host - Gabor Matyas**

**PLEASE NOTE –**

We will have a New Member Welcome Ceremony on Sunday June 16, during the service, to welcome **Sara Kreps, Nicholas Gavin-Rocheleau, Constance Bélanger and Carlos Ochoa** as new members.

**We hope you will all come to welcome them into our LUUC family!**

**June 23, 2024 - 10:30 a.m.**

**Hybrid Service**

*Healthy Minds and Bodies*

**Teaching in the Age of AI - My love-hate relationship with ChatGPT**

**Ernie Bauer**

In one year, ChatGPT has turned my professional life upside down. My ESL students now produce flawless, arguably soulless texts. They email me with the same CHATGPT greeting - *I hope this email finds you well* and the same florid, sycophantic tone that is ChatGPT's default style - when they want an extension. How to respond?

At the same time, I produce customized vocabulary exercises, exams, explanations, lesson plans etc. in seconds, and don't give a class without some AI generated (also arguably soulless) stuff in it. From my perspective, the implications for AI make the internet seem like a minor development. University administrators are scrambling. I recently sat on a committee in my department at UQAM to decide - what is plagiarism now?  
continued/...

What is the best learning-teaching process now? What is the value of making mistakes, when we don't have to make them? I'll talk about what I know about AI, in particular ChatGPT (AI 101, from a non-expert) and recount specific examples of how AI is entering subtly into my teaching, and into our language, our thoughts, and, I'm afraid, our minds and our values. I'll argue that engagement is not an option - that there is an urgent need for AI literacy, and I'll describe what I believe that to be.

Ernie Bauer teaches ESL at UQAM, and studied applied cognitive science and applied linguistics at McGill. He grew up in Fredericton NB, where as a young lad, he went for a time to the Unitarian Church with his Mum, and so knows the Unitarian tradition of respect for all living beings, equity and justice. He lives in Lachine, with his (very) tech-savvy wife, two take-tech-for-granted daughters and Joe the golden doodle, an 88 lbs. antidote to ChatGPT.

**Service Leader – Gary spiller**

**Musician - Kerry-Anne Kutz**

**Greeter – Sari Kelen**

**Refreshments – Nancy Schmdt**

**Technician - Oddbjorn Taraldsvik**

**Zoom Host - Gabor Matyas**

**A Potluck/picnic will follow the service – more details later.**

**Please note-**

**This is our last Sunday service before our Annual Meeting on June 26 and then we take our summer break.**



**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL YOU DADS**

## **NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT**

### **Is conflict always bad? Can we avoid conflict?**



The Unitarian Universalist Association states “ Conflicts can be scary when they threaten to rupture or divide our precious community connections and relationships with one another, and we often seek help to resolve these issues. Yet we've learned that conflicts actually present great opportunities for building community by examining together what we value the most, and clarifying our purpose and mission as a community.

Conflicts arise naturally simply because of the basic fact that we are different from one another! As Unitarian Universalists, we honor and celebrate difference, but often struggle with how to negotiate these differences when it comes to making decisions or taking positions. Congregational growth, perspectives on ministry, staffing decisions, budgetary issues—all provoke sometimes wildly varying viewpoints among us. It would be strange if we didn't have conflicts about these very important concerns.”

The First Principle of UUism states “Unitarian Universalists affirm the inherent worth and dignity of each person”. As we all know, LUUC has reached out to, and welcomed, the attendance of many newcomers this year as we seek to grow our small congregation in numbers, diversity, strength and sustainability.

However, along with the success of that action plan, a serious complaint was received from an LUUC member about a non-member — one that demanded attention, consideration, debate and very difficult deliberations which have challenged our UU principles and practices.

In March, a written complaint addressed to our Responsible Membership Committee was sent from one of our LUUC members who felt harassed and unsafe by the behaviour of a non-member when that person was present. The complainant demanded exclusion of the non-member from any activities of LUUC.

After the Responsible Membership Committee (RMC) received and studied the written complaint thoroughly, it met with the person named as the offender, and drew up a compliance agreement that the RMC hoped would be acceptable to the complainant and agreed to by the offender. That signed agreement was refused by the complainant, and the RMC subsequently recommended that the Board form an all-female ad hoc committee of LUUCers to meet with the complainant, as had been requested.

Based on the report and recommendations of the ad hoc committee, the Board passed the following resolutions at its May 14, 2024 Board meeting:

1. voted in majority to Not ask “YYY” (the person identified as the offender) to stop coming to LUUC.

2. unanimously agreed to ask for a police background check on “YYY” to be done.
3. unanimously agreed that we want the complainant to remain in our LUUC congregation.

It has been evident throughout the past months that conflict cannot always be avoided, and that this one has brought great pain and sorrow to all involved. We all try to be a welcoming, inclusive and safe congregation for all. However, we are living through the agony that is also part of life and that we cannot avoid or ignore.

I close with these wise words by Frederick E. Gillis.....

*May the love that overcomes all differences,  
that heals all wounds,  
that puts to flight all fears,  
that reconciles all who are separated,  
Be in us and among us  
now and always.*

**Postscript:**

The Board also agreed to revise the Responsible Membership Policy (that had been approved in 2008 and revised in 2014) to improve its procedures and to ensure gender equity of its elected members. Those revisions will be proposed for approval at the 2024 Annual Meeting at the end of June.

~ **Sheila Laursen**

**LET'S EXPLORE FUTURE OPTIONS FOR OUR LUUC  
CONGREGATION!**

Are you interested and willing to explore options for LUUC - to prepare a Strategic Plan for the coming years?

Your Board would like to involve as many members as possible in a series of discussions of opportunities, realities, challenges and possibilities.

**We hope to launch a Future Options group at our Annual Meeting in June.**

If you wish to be part of that group, please contact **Sheila Laursen** 514-697-4195 or [sheila.laursen@bell.net](mailto:sheila.laursen@bell.net)

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## PHOTO OF THE YEAR



**Sara Kreps** could not resist taking the above photo of ??? Why, it is three Raging Grannies quietly sitting in church, waiting for their opportunity to rage for PEACE during the Mother's Day service on May 12<sup>th</sup>. **Gary** is in the background keeping an eye on them. Underneath the very stylish hat on the right is none other than our fearless leader, President **Sheila Laursen**. ~ ed

## NANCY GOES TO NORTH CAROLINA TO SEE HER GRANDSON



**Nancy Schmidt** (Nanna) and Grandpa **John** are having a grand time in North Carolina, taking care of their wonderful grandson Elliot while their daughter **Elyse** recovers from mononucleosis. Nancy says "While we're in Raleigh, we're also helping with toilet training! Needless to say, Grandpa John and I are sleeping like logs every night.

While I'm having fun here and doing important work for the family, I miss you and appreciate you all so much and look forward to seeing you again In June!" xxxxx

## SHEILA HAD A BIRTHDAY



**Sheila** had a birthday and took us all out to brunch at the Manoir to celebrate and raise funds for the CLSC. A special guest was Sheila's daughter **Inga** - who lives in London – and came over for the occasion. She is seen next to Sheila in the blue dress. ~ ed  
... and then more celebrations at The Den in Pointe Claire.



l-r: Michael, Jose, Susan H., Sari, SHEILA, Toni, Gary, Susan Cz., Heather, Christopher, Kerry-Anne, and Nancy G.



## THANK YOU LUUC!

On May 12, several LUUCers were quietly sneaking out of the church to be filmed for a Happy Birthday video clip for me following the Mother's Day service....and I didn't have a clue! Those clips were combined by my daughters into a wonderful video collage from family and friends both near and far - bringing me the best surprise ever for my 80th birthday - thank you one and all!  
~ **Sheila**



A very Happy Birthday to **Christopher Thomson** and **Tim Byrnes** on June 10<sup>th</sup>. Enjoy your special day gentlemen!

Have a great day **Gabriel** on June 11<sup>th</sup> - - Happy Birthday.

Happy Birthday on June 18<sup>th</sup> to **Monica** - out there in Ontario.

## PLANT SALE AT UNION/MERGING WATERS, 24 Maple Avenue, Ste. Anne de Bellevue



**Plant Sale:** One of the best Plant Sales on the West Island takes place on **Saturday June 1** from **9:00am. to 1:00pm.** We have so many different varieties of wonderful plants; mature perennials for sun and shade, all grown in the beautiful gardens of Baie d'Urfe, by knowledgeable gardeners, some annuals (dahlias, canna lilies, coleus, oxalis) and some herbs/vegetables (chives, mint, cilantro, basil, tomatoes, butternut squash, rhubarb).

Sale goes from 09h00 - 13h00 at 24 Maple Avenue in front of Merging Waters Church. Coffee, tea, homemade muffins and freshly made waffles(!) will be available to sustain you while you shop. Hotdogs too!

Boutique 24 will be open for your shopping pleasure (donations welcome). **Contact [sahawker13@gmail.com](mailto:sahawker13@gmail.com)** for further information.

## **A WONDERFUL BIRTHDAY GIFT - GREAT NEWS ABOUT THE AFGHAN SIBLINGS!**

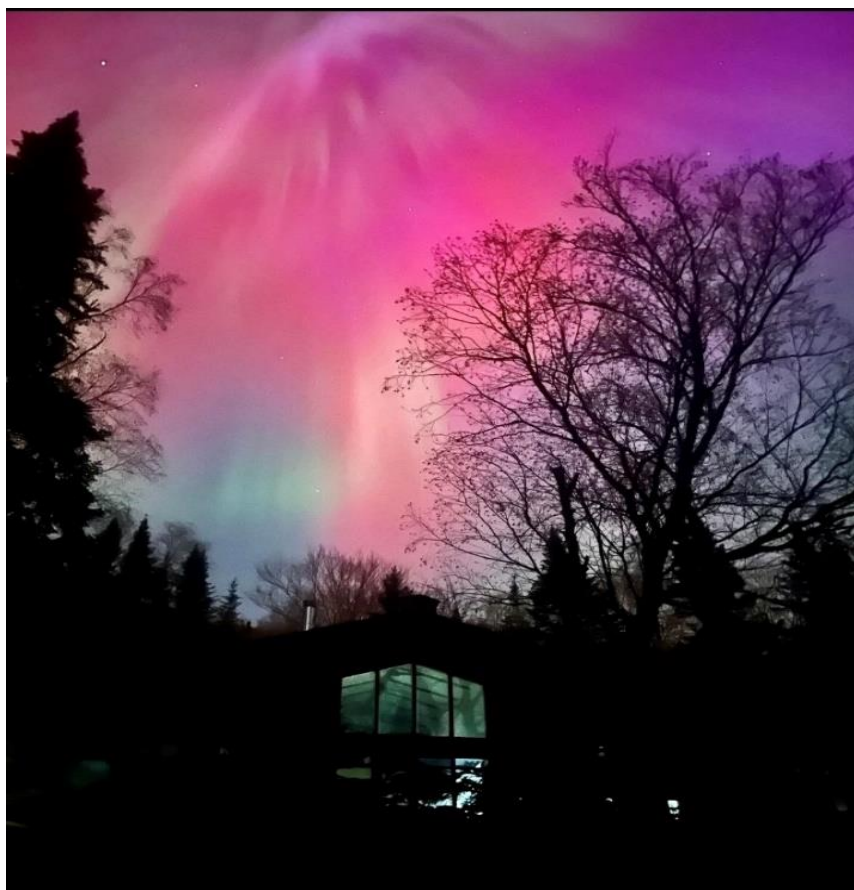
On May 23, the 3 Afghan siblings (Laila, Enjila and Dawood Sekandari) had an interview at the Canadian Consulate in Islamabad, Pakistan, regarding their refugee applications to come to Canada. The Unitarian Church of Montreal had applied to sponsor them back in 2021, and since then, their files had slowly passed through the two steps required by Quebec before being passed on to IRCC (Immigration, Refugee and Citizenship Canada).

That interview stage is the last big step to take before they receive final approval - along with a booked airline ticket to Montreal. So, they will be coming "soon"!

If you are interested in helping with the settlement plans for them here - please contact **Christopher Thomson, Paul Sullivan or Sheila Laursen**. We are working with the Unitarian Church of Montreal on settlement planning as we hope to find an apartment for them in the West Island where their sister Shahla lives with her husband and four young children.

~ **Sheila**

## **AURORA BOREALIS**



During the month of May, the heavens gave us a magnificent display of light and colour.

The **aurora borealis**, commonly known as the **northern lights**, is a mesmerizing natural phenomenon that graces the night skies in high-latitude regions.

This photo was taken at the Sanchez / Rooker home on Ile Perrot. Thanks to **Selina** for sharing with us.

## NOTES FROM THE TREASURER



We have just sent out pledge forms to elicit your support for LUUC for 2024-2025.

Returning your form is an important sign that LUUC is a significant part of your life. That sign of commitment is much more important than the amount of the pledge. When you show your support, it's a boost to all who are giving hours of time to keep LUUC present in our community.

And donating to LUUC is one concrete way of putting others first.

What better way to spend your money!

~ *Susan*

## Canadian UU Women's Association AGM and Guest Speaker



**Title:** Making it Home: Basic Needs & Creature Comforts for Women (Age 50+) Experiencing Housing Insecurity

**Date & Time:** June 2nd, 1630 (4:30pm) Eastern, for approximately one hour. Guest speaker and Q & A to last approximately 30-45 minutes. For ZOOM Meeting link, please request access by emailing: [cuuwa.cuc@gmail.com](mailto:cuuwa.cuc@gmail.com).

**Topic:** In Dr. Cloutier's presentation, she will share insights from her recent research with older women who have experienced housing insecurity, discussing the pathways that have led women to be precariously housed, their simple wishes and basic needs in support of their dignity and humanity, and priority recommendations for system improvements.

**Biosketch:** Denise Cloutier, PhD is a Professor in the Department of Geography and a Research Fellow with the Institute on Aging and Lifelong Health at the University of Victoria. Her research focuses on healthy aging and on the broad range of health services and community-based care systems that support quality of life for older adults. Specifically, her research has engaged with rural residents, those who are socially isolated, living with dementia, and women experiencing housing insecurity and homelessness.

Denise S. Cloutier, (she/her), PhD, FCAHS, FGSA, Professor, Dept of Geography & Research Fellow, Institute of Aging and Lifelong Health, University of Victoria

## CARING



The Caring Person for June is **Constance Belanger**. Contact her at 438-396-6694 or [constancebelan@gmail.com](mailto:constancebelan@gmail.com).

## CATASTROPHIC SITUATION IN GAZA



**Sheila** suggests we read the following: Below are links to UUA and CUC – giving their opinion of the utterly catastrophic situation in Gaza.

You can also write to your government MP and let him know your thoughts on this. You can also send it to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and any other MP you want at <https://www.ourcommons.ca/members/en>

Here is the link to the UUA stand on this tragedy: <https://www.uua.org/pressroom/press-releases/catastrophe-gaza-and-israel> And here is the one from the Canadian Unitarian Council: [https://cuc.ca/project/cuc-demand-permanent-ceasefire-israel-gaza/#:~:text=Return%20of%20Hostages-.Canadian%20Unitarian%20Universalists%20Demand%20Permanent%20Ceasefire%20in,Gaza%20and%20Return%20of%20Hostages&text=The%20Canadian%20Unitarian%20Council%20\(CUC,immediate%20release%20of%20all%20hostages.](https://cuc.ca/project/cuc-demand-permanent-ceasefire-israel-gaza/#:~:text=Return%20of%20Hostages-.Canadian%20Unitarian%20Universalists%20Demand%20Permanent%20Ceasefire%20in,Gaza%20and%20Return%20of%20Hostages&text=The%20Canadian%20Unitarian%20Council%20(CUC,immediate%20release%20of%20all%20hostages.)

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## **BIG GIVE FOOD DRIVE IN BEACONSFIELD, SATURDAY,**

**JUNE 1, 2024**

The annual Big Give Food Drive to benefit organizations on the West Island and in downtown Montreal takes place, Saturday, June 1 at Christ Church Beaurepaire, 455 Church St, Beaconsfield.

Christ Church Beaurepaire is organizing the drive as part of the national Big Give movement to connect churches with their neighbourhoods. Last year, the event delivered seven vans full of food to On Rock Community Services, the West Island Assistance Fund, the West Island Mission and St. Michael's Mission.

The West Island Mission is a local food bank that serves those struggling with food insecurity on the West Island. Our goal is to provide our clients with a healthy, balanced diet that we believe aids in both their mental and physical health. Without the help of the community and initiatives like the BIG GIVE West Island Mission would not be able to serve the community to the best of our ability. In the Community. For the Community. By the Community. - Suzanne Scarrow, Executive Director

This is the fifth edition of the Big Give in the Montreal area. The event is run by volunteers who are fuelled by a desire to give back to the communities they live in. The food drive is one of several local events organized under the national umbrella of Big Give Canada.

This year's Big Give food drive takes place on Saturday, June 1, between 11 am and 2 pm at Christ Church Beaurepaire, 455 Church St. in Beaconsfield, H9W 3S6. We are collecting unopened, non-perishable food items. For more information, check out the church Facebook page, or contact Ingrid\_gellis@hotmail.com

## **LUUC CONTINUES TO COLLECT NON-PERISHABLE FOOD**



**Sheila says:** Once again, there will be a basket for donations in the LUUC lobby each Sunday. I have checked with the West Island Mission website for its most needed food donations. This is where I deliver our food contributions (and LUUCers have brought at least 4 - 8 items weekly for our basket).

## SUNDAY CAFÉ

A big thank you to LUUCers who kindly took over the organization of the Sunday Café in **Paul** and **Oddbjorn's** absence. **Sari**, with the assistance of **Christopher, Toni and Nabil** ran the kitchen – producing the wonderful hot croissants and coffee, **Gary** put up the tables/chairs and **Sara Krebs** took over the technicalities at very short notice. Thank you all.



The musician was Sam Bonnet, a guitarist with a classical and jazz background. His music was very restful and pleasing. We also enjoyed songs sung and written by **Kerry-Anne**, with **Michael** performing two solos on his fluegelhorn. Michael is always a favourite when he plays for us. It was a very enjoyable finale to our Sunday Cafés.

~ ed



Here are **Michael Cartile**, **Yves**, **Kerry-Anne**, **Paule**, Samuel, **Léonara** and **Fraser**.  
~ photos by **Gary and Sari**.

## SUMMARY OF THE CUC ANNUAL MEETING ON MAY 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2024

**Susan and Gary** attended the CUC AGM online with 70 other delegates from UU congregations across Canada. The AGM reported that membership has declined 15-21% in most churches as sports and other activity options are available on Sunday mornings. Some congregations have adopted innovative approaches including evening sessions and weekly potlucks.

**LUUC** seems to be the only congregation that has established ongoing relationships with local schools to encourage students interested in community service to join LUUC activities such as monthly sandwich making for the homeless.

Three resolutions were passed at the AGM:

1. Promoting closer coordination between UU congregations to share strategies for congregation growth and
2. Repudiate the Doctrine of Discovery (Terra Nullius) to recognize the land rights of indigenous nations and the need to respect treaties and
3. To support the right of indigenous people to protect their territories from fossil fuel development projects and to encourage UU Congregations to divest their investments in the fossil fuel industry and in banks with investments in fossil fuels.

The last resolution was the most controversial since some congregations such as First Unitarian Ottawa noted that it was impractical to remove fossil fuel investments from their portfolio or to stop dealing with banks (notably RBC) that are heavily invested in fossil fuels. Some banks such as CIBC are more invested in renewable energy so switching can be easier than divesting from certain funds especially if the portfolio of the UU congregation is large. This last resolution received only 70% support while the others passed with more than 90% support.

We note that LUUC investments with Lester Asset Management do not include oil companies and do include some renewable energy investments.

The most contentious vote at the meeting was over a resolution to divest from investments in fossil fuels. Canadian Banks are big investors in oil and gas projects. They also are the some of the most lucrative investments in international markets. How would you vote? To divest or not to divest?

Susan suggests that we could move our congregational account from BMO to Caisse Populaire Desjardins. Perhaps one of you would like to research this idea for us.

Resolution 3: RESOLVED that the CUC and member congregations:

- 3.1. Be encouraged to be in solidarity with those Indigenous Peoples who oppose fossil fuel extraction and infrastructure on their traditional territories; and

3.2. Be encouraged to oppose individual and bank investment in fossil fuel extraction, refining, transportation, and marketing leading to fossil fuel consumption and Global Heating; and

3.3. Be encouraged to consider moving their financial business from the big five Canadian banks; and

3.4 Be encouraged to move their investments of mutual funds and other investment vehicles with significant investments in 1) fossil fuel corporations, or 2) in the five major Canadian banks which fund them, to financial instruments with lower or no investments in 1) fossil fuel corporations, and 2) the five major Canadian banks; and

3.5. Be encouraged to request boards of trustees to communicate this resolution to elected officials, Indigenous Peoples, and journalists, as well as financial, environmental, IBPOC, social justice, and faith groups in their geographic location(s). ~ **Gary**



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## THIS MAY INTEREST YOU



## YOGA



The next Yoga Session lead by **Usha Thorne** will run Saturdays June 1st through July 6th at Pine Beach Park. Join us for mindful movement and fresh air at the lakefront.

Please be reminded you may go at your own pace and/or accommodate physical limitations. Suggested contribution: \$50 for 6 sessions or *pay as you go* what you can. Any questions, kindly reach out to me at [sanskritsoccermom@gmail.com](mailto:sanskritsoccermom@gmail.com) ~ **Milda**

## THIS IS IMPORTANT



**OSEZ AGIR CONTRE  
LA FRAUDE ET LE VOL  
ENVERS LES AÎNÉS**

**DARE TO ACT AGAINST  
FRAUD AND THEFT  
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Conférence bilingue

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365 Saint-Louis, H9R 2A1  
13h30 - 15h30  
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**15-06-2024**

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Sandra Watson, CRC

**Speakers**

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**DID YOU KNOW** that the heat can cause your medicines to have an effect on your wellbeing? **Sheila** suggests that you read this article on summer heat.



SUMMER HEAT  
WAVES.docx

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY**

## ON THE GO AND NEED TO KNOW



**SWEDEN – the latest** - Sweden has built the **world's first electrified road** near Stockholm, which charges the batteries of electric cars and trucks as they drive over it. The road stretches 1.2 miles and is part of a government-led plan to electrify nearly 12,500 miles of streets and highways across the country. The eRoadArlanda pilot scheme outside Stockholm aims to solve one of the biggest challenges in the transport industry. How ingenious is that?



**LONDON – surprise** – we have a red King, resplendant in his Welsh Guards uniform! According to the Artist, Jonathan Yeo, Charles III was initially mildly surprised by the strong colour but otherwise seemed to be smiling approvingly. The Welsh Guards uniform is red and dotted with many medals and other regalia – the red background is meant to distract your eye from all that colour and concentrate on the King's face. What's with the butterfly on his right shoulder? Apparently, it was the King's idea.



**DOGS – everywhere** - A miniature poodle from Texas named Sage won the best in show at the U.S. Westminster Dog Show this year – but I rather fancy the glamorous Afghan Hound myself. With his gorgeous locks and silky coat, the Afghan is one of the most expensive breeds – and can cost up to \$2,500 each.



**WORLD-WIDE - elections** – it seems that the whole world is joining in this latest craze – let's have an election. India, Mexico, South Africa, Russia - more than 80 countries in all are rushing/or have already rushed to the ballot box. I've even heard a rumour that our neighbours to the south are preparing for one. Recently the UK has joined the trend and has called an election for this summer. All I want to know is – Is it our turn yet? ~ed

***“If A is success in life, then  $A = x + y + z$ . Work is x, play is y and z is keeping your mouth shut.”***  
~ Mr. “ $E = mc^2$ ”

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