



PAQ-2 shelter in Complexe Guy-Favreau, living together harmoniously

Ville-Marie
Montréal

Has sharing
public spaces
become a
problem?

Have you
been feeling
less safe
in recent
months?

We have heard your
concerns and taken measures
to improve the situation.

Since the start of the health crisis triggered by the COVID-19 pandemic, you have surely noticed an increase in the number of homeless people in the district, particularly around the Guy-Favreau Complex.

A shelter to
help the most
vulnerable
people

Homeless aboriginal people are being hit the hardest during this crisis. This is why Projets autochtones du Québec (PAQ) decided to open a temporary shelter this fall.

Guy-Favreau Complex is being used to meet these emergency housing needs. This **48-bed shelter, open evenings and nights 7 days a week**, is essential. It aims to offer the most vulnerable people a safe place to eat, rest and use sanitary facilities.

"I have nowhere to sleep. And I can't go anywhere else because I'm an alcoholic. The centre is the only place that will take me in." • Gary



Actions to favour cohabitation

Ville Marie, in cooperation with the Centre de coordination des mesures d'urgence de Montréal, the Service de la diversité et de l'inclusion sociale de la Ville de Montréal, PAQ (Projets autochtones du Québec) and the Société de développement social, has put in place various measures to minimize nuisances and rude behaviour associated with the shelter:

- **Garbage** is now collected daily;
- Additional resources are now **constantly cleaning** the Guy-Favreau Complex surroundings plus neighbouring streets and parks;
- **Garbage cans** and two **chemical toilets** have been added;
- Syringe **collection bins** have been installed;
- The number of **front-line workers** has been increased;
- Police officers from PDQ 21 **regularly patrol** the area.

Resources

PAQ aboriginal peoples' shelter

Feel free to contact the coordinator if you have any questions or concerns about the clientele or the neighbourhood. We are always glad to assist you.

☎ **438 455-2953** / *Jonathan Lebire, site coordinator*

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. • 7 days a week

☎ **438 455-2954** / *shelter workers*

8 p.m. to 8 a.m. • 7 days a week

Social outreach team of the Société de développement social

This specialized intervention team listens to the concerns of local residents and acts as a liaison with the shelter administration, police officers, community and health services, and the borough. They inform, orient and favour dialogue and respectful behaviours between different people occupying public spaces.

☎ **438 377-7092**

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. • Monday to Friday

Local police station 21

To report any problem or ask questions related to safety or crime.

☎ **514 280-0021**

During this pandemic, it is essential to show solidarity with the most vulnerable populations among us.

What is PAQ?

Projets autochtones du Québec (PAQ), is more than just a physical space: it is a community that supports aboriginal people in Montréal who are homeless and at risk. The indigenous women and men who use the PAQ shelters are our fellow citizens, our neighbours. Many aboriginal people arrive in Montréal with nowhere to stay. PAQ is an important landmark for them. All this community wants is a warm bed and a place to eat supper.

PAQ offers these people, who have suffered profound trauma, stigmatization and exclusion, a place in the city where they will be understood and treated with the respect and dignity they deserve. PAQ supports its First Nations, Inuit and Métis clients by giving them a chance to thrive, express their individuality, celebrate their culture and realize their full potential.

INVITATION

Open house at the Guy-Favreau Complex PAQ-2

Corner Saint-Urbain/
De La Gauchetière West

The shelter is hosting an open house on **Thursday, September 24 at 5 p.m.!** Come learn more about the shelter, its participants and aboriginal culture. The program includes discovery booths and tours in small groups. A friendly event you won't want to miss.

