

Conseil des Montréalaises

BRENDA PARIS

Ms. Louise Harel, Chief of the official opposition in Montréal, announced the nomination of Ms. Brenda Paris as senior advisor for her cabinet. Candidate for mayor in the borough of Côte-des-Neiges–Notre-Dame-de-Grâce at the last election, and former president of Union Montréal, Ms. Paris will be responsible of issues related to public transport and public safety. She will also be in charge of communications with the Anglophone community.

“This is with great enthusiasm that I welcome Brenda Paris into my team, a woman with a vast professional experience and a solid knowledge of Montréal's problems. An experimented administrator, Brenda Paris headed various public and non profit organisations, notably in the field of transport” declared Louise Harel.

From 2001 to 2009, Ms. Paris was a member of the board of directors of the Société de transport de Montréal, representing the transit users. Educator, trainer and advisor in the fields of woman status, diversity and community promotion, she has developed a solid expertise in mentorship and school achievement programs, collaborating with governments, schools, private and public institutions and community-based organisations.

Brenda Paris has worked with students for 20 years as a student development coordinator in Dawson College's department of student affairs. She was later named executive director of the Montreal's Black Community Resource, where she was managing personnel, granting subsidies, implementing programs, and representing the organization at various levels of government.

Her involvement deepened when she became chair of the board of directors of the Société de transport de Montréal in 2001, and president of the committee on ethnic and social diversity.

In 2001, Ms. Paris was named to the steering committee for the *États généraux sur la réforme des institutions démocratiques* by the minister in charge for Québec. The same year, she was inducted to the Black History Month Round Table. She was also named to a five-year term on the *Conseil des relations interculturelles*. Previously, Ms. Paris was a member of the standing advisory committee to the director of Montréal's police department.

A long-time militant and professional who has dedicated herself to youth, women, and cultural communities, Ms. Paris was recognized as a certified Comparative Gender Analysis educator by Status of Women Canada in 2003.

Ms. Paris holds a bachelor's degree in applied social sciences and a diploma in family education from Concordia University. She also has a diploma in literacy education. She is the CEO of BP Consulting Reg'd, Training and Development, and works for private and public institutions as an educator.