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Suicide standoff ends without shots

by AMANDA OLLIVER

A long standoff between a suicidal resident and the *Sûreté* de Québec ended peacefully Thursday evening after hours of negotiation.

Vaudreuil-Dorion



The SQ said the 57-year-old man barricaded himself inside a home on Montée Harwood around noon on Thursday. SQ spokesperson Ronald McInnis confirmed the man was threatening to end his life.

The SQ set up road blocks at the St. Lazare and Vaudreuil-Dorion ends of Montée Harwood around 3 p.m.

Police officers on the scene said about 10 hours along the street were evacuated. At the time, they didn't know whether the man was armed.

"Usually if there are firearms we evacuate as a security measure for the neighbours," McInnis said. "Also, it's to let the police work safely."

Customers returning home from work were surprised to find the road blocked off.

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SQ officers blocked off Montée Harwood at both ends on Thursday afternoon. Traffic was turned away until early in the evening when a police operation on the street was resolved.

Gazette Homes

See our Homes Guide in this week's issue.

CMM mum on local hearing

by AMANDA OLLIVER

Local mayors and residents will travel to south-shore Candiac tomorrow night to make their voices heard at the Montreal Metropolitan Community (MMC) meeting despite the fact they could have done it in the West Island.

When the consultation schedule was laid out, the MMC listed residents from municipalities here could present themselves at the Candiac location.

But now the MMC is saying any residents could have attended any of the consultation nights in Montreal.

MMC spokesperson Pierre Bélanger said Hudson, St. Lazare and Vaudreuil residents didn't have to travel to the South Shore if they didn't want to. "Hudson and St. Lazare residents could go to any one of the meetings, there's no reserved territory. These are public meetings."

Last Thursday night, the West Island public consultation was held in the borough of St. Laurent.

Bélanger said residents from here could have attended that, or any other consultation they wanted.

Some suggest that fact may not have been publicized as well as it should have been.

But Bélanger defended the MMC. "We never said the consultations were reserved."

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