

Everything You Need to Know About "FIRST FRIDAYS"

Montreal's Premier Food Truck Event

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wer since its debut on the tourism scene, the city of Montreal has been renowned for its world-class dining and diverse culinary scene. Starting in 2014, though, a new annual event in Montreal's Olympic Park began charming Montreal's foodie visitors — "First Fridays". Taking place, as the name would suggest, on the first Friday of every month from May to October, the event features the city's various food trucks, gathered in one spot for one glorious day of eating, drinking and dancing.

Now, if you're unfamiliar with Montreal's Olympic park area, it's situated around Montreal's former Olympic Stadium, off of Avenue Pierre-De-Coubertin. Rife with activity in the summer, this neighbourhood is also home to the Biodome, the Jardin Botanique and even several popup farmer's markets featuring fresh produce from in and around the city. All of these attractions are delightful in their own right, and worth a visit if you haven't been, but the congestion caused by the influx of people can cause some traffic issues in the summer. Therefore, it's important to know how to best get around in the area before you go.

If you're taking public transit, the metro is probably your cheapest and fastest bet. Wherever you're staying, you'll want to get to station Pie-IX, which is situated on the green line. I'd suggest taking a look at a map of the metro system to figure out what station is nearest to your hotel, then seeing which color line that station is on before-hand. If you're renting a car in Montreal, it's going to be a little more complicated to get to the festival given Montreal's infamous "orange-cone festival" in the summer (the streets are bogged down with endless construction closures and detours). Make sure you know which streets are closed — check quebec511.info for the most up-to-date information on route closures, or tune into CJAD (AM 800) for traffic updates. Once you reach the Olympic Park, parking on the road is going to be in short supply. As such, the nearest parking is usually the covered Olympic Stadium parking lot, which charges a relatively modest fee of \$19 per day. P1, P2 and P3 are the parking buildings nearest to where the First Fridays event takes place.

So you've finally arrived at Montreal's First Fridays!

You can expect to be greeted by independent artists and
DJ's filling the air with lively music and the aroma of endless cuisines on the wind. The atmosphere is wonderfully
festive, and the event is well lighted if you decide to go later
in the evening (First Fridays runs from 4 pm to 11 pm).

One word for the wise, however — there isn't a great deal of seating available in the Olympic Park. There are a few nice benches, and some recycled temporary seating set up as well, but it's typically nowhere near enough for the volume of people attending. Expect to eat on the go, or bring your own seating if you're available. Most of the dishes being served are inherently very mobile, in any case, so you don't have to worry about this aspect too much.

What kind of food can you expect to find there? To put it simply, all kinds! Montreal is a city of diversity, and its food trucks very much reflect this. Upon visiting the event last year in 2017, more than 50 food trucks were present, including a truck serving European fusion cuisine, a poutine truck, an Indian food truck, a sushi truck, a seafood truck, several taco trucks, and even a food truck specializing in cheese dishes. Here are some of the ones to look out for that I had the opportunity to try over my past few times visiting First Fridays.

Dim Sum Montreal ★★★★

Serving steaming hot dumplings and crispy imperial rolls, this tasty food truck recognizable by its bright green and yellow paint job has been at each food truck event I've been to thus far. DIMSUMMONTREAL.COM-TZHANG@DIMSUMMONTREAL.COM

Le Cheese Truck ***

As the name would suggest, this truck serves up cheese, and lots of it! When I was there, they were serving mac n' cheese bites and ultimate grilled cheese sandwiches. Though I didn't have the chance to try the latter, the mac n' cheese bites were sublime, with a crispy exterior and an interior that melted in your mouth. Highly recommended!

LeCheeseTruck.com
514.487.3316
Cheese@LeCheeseTruck.com

Queen B Bol Burrito ***

It says a lot that the best burrito bowl I've had in Montreal came from Queen B Bol Burrito. Their ingredients are ultra-fresh, and their marinated onions are to-die-for! Here, look for the ancho pork and the multi-grain rice. FACEBOOK.COM/QUEENBTRUCK 514.993.0654 INFO@QUEENBTRUCK.COM

Mobile Europea ★★★

Mobile Europea's non-conventional dishes like beef stew gnocchi poutine struck me as odd when I first saw their menu, but the items are well-crafted and well-worth their hefty price tag. If you want something truly different that you won't find anywhere else in Montreal, check out this truck! EUROPEAMOBILE.CA 514.397.9161 Info@Europea.ca

Das Food Truck ***

Das Food Truck brings German specialties like chicken schnitzel onto Montreal's culinary scene, and it's wonderful. Though this option is fairly popular and you may have to wait in line for a while, it's a must. Don't miss their fantastic schnitzel poutine! DASFOODTRUCK.COM 514.722.4727 INFO@DASFOODTRUCK.COM

Grumman 78 ★★★★

One of Montreal's first trucks after the legislation in 2013 that overturned the city's ban on food trucks, Grumman 78 has stuck around because it works. Their tacos are deliciously fresh and remind me of the tacos I had when travelling around in Playa Del Carmen.

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So, if you're going to be in Montreal on May 4th, June 1st, July 6th, August 3rd, September 7th or October 5th of this year, be sure to check out Montreal's First Fridays in the Olympic Park. Alternatively, if you miss these dates, don't fret! There are plenty of other opportunities to indulge in Montreal's food truck scene throughout the summer, including Canada Day on July 1st, and YUL Eat in the fall from September 2nd to September 4th. Bon appétit!



DIM SUM FOOD TRUCK



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THE OLYMPIC STADIUM ON FIRST FRIDAYS



THE EVENT AS SEEN FROM THE STREET

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What You Can Expect at Montreal's Annual St-Jean-Baptiste Day Parade

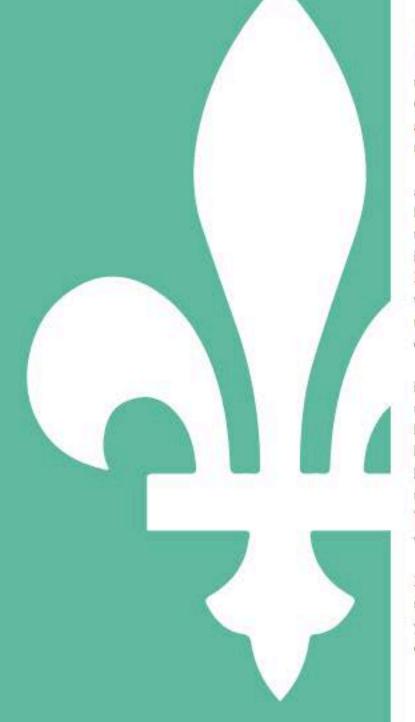
Article and Photos by Nicholas Guilbault

aint-Jean-Baptiste Day is coming up once again this June 24th, and for Montrealers and visitors alike, that means a day filled with celebrations, loud music and street food. One of the staples of Quebec's provincial holiday in Montreal, though, is the annual Saint-Jean-Baptiste Day parade. For those who've never been, what can you expect when you go?

First of all, a brief history lesson. Originally, St-Jean, as it's commonly referred to, was a purely religiously-based holiday, meant to remember the Christian saint "St John the Baptist". Starting in 1834, however, the holiday evolved into a more party-oriented holiday, intended as a sort of French version of "St Patrick's Day". In 1925, June 24th was officially recognized as a Quebec provincial holiday by the Quebec government, and it has since become a day to celebrate everything Quebec.

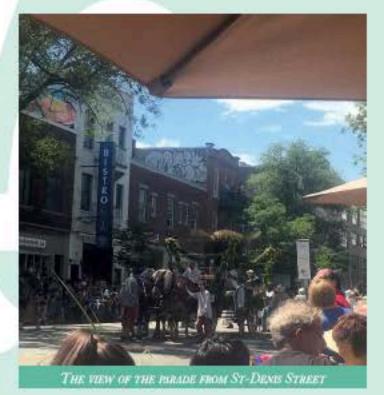
The Parade itself, then, is themed with this purpose in mind — of celebrating Quebec's unique and diverse culture. Last year's parade featured imaginative papier-mâché headed-characters representing Quebec's most important historical figures, as well as extravagant floats representing local businesses and organizations. If staying in one location, it lasted approximately 45 minutes from start to finish. This year's parade promises to be similar, but of course with all-new floats and costumes.

This year, the parade starts at 1:00 pm on Saint-Denis street, and ends at de Bleury street. If memory serves, we chose to watch the parade from Saint-Denis last year, and were able to find parking fairly close by. It's recommended to arrive early, though, and with good reason!



Arriving around 11:30 am, before the bulk of the crowd gets there, allows you to find a nice restaurant to sit down at and watch the parade from. Do be sure to actually purchase lunch from the restaurant if you decide to do this though, to support the local restaurateurs and not occupy their space without permission. In our case, we were able to find a lovely Thai restaurant right by the parade route, which allowed us to snack on amazing pad-thai while watching the floats go by!

However you decide to enjoy Montreal's Saint-Jean Baptiste parade on June 24th, be sure to have fun!









7 Best Places to Visit in Montrea Article by James Bolusi



ontreal, a city covered head-to toe in history, culture and diversity. While Montreal has just passed its 375th anniversary, that many years worth of history has plenty to offer to tourists from all

around the world. With harsh Summers and even harsher Winters to compliment, life in Montreal is unlike no other city, and here's why you must see these amazing attractions.

Mont-Royal



Standing at 233 meters above Saint Catherine Street, Mont-Royal is truly one of the best views in the city. Depending on what time you go, morning times can offer a breath taking view of the sun rises casting over the hustle and bustle of the waking city. Mont-Royal has a surplus of green space to indulge and plenty of public parks. Just find a couple of hours in your day to stroll through the lush greenery of the parks and reach the top of the mountain on foot and you'll surely have no regrets of the amazing sights to see from above the city. Also, there's a water fountain on top so you can take a big breath from all the steps you take up the mountain.

Olympic Stadium / Park



In the Olympic Park, there is a wonderful atmosphere of Montreal's recent history which is some of the best highlights for the city for the 1976 Summer Olympics. With the iconic distinguishable shape of the Olympic Stadium at the center of attention, it surely in the biggest reason to come visit the Olympic Park. There is plenty of history just pertaining to the stadium itself and its surprisingly long, mildly controversial development. So, come and soak in the sheer scale of the structure and even nearby structures such as the Biodome, or the aquatic center.

Old Port



With Old-Montreal becoming more modern each year, the latest and greatest forms of entertainment are slowly taking their place within Montreal's Old Port which stretches nearly 2 km. The old port was established in 1611 for French fur traders simply as a trading post. Only so recently in the 1990's was the Old Port redeveloped into a more activity-based site for visitors and city-goers rather than an industrial area for imports and exports. Now the Old-Port features a multitude of things to do such as

visiting the urban beach, visiting the clock tower, checking out the brand new MTL zipline and ferris wheel, learning something new at the Montreal Science Center, renting out a quadricycle with your family and exploring the port, take a paddle boat out for a spin on the water within the port, test your climbing capability on a climbing adventure with Voiles en Voiles, go for a walk and check out all the shops along the strip, and many more things to discover at the Old-Port.

Old Montreal



Nearby to the Old-Port is the appropriately named Old Montreal. Old Montreal an beautiful area that only shows off the building architecture which dates back to the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries. The area is just right behind the old port and is within a 5-minute walking distance, it has many historic streets, sites and landmarks which is often better explored on foot because many of the areas or either inaccessible via car or are better experienced up close. The area features plenty of restaurants, souvenir shops, cafes and anything to expect along a historic district.

Montreal Botanical Garden



In Parc Maisonneuve, there is a wonderfully imaginative garden. What many don't know to be one of the largest of its kind in the world, and its just right here in Montreal. The Botanical Garden features some of the most beautiful greenery in all of Montreal with 200 different types of bird species, a fox family and over 22,000 types of plants flower and trees. With how much city life

you can get from Montreal, the Botanical Garden is truly an escape for those locals who need a break from it and to see something their Montreal lives lack, which is lush Chinese, Japanese, water, lily, rose and other gardens to ease the mind. Which makes for a fantastic place for all the come and visit.

St. Joseph's Oratory



Not too far off from the Mont-Royal Park, is one of Montreal's biggest attractions, the Oratoire Saint-Joseph. With its eye catching green Italian Renaissance-looking domed basilica, it's hard to miss. The structure was completed back in the 1960's and is Canada's largest church. One of the most interesting things about this massive church is its association to Brother Andre Bessette who

has served the Roman-Catholic Church among French-Canadians all his life. The church even displays the now deceased figure's literal heart within the Oratory. However, besides the religious significance and religious sites to visit, the oratory itself is truly a hallmark of Montreal's culture and offers a fantastic view over northwest Montreal and Lac Saint-Louis.

Parc Jean-Drapeau



On Saint-Helen's Island, features another mark of Montreal's history is Parc Jean Drapeau. An island that was enlarged through using the left-over dirt from the development of the Montreal Metro. Major parts of the island and including its neighbouring Notre-Dame Island was completely man made. Parc Jean-Drapeau, which is recognized primarily for a remnant of Expo '67, is the Biosphere. The Biosphere is a 76-meter-tall steel structure assuming the shape of a sphere. The Biosphere is now a museum dedicated to the environment but is mainly used to attract the attention of visitors considering it is purely one-of-a-kind in the world. Other such sites to see in Parc Jean-Drapeau would incorporate the rest of the island

such as the city famed amusement park of La Ronde, an 1820's British arsenal Museum, Bassin Olympic for Olympic rowing events and the race course Circuit Gilles-Villeneuve.



Famous Youtube 1088er



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WHO IS CASEY NEISTAT?

Casey Neistat was invited to this conference as the International speaker of the event. Casey is an experienced producer, developer who worked in many commercials and companies like Mercedes and Nike.

He was also the owner of a technology company, Beme, that was then sold to CNN. Casey wasn't the only person invited to this event. He was joined with Montreal's local entrepreneurs and leaders such as Elisabeth Rioux, Adam Greenberg, Steve Daniel, Valerie Pisano, and others!

If you like, you can find the full list of speakers at www.influencegen.com.

Article By Samuel Chuang

ast month, April 7th, popular Youtube vlogger Casey Neistat made an appearance in Concordia University of Montreal. He was there for a conference called "Influence GEN Concordia 2018" which was organised by Influence ORBIS and Enactus Concordia. The goal of this conference was to inform, influence and motivate the current and next generation of entrepreneurs, intrapreneurs and industry leaders. It was indeed said that millennials and university students have lost faith in traditional entrepreneurial and intrapreneurial conferences. This means that the lack of diversity is choking the next generation of industry leaders. For this reason, the #1 influencer and entrepreneurship conference in Canada came to John Molson business school of Concordia University to lighten the mood of these young businessmen.

The day started at 10:30 am with intalks by Thierry Lindor, Steve Daniel, Nima Jalalvandi, Danielle Otou and Stephanie Arthur. They then moved on to panels on digital marketing, disruptive technology & entrepreneurship and unlocking creative courage where they discussed on spreading information through social media and thinking outside the box in general. It was said that there was no such thing as thinking outside of the box. There shouldn't be any limits when it comes to creativity. Therefore, you must not think that your creativity is limited by a box, but you must think that your creativity is wide-open for tons of possibilities. In the afternoon, they talked about

fintech, blockchain, personal branding and net worth. At 3 pm, Casey Neistat finally made an appearance. He was there to answer all of the Q&A questions that the millenials and students had. After a long period of questions, he was able to do a meet-and-greet with the VIPs. He then proceeded with a podcast that caught a lot of attention on the internet.

Finally, the day ended with lots of joy in everybody's face. It was Casey's first time in Montreal after all. This means that most of these people are seeing their favorite Youtuber for the first time in person. Casey released his vlog of that day on April 9th. Unfortunately for fans, he only had 20 minutes of free time that day since he had to catch his flight back to New York. Nonetheless, it was still amazing to see our city featured in a famous Youtuber's video.





In March 26th and 27th 2018, the Toronto Blue Jays hosted the Saint Louis Cardinals in a spring training game but one thing was notably different however. Instead of red Cardinals jerseys, or blue Blue Jays jerseys, the stand were full of blue and white Montreal Expos jerseys. Even stranger, the game was played in the problematic Olympic Stadium to a crowd of 25,816 fans all in attendance for one thing: to show the MLB that they're serious about bringing back baseball to Montreal.

Although the Toronto Blue Jays have played spring training exhibition games in Montreal for the 6th year consecutively. Both games drew in crowds of over 25,000 spectators. Consider that the Montreal Canadiens pull in a little over 21,200 spectators to their games, and you can understand that the previous number is substantially impressive. But, if you aren't aware, Montreal is hockey's Mecca and the Montreal Canadiens are our Christ, Heck, even the Habs care for baseball! Not only did some of the players attend batting practice before the exhibition games, the Bell Centre's rafters also hold the retired numbers of Expos greats such as Gary Carter, Tim Raines, Andre Dawson, and the late Rusty Staub. Also the beloved orange Canadiens mascot, Youppi!, you might be surprised to learn that he was originally the Expos mascot. Youppil's the only mascot in sports history to crossover between sports. Even walking the streets, it's not a difficult task to find someone wearing an Expos cap or shirt. It's clear to see that the Expos were very well loved, and are very dearly missed.

Why did they leave, and where are they now? After some highly impressive seasons including holding the best record in baseball in the shortened 1994 season, that same year the Expos were forced to sell off and let go of their key players such as Marquis Grissom, Larry Walker, Ken Hill, and Pedro Martinez among others. One thing became clear and that was the Olympic Stadium just didn't suit baseball. Sure it iconic, but like many other ventures held there, baseball resulted in problem after problem. This is what is often cited when talking about the Expos decline in popularity and into near total obscurity. Eventually, management and ownership collapsed on the sinking titanic that became the franchise and the MLB was forced to buy the team in 2002. Miraculously this 2002 suicide season proved to be a true miracle as the Expos ended the regular season in second place. And where they started the season with fans present to say au revoir, ended with a surprised and benevolent revived excitement. But alas, this wasn't enough. As the MLB relocated the team to Washington DC in 2005, after forcing the team to play most of its games in Puerto Rico in its final seasons.

Despite their shortcomings and poor later years, the Expos do have some legacy to their name to their name including hiring baseball's first Dominican general manager and having 9 players indicted into the Baseball Hall of Fame wearing Expos caps. If you ask most baseball fans today, they likely won't remember the Expos. But ask anyone in Montreal? They'll probably bring up wanting them back. Luckily for them though, there has recently been an

outcry of support to bring baseball back. A group of investors has ponied up enough money to meet the buy-in fees
of the MLB, the previous and current mayors of Montreal have both constantly and routinely shown support for
the initiative, the MLB has shown interest in expansion
and/or relocation, and the public has shown its support
through various petitions, attending Toronto Blue Jays exhibition games in Montreal, and by raiding select Blue Jays
games. Surprisingly enough, there's a group working hard
to bring as much attention to the lack of baseball and the
want for baseball in Montreal. That group? The Montreal
Baseball Project. Our Chief Editor Michel Burgy sat down
with Warren Cromartie, Founder and President of the
Montreal Baseball Project and talked ball.

- "Hello Warren, I'd like to start this off by allowing you a small platform to introduce yourself and your organization for our readers."
- "Well, I'm Warren Cromartie, and those who remember me from the Expos of '74 to '83 would know me as Cro. I'm originally from Miami, but I got into baseball professionally and fell in love with it personally in Montreal. Me and the Montreal Baseball Project are aiming to bring back the sport here to continue its legacy and start a new chapter for this legendary city.

- "So Montreal has history within baseball, but just how much?"
 - "Oh baseball is as important to Montreal as hockey is. The sad thing is not many people realize that. From an outsider's point of view, at least to the uninitiated, Montreal is some Canadian town that probably speaks French since it's located in Quebec. But this is where baseball's history was written. Jackie Robinson, first black baseball player in the major league, played for the Montreal Royals and was then drafted by the Brooklyn Dodgers in 1947 where he went on to become a legend in sports and racked up such accolades as: six-time All Star, World Series champion, Rookie of the Year, two-time leader in stolen bases, a part of the All-Century team, and has had his number 42 retired leaguewide. And that's not the end. The Montreal Expos were the first Canadian team to join the [Major League Baseball Association] and the first international team in the league. And it's been magical up until the mid 90's."
- "In a city so dominated by hockey, why baseball of all things?"
- "Haha! While it is true that hockey is king here, and that there is no competition there...



Baseball already has a history here, a rich one at that, and people are clamoring for its return. But other sports franchises in the city are doing good. Look at the Montreal Impact, if soccer can work in a hockey town, then so can baseball."

- "One mystery might not be so apparent and proves to be a problem: the trademark. Since purchasing the franchise, the MLB has maintained the Montreal Expos trademark & continues to sell merchandise with its logo. What are your plans surrounding that?"
- "Well I can't say much because we're in talks with the MLB about this, and all I can really say is keep your fingers crossed."
- "So are the Expos really coming back?"
- "Never say never."
- "And what about Youppi? What are the odds of getting him back on the diamond and off the ice?"
- "Honestly we haven't begun to talk about that yet. We'll probably send him an invitation or ask to see if he's got a brother interested in coming to Montreal."
- MB "A bit of a curveball question but why would the MLB want to come back to Montreal?"
- "Well, Canada is still a bit of an untapped market, even when the Expos were around, before the Blue Jays, it was easy getting new fans on a regular basis. And that's good for the sport and the MLB. Even today we can see the same effect happening with the Toronto Blue Jays. Having a rivalry would do nothing but benefit both sides, and that won't be hard seeing as Montreal and Toronto are just natural rivals friendly ones, but rivals nonetheless."

- "So you don't think that the French would scare away any competition?"
- "Honestly, no. French is a beautiful language,
 Quebec a beautiful province, and Montreal
 is a beautiful city. If anything it'll help boost
 tourism as baseball fans are the most likely
 sports fans to travel with their teams to see
 away games."
- "Do you honestly think baseball will ever make its return?"
- "Definitely. It's not a matter of if. It's a matter of when. With all the recent attention we've received over the last couple of years, it looks sooner than ever. We have the fans and they've been waiting for this. They're ready."
- "Well I'd like to thank you for sitting down with me today and discussing this. Final question: what would you recommend in Montreal to an American visiting for a ball game?"
- "You gotta have a poutine from La Belle Province, along with a steamy hot dog. And an Orange Julep. It's perfection in the summer, unbeatable."

When asking 3000 people on the streets of Montreal the following question: Would you support a baseball franchise in Montreal? 84% responded with yes. As you can see, the numbers look good! So with the support of seemingly all sides including the city of Montreal, top investing groups, the MLB, the Montreal Baseball Project, and of course the people, baseball season seems to be closer and closer and closer. Can the MBP make the dream come true and bring the game back? Well you might want to start eating some Cracker Jacks as game day approaches, one day.

What do YOU think? Are you excited about the thought of baseball returning to Montreal? Tweet us @MTLConnect with #BaseballMTL and let us know!



It's always a good day to bring baseball back.

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BIODOME CLOSURE

Article by James Bolusi



ue to renovations, Montreal's famed Biodome that features an oasis within the heart of the city will be temporarily closed. Showcasing some of the most beautiful ecosystems of the Americas such as a Tropical rainforest, a lovely warm place to go during Montreal's cold Winters, Even a place to get a taste of the subpolar regions with penguins!

Laurence Lavigne Lalonde, a member of Montreal's executive committee had this to say about the upcoming renovations of the Biodome - "The Biodome is one of the most visited places in Montreal. But now we are afraid that if we don't go forward with this project, people will go less because the experience is not as interesting as we could [make it]".

The biodome is a meaning for "house of life" and was opened in the Olympic Park in1992 and offered a concept the world has ever seen before. Now the popular attraction is due for a revamp to keep up with the interests of visitors and Montrealers. The project to renovate the Biodome is planned to cost \$19 million so visitors' experience is more immersive. The renovation is supposed to

bring in an additional profit of \$3.5 million a year after the Biodome reopens. The improvements are going to include brand new walkways that feature four ecosystems; sub-arctic climate, Gulf of St. Lawrence, northern hardwood forest and a tropical rainforest.

The Biodome was supposed to be under renovation back in 2016 to be ready for the city's 375th anniversary, however former mayor Denis Coderre halted the project in August of 2016 after bids were more than double the estimate of \$14.2 million. Ever since, plans to redesign and improve the experience of visitors have been more of the focus, but plans to renovate employee offices and the cafeteria have been cancelled according to Laurence Lavigne Lalonde.

The cost of the project will be higher than the first estimate which was the lowest bid of \$31 million in 2016. However, now the city is focusing more on three bids, the lowest of which is \$19 million. The city council has approved the bid as of March 26 and the Biodome has been closed. Plans to reopen are expected to be in June of 2019.

The Bell Centre and its Ticket System

Article by Abby Cross

he Bell Centre is one of the most iconic places to go to in downtown Montreal. Bell Centre also has a ticket system, which they call Evenko and its their box office. You can buy tickets at the bell centre for many things such as for music concerts, sports, comedy, festivals and also group performances, etc. You can buy tickets both online and at the box office in downtown Montreal.

Buying online is much easier than buying at the Bell Centre. You can access tickets in certain ranges of the Bell Centre and can also select where you want to be seated. The process maybe easy, but there is a catch, you only have a limited time to complete the purchase, otherwise you would have to restart to the beginning, to the point you are selecting the section. You can also look at which days your favorite performer is coming to Montreal. One thing to notice if ever a performer comes two days and you are trying to buy tickets for the second day that performer is coming on, you just have to click on the first day that Evenko shows you and it rights there underneath the first date in a small navigation bar. It happen to me once, I was trying to just look at what was left for the second concert of Justin Timberlake's and I kept searching on Evenko and even kept clicking on the link for the concert on Evenko's Facebook page and it kept bringing to the same page that I was previously on. Also some tickets can be purchased on different sites depending on what type of the music genre the performers are in. Also for festivals, you actually have to buy them on the "Festivals" main page. Concerts and sport games such as hockey games, are mainly solded on

Evenko, but for Festivals such as Osheaga and Ile Soniq, you have to buy the tickets on their main page. Evenko has description of it, a video of what happensl, a link that shows what social media platforms you can contact them on. Also for group performances, there are many different kinds of them such as the Cirque du Soleil, Ice Skating performances such as Etoiles sur glace etc.

Tickets can also be purchased at the box office at the Bell Centre in downtown Montreal. But the box office is not the same as for purchasing tickets online. All performances that are being held at the Bell Centre will be sold at the box office but events and festivals such as Osheaga may not be sold at the box office (don't take my word for it, I have never really been to one of those events in my life) but if Evenko is not the one who are selling it online they may not be selling them at the box office. But try anyways, you may find the answer to the question that you have. Also if you are buying tickets at the Bell Centre for the first time, try to avoid having to go back and forth into the lineup because that actually happened to me when I bought the Justin Timberlake tickets with my best friend back in March 2018, we had to go back in line three times because the first time, the cash register was for buying hockey tickets (there was a game that same day we bought our tickets), the second time was because the lady at the front desk was closing and by the third time, we didn't even know if the lady at the cash register was even selling concert tickets

Between buying tickets online and at the box office, there are both a pro and con for both of them. Buying tickets online. Pro: you can choose multiple options of what range you want to be and also choose what type of ticket you want to purchase such as regular, VIP etc. Con: you have a limited time (about a minute, you can ask to have extra time but the extra time is about less than a minute.) to purchase your ticket (otherwise you will have to restart from the beginning). Buying tickets at the Evenko box office at the Bell Centre. Pro: you can buy tickets for, you can even buy tickets on a day that a concert or even hockey game is held on. Con: you will probably keep have to go back in line because some cash registers will only let you purchase only hockey tickets. I would recommend either one but it honestly depends on how you want to pur-

If you ever have questions on anything particular on a event that you are going to, ask the people who work for the Bell Centre, they will always be willing to help you, if there is something you don't understand or don't know

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where to find something that you are looking for. Ask anyone, even the security guards, and they will give you the answer to your question or even given you a hand if you are having trouble with something like getting down the last few stairs (whenever I am on the floor of the Bell Centre for a show, I'm always having the most trouble when it comes to the last stairs

because they are more harder to see and always a member of the bell centre' staff is always asking me if i'm ok. One of them even gave me their hand to hold when I was going down the stairs during the Demi Lovato and Nick Jonas concert in the Summer of 2016.)

Ever want to enjoy and have fun with your friends, family or even loved ones. The Bell Centre and also festivals and events that are promoted by Evenko, are the places that you can have fun at. No matter what event it is, music concerts, hockey games, festivals like Osheaga, you will always leave the Bell Centre and Evenko events and festivals with a piece of it with you.

