

STE-ANNE-DE-BELLEVUE

A community with plenty of green spaces, waterfront views, and renowned educational institutions

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With vast green spaces, breathtaking waterfront views, and internationally renowned educational institutions within its borders, the community of Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue is truly unique in Montreal. Home to more than 5,000 people, the suburb offers its residents and visitors a quality of life that is arguably unmatched.

"We like to say we're a little city that's big on charm," said Mayor Paola Hawa, who was re-elected for a second term during the municipal elections in November. "I don't think there's anywhere else on the island where you have this type of beautiful balance between nature and community; we're blessed with the natural environment here, from the waterfront to our forests and wildlife."

In many ways its natural beauty has come to largely define Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue throughout its history.

"We're blessed with the fact that William Macdonald bought and preserved so much land in our community back in the early 1900s to create Macdonald College, otherwise it would have been developed," said Ryan Young, city councillor for District 2. "We're also lucky today because there has been



Mayor Paola Hawa.

enough of a conservation effort in the community to encourage the city administration to work with the city of Montreal to preserve our portion of the Corridor Ecoforestier de la Rivière à l'Orme."

In addition to its natural treasures, another defining factor of Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue is the lively atmosphere in the community.

"Because we're a town with a CE-GEP and university and an abundance of musicians and artists, we just have joie de vivre here that I don't think you find anywhere else," Hawa said. "Our city is so full of life, and you see it everywhere you look."



John Abbott College helps bring an interesting mix of people, energy and ideas to Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue. PHOTOS (2): COURTESY OF THE TOWN OF STE-ANNE-DE-BELLEVUE

This vibrant energy is what has attracted a growing number of young families to the community over the last several years. "In this small community there's a bit of

everything," Young said. "It has a lot of activities, a city-run day camp that's affordable, a lot of green spaces, schools, daycares, and it's very pedestrian-friendly. There's also diversity in all things here: diverse housing options, diverse economic features, diverse landscapes, and a diverse population."

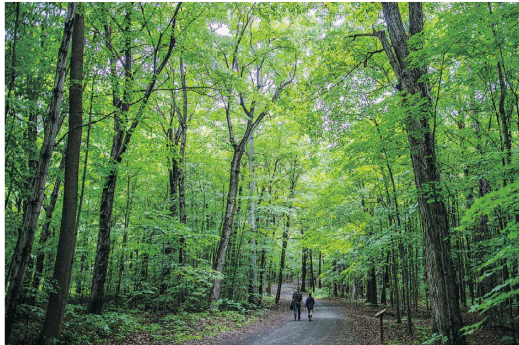
The city is looking to further its development in certain sectors over the next few years in order to accommodate its growing population, as well as cater to demog-

raphics in need in the area, such as seniors.

"We're going to be working on plans for the vacant space around the hospital, which is specialized in geriatric care," Hawa said. "The plans will primarily entail seniors' residences and several services catering to seniors as well."

In another part of the city, Hawa's team is working to enable development that will benefit the whole community.

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The Morgan Arboretum, a 245-hectare forested reserve on the McGill University Macdonald campus in Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue, allows people to immerse themselves in nature by walking a trail like these two are doing on a Sunday in the summer of 2016. DARIO AYALA, GAZETTE FILES



Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue town hall, at 109 Ste-Anne St. PETER McCABE, GAZETTE FILES

Modern, streamlined looks and covered appliances in kitchen, bathroom cabinetry design

CABINETS FROM G1

"Once a novelty, they've now become the norm as homeowners redo or retrofit their cabinets," Lamorte said.

"We're also seeing much more modern and streamlined looks and covered appliances in both kitchen and bathroom design," Olivier Proulx said. "Our new kitchen collections include sliding pocket doors that hide kitchen appliances, and in the bathroom washers and dryers are concealed behind doors, too. In fact, last year Scavolini launched a new collection called Laundry Space that helps create an organized laundry room while maintaining an elegant design."

In addition to these trends, manufacturers are also getting creative with mixed materials, and responding to the demand for more sustainably crafted designs.

"We're now seeing eco-sustainable and bacteria-resistant materials like Biomalta, leather, concrete-look eco-wood, and tempered glass for doors," Proulx said. "Integrated lighting into kitchen cabinets has also become a very important feature in the design process and an intricate part of the final result."

Fashion designers, too, have started to pay attention to the kitchen industry. For instance, Scavolini has collaborations with Diesel, Ora-Ito, and Giugiaro, to name a few.

"These designers' exclusive, signature designs can make your kitchen stand out," Proulx said. "For example, the Japanese designer Nendo designed a system with ceramic bowls for storage, adding a unique touch to the space."

Aside from changing looks and trends, new standards are also being set in terms of the manufacturing processes and facilities that produce cabinets. Responding to demands from clients, many manufacturers are adopting more eco-friendly approaches to creating their products.

"For example, our supplier, Scavolini, which is the largest manufacturer in Italy, has a fully self-sustainable facility that recycles its water and uses solar panels to produce its own electricity," Proulx said. "Consumers are much more educated and are demanding the best manufacturing processes and high-quality products at the best possible price."

Regardless of your style, the range of models, materials, and looks available today mean you'll be able to find cabinetry for your home that meets all of your criteria.

"It's worth investing in because having nice-looking cabinetry is very important," Daniela Lamorte said. "The cabinets physically take up the most space in kitchens; it's very prominent, so it is usually the first thing buyers notice."



A trendy colour is used in this kitchen design: stained-look lacquered doors in Stained Steel for the island and cabinets, Light Grey matte lacquered doors for the work area and open-fronted tall units, stainless steel for work-tops. PHOTOS COURTESY OF CUISINES MODERNA



Scavolini's Laundry Space collection, with its combination of the appliance unit (housing the washing machine and dryer) and the storage cupboard with the Fluida wall system, in a corner configuration and fitted with bottoming flap doors and baskets, is the perfect solution for managing all your cleaning and washing essentials.