

What's Hot and What's Not: the 2015 edition



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It is time for our annual look at What's Hot and What's Not in this great province of ours.

Hot: Denis Coderre. When was the last time Montreal had a mayor this popular?

Not: Le Vrai Changement Pour Montréal. Melanie Joly dropped out as leader and the party's website has not been updated since the last municipal election.

Hot: Marc Demers. The mayor of Laval won his case to remain in office, despite eligibility questions from the last election.

Not: Gilles Vaillancourt. From mayor to

"soup kitchen" volunteer, his fall from grace and impending legal battles do not leave a nice legacy.

Hot: Gaetan Barrette. I am not particularly fond of his constant cuts to the health sector, but he is a man of action who follows up on his promises.

Not: François Legault. Will the leader of the CAQ still be around when the next provincial election takes place more than three years from now? His performance in the National Assembly has been less than stellar.

Hot: Senator Leo Housakos. While Canada's upper chamber continues to get bad press, local boy makes good Housakos has risen to speaker of the Senate.

Not: Caroline St-Hilaire. The mayor of

Longueuil lost a lot of credibility by castigating a city councillor for speaking English at public meetings. Is she the mayor for "all" or "some?" Her separatist past is showing big time.

Hot: SiriusXM Satellite Radio. Once you have gotten a taste for their endless array of stations, it is pretty hard to resist – especially Howard Stern 24/7.

Not: AM 600 Radio Montreal. The wait for a new Montreal talk radio station to go on the air remains endless.

Hot: Fibe TV and Crave TV. Bravo to Bell!

Not: VCRs. Do these things still exist?

Hot: Carey Price. When the Habs goalie's six year contract ends at the conclusion of the 2017-2018 season what will his salary demand be? How does \$12 million a year sound?

Not: The Habs minus tough guy Brandon Prust. Watch him thrive in Vancouver and get traded to Boston on the deadline. Traded for Zack Kassian, it is a move I think GM Marc Bergevin will regret

Hot: Montreal Expos baseball caps.
Not: The absence of a minor league team in the Can-Am League.

Hot: Global TV's new 12:30 p.m. newscast.

Not: CBC TV News being cut down from 90 minutes to a half hour.

Hot: CJAD's Dan Delmar. His "Exchange" show is a great listen, with a terrific variety of guest hosts.

Not: Management at Cogeco for hiring Wayne Bews away from CTV as general manager for 92.5 The Beat FM and then abolishing his position six months later.

Hot: Herb Zurkowsky. If only *The Gazette* would give him the hockey beat.

Not: The lack of coverage for university sports by this city's mainstream media.

Hot: The iPhone. After years of procrastinating I finally got one.

Not: The BlackBerry. After years of procrastinating I finally got rid of mine.

Hot: Queue de Cheval on Avenue de la Montagne.

Not: Le Biftheque on Cote de Liesse shuts down for a third time.

Hot: WiFi at Place Vertu.

Not: No WiFi at Fairview Pointe Claire.

Hot: The Grand Prix du Canada.

Not: The Tour de l'Île

Hot: Minister of Agriculture Pierre Paradis and his impressive initiatives towards animal protection.

Not: Anyone who is cruel towards animals.

Hot: Montreal Memories Facebook Page. Congrats to founder Barry Zbar whose creation recently surpassed 15,000 members.

Not: Dollard des Ormeaux and any other municipality minus their own Facebook page.

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