

Our precursor to the Academy Awards: *The Suburbies*



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It is that time of year again. On the eve of the Academy Awards (a.k.a. the Oscars) in Hollywood this coming Sunday, I bring you the annual Suburbies – my tongue and cheek version of the gala affair featuring our very own politicians.

Best Picture: *If I Stay* stars Prime Minister Stephen Harper. Will he “stay” on as leader of the Conservative Party for the Oct. 19, 2015 election? You can bet on it.

Best Actor: Laval Mayor Marc Demers, a former police officer, wins for *RoboCop*. Despite attempts to unseat him due to an eligibility question he was given the green light to stay on by a Quebec Superior Court judge.

Best Actor in a Supporting Role: Richard Bergeron in *This Is Where I Leave You*, as in Projét Montréal. That’s the political party he led until a few months ago when he quit to sit as an independent.

Best Actress: Pauline Marois in *Gone Girl*. After 18 months as Quebec premier, her disastrous election campaign spelled the end of her political career.

Best Actress in a Supporting Role: Justice Francine Charbonneau, *The Judge*. Her scathing report on corruption will out soon.

Best Director: Projét Montréal Councillor Alexander Norris for *Alexander and The Terrible Horrible No Good Very Bad Day*. He is kicked out of a Montreal council meeting for not wearing a tie.

Screenplay: Justin Trudeau in *Boyhood*. We have all watched Pierre Trudeau’s little boy grow up. Now he wants to become Prime Minister.

Cinematography: *Interstellar*, featuring Westmount Ville Marie Liberal MP and former astronaut Marc Garneau.

Best Visual Effects: *The Hunger Games: Mockingpierre Part I* features the return of Pierre Paradis to the provincial cabinet as Minister of Agriculture.

Best Costume Design: *Interview*, the controversial story of how controversial rookie PQ MNA and newspaper publisher Pierre-Karl Péladeau carries out his leadership campaign

on Facebook.

Best Writing: *Let’s Be Cops* features CAQ leader François Legault and former MNA and one-time police chief Jacques Duchesneau who get in some hot water when they level allegations against former PQ leader André Boisclair related to a contract he granted as a minister in 2003.

Best Film Editing: *The Expendables 3* sees Philippe Couillard bid adieu to three veteran MNAs in Henri-François Gauthier, Lawrence Bergman and Pierre Marsan before the April 2014 election.

Best Sound Editing: *Billion Dollar Harm*, starring newly minted Finance Minister and West Island Robert Baldwin MNA Carlos Leitão as the man bent on achieving a zero deficit.

Best Sound Mixing: *Dumb and Dumber To* nabs this one, as Marois (Dumb) calls an election and Péladeau (Dumber) fist pumps the party down in the polls.

Best Art Direction: Health Minister Dr. Gaetan Barrette in *Sabotage*, otherwise known as Draft Bill 20 aimed at forcing doctors to take on patient loads of 1,000 each.

Best Original Story: Noah Sidel impressed us as the CAQ candidate in NDG in *Noah*.

Best Original Music: Montreal city Councillor Annie Samson for *Arnie*.

Best Makeup and Hair: Premier Couillard is the winner in *The Equalizer*.

Best Production Design: *Horrible Bosses 2* showcases angry municipal workers protesting pension reform.

Lifetime Achievement Award: We present this to Mount Royal Liberal MP Irwin Cotler, whom when he was first elected in a byelection in 1999 figured he might remain in office for one term. When he officially retires before the next election he will have served 16 years, including just over two as Minister of Justice. On Thursday, Cotler will receive the Law Society of Upper Canada’s inaugural human rights award at Osgoode Hall in Toronto. The society represents some 46,000 lawyers in Ontario.

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