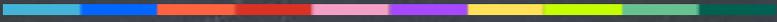


# Bar Milton-Parc Solidarity Cooperative



Plebiscite Question to SSMU Members Winter 2023

February 9, 2023

# Coop Bar Milton-Parc Team



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## Bar Milton-Parc Solidarity Cooperative

Formerly known as **Bar des Pins**

## Supporting Organizations:



# Bar Milton-Parc Solidarity Cooperative

*Owned and operated by the community*

- ✦ **Transformative space** for groups to organize
- ✦ **Solidarity Meal program** (e.g. \$3 PWYC lunch)
- ✦ **Live events**, speaker panels, community forums
- ✦ **Locally** grown food, **locally** brewed beer
- ✦ **Café & co-workspace** by day,  
**Pub and community hub** by night



# Why am I here?

Approval of a  
**Plebiscite Question**

to the student body  
about investing  
**5% of the CERF**

into

**Coop Bar Milton-Parc**

## **Plebiscite Question:**

Non-binding straw poll question issued to gauge the SSMU membership's view

## **Capital Expenditures Reserve Fund (CERF):**

Accrued profits from historical SSMU activities, including year-in year-out surplus/deficit.

⇒ *§ Finances-07 Funds: Part 1*

## **Coop Bar Milton-Parc:**

A cooperatively owned establishment that is value aligned to SSMU and will be providing an array of services to students and community members alike

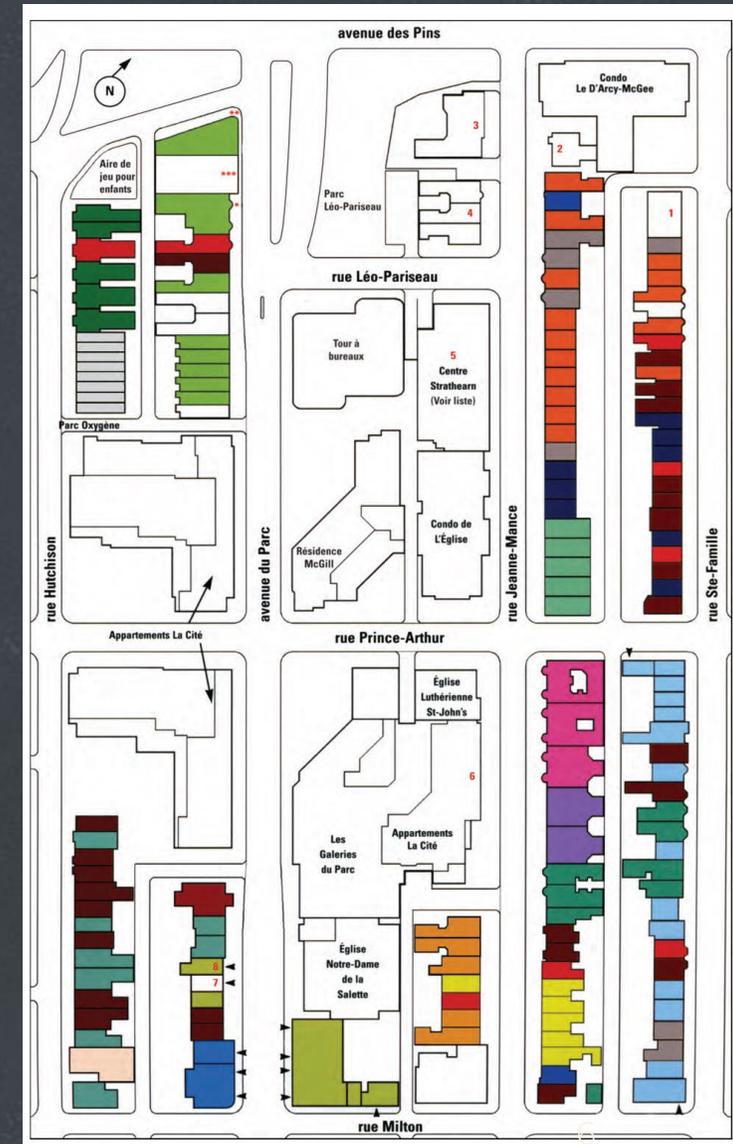
# Communauté Milton-Parc (CMP)

[miltonparc.org](http://miltonparc.org)



*A local, social, and economic partner*

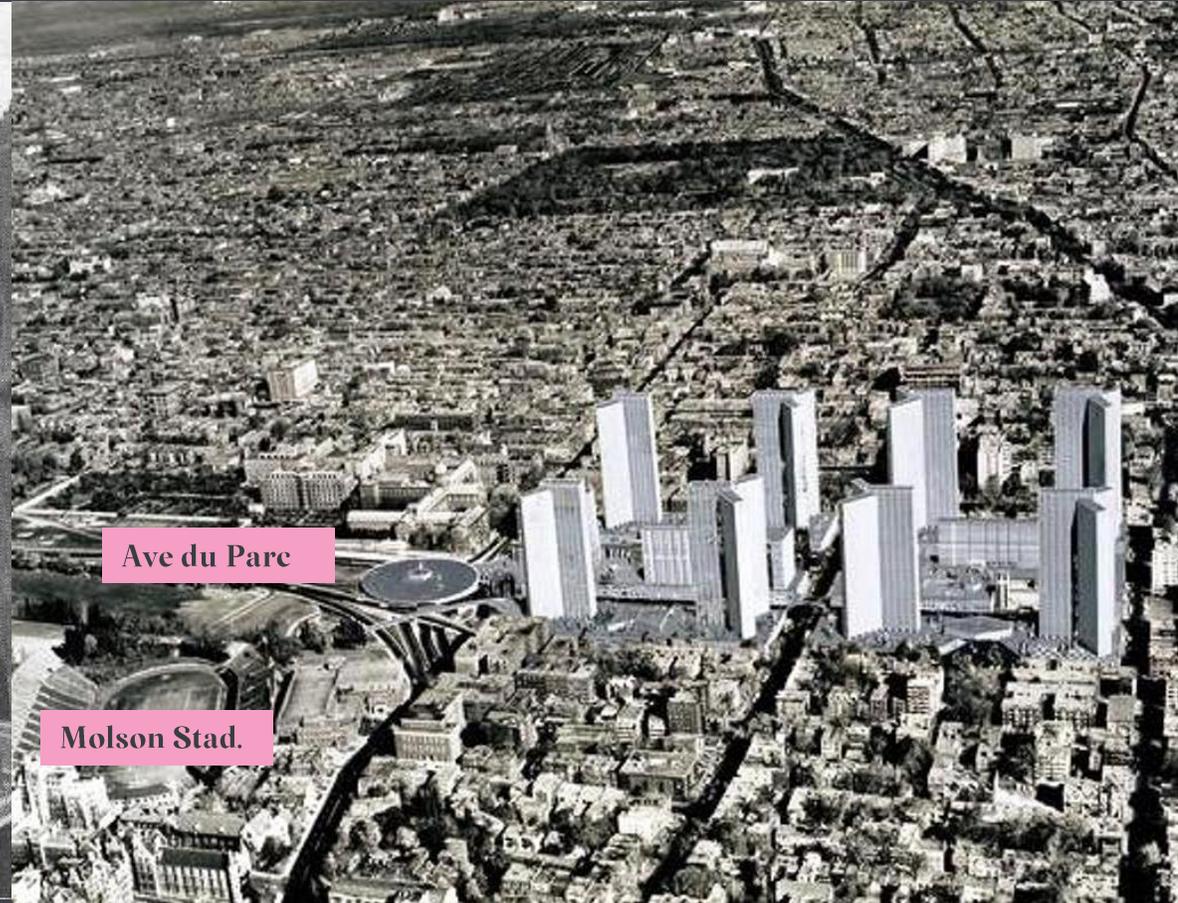
- ◆ CMP is a collection of independently organized *cooperatively owned* housing in ~~the ghetto~~ Milton-Parc
- ◆ The largest urban community land-trust in all North America



**16** housing cooperatives  
**6** housing non-profits  
**14** community owned commercial spaces  
**thousands** of residents

# CMP History

Urban developer *Concordia Estates* acquires significant chunk of land and proposes demolition of much of the Milton-Parc area

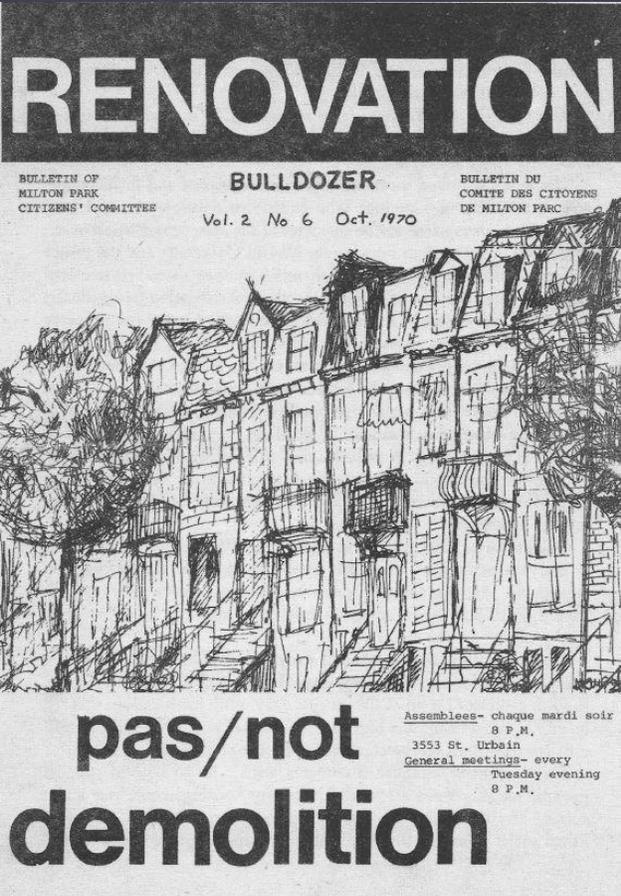


1968

NOW

# CMP History

Milton-Parc Citizens Committee is founded to oppose the destruction of their neighbourhood.



1968 1970s

NOW

# CMP History

Despite many protests, 255 structures were demolished, which created what we now know as *LaCite*

**MILTON PARK**  
**community press** special  
(formerly the MILLION) Vol. 1 No. 2 **issue!**  
**59 PEOPLE ARRESTED** ACTIONS  
CONTINUE



**7 DAYS IN MAY - a chronicle of the struggle against Concordia**

After four years of opposition to the proposed Cité Concordia project the Milton-Park Citizens' Committee has finally come to life. Faced with the immediate threat of demolition of the closed houses in the core of the community, at least 100 people are waging an active struggle to prevent Concordia Estates Ltd. from continuing with its present plans.

Over two months of work have gone into the preparation of this action. Members of the committee have spent time talking to hundreds of people in the neighbourhood. Citizens' committees, trade unions and social agencies throughout Montreal have been contacted and almost without exception have supported the activities of the committee in its attempts to have their alternate plans for the community implemented. But the real impetus for the present actions came from the initiation of demolition of one of the closed houses at the corner of Prince Arthur and Park Avenue.

Here is how events have shaped up over the last two weeks:

**MAY 19** One day before a planned demonstration Concordia announced that demolition had begun. Workers from the A.S.C. Demolition Company began preliminary work.

**MAY 20** The next morning 150 people participated in a demonstration to protest the demolition. They paraded

through the streets and around the closed houses waving placards and chanting slogans such as "Houses are for People" and "Ouvrons les Maisons." At the point where the marchers were passing the house being demolished a number of people broke in and immediately began a symbolic renovation. Paint, brushes, mops and pails appeared from all over the neighbourhood. Boards were removed from windows and used to make furniture. An electrical system was hooked up. By evening everyone was settled in comfortably.

**MAY 21-22** The next two days passed with the residents of the "liberated" house doing further renovation work. A group of people who were without homes arrived to share the new accommodations. Animated discussions were a common sight, both in the house and on the street, as people from the community dropped by to tour the newly opened house and to see what was happening.

People were very surprised to find that the apartments that were opened were in such good condition. Except for the lack of water and plumbing they could have been made into very comfortable homes for anyone. The committee was renewed in its belief that these houses should be renovated and not demolished.

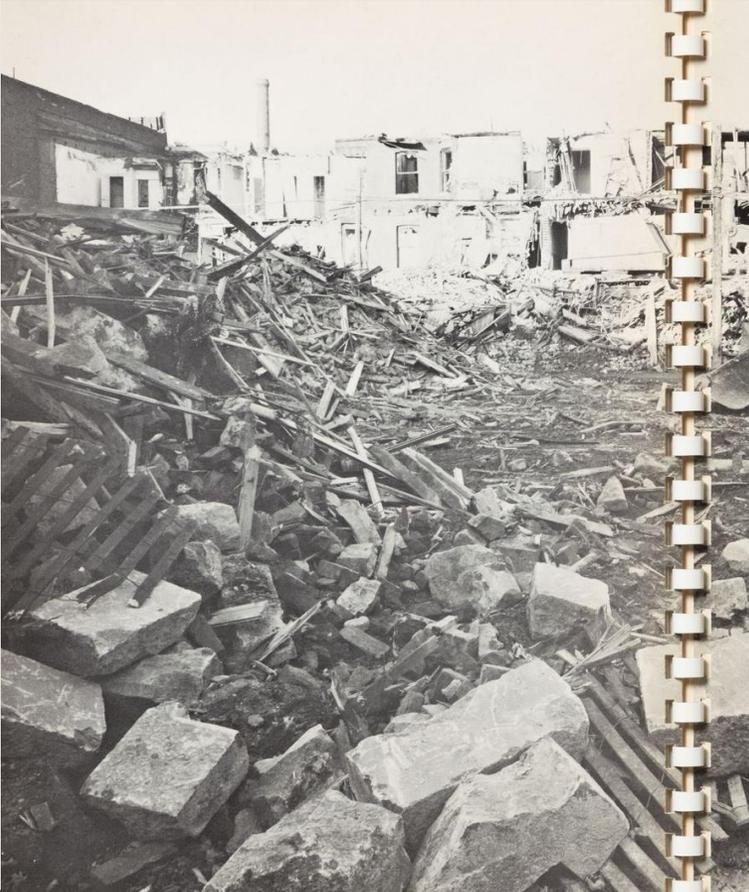
On Monday night, in anticipation of the workers returning to work, a large meeting was held to discuss strategy. (continued on page 4)

**HUNGER STRIKE!**

On June 9, members of the M.P.C.C. began a hunger strike. They are making the following demands:

- 1) that all demolition in the Milton Park area be stopped,
- 2) that a committee be set up to use the Milton Park alternate plan (see p5) as a basis for the renovation of the closed houses,
- 3) that charges against the 59 persons be dropped.

The Conseil de Développement Social, a grouping of Montreal citizens groups, has supported the action unanimously.



1968 1972

NOW

# CMP History

With a well-timed recession and the mounting pressure from the community, development stopped after Phase 1



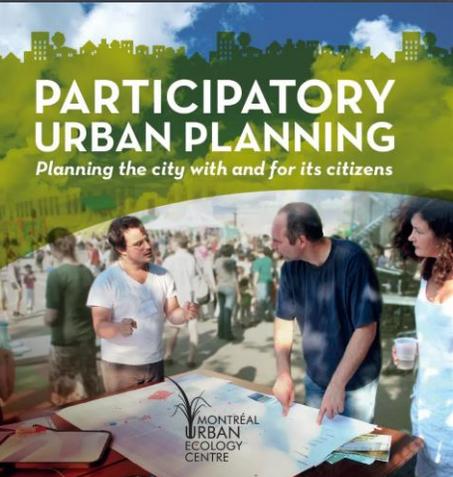
1968 1972

1979

NOW

# CMP History

A LOT MORE HAPPENS. Citizens of Milton-Parc go on to grow beyond securing housing, fostering cultural events, supporting one another through mobilization and mutual aid. In 1992 due to financial hardship, the CMP had to sell the space to Bar des Pins.



1968 1972

1979

1992

NOW

# CMP History

Just short of 30 years, Bar des Pins closed down its operation. The CMP repurchased the space, and opened a call for proposals from the community



1968 1972

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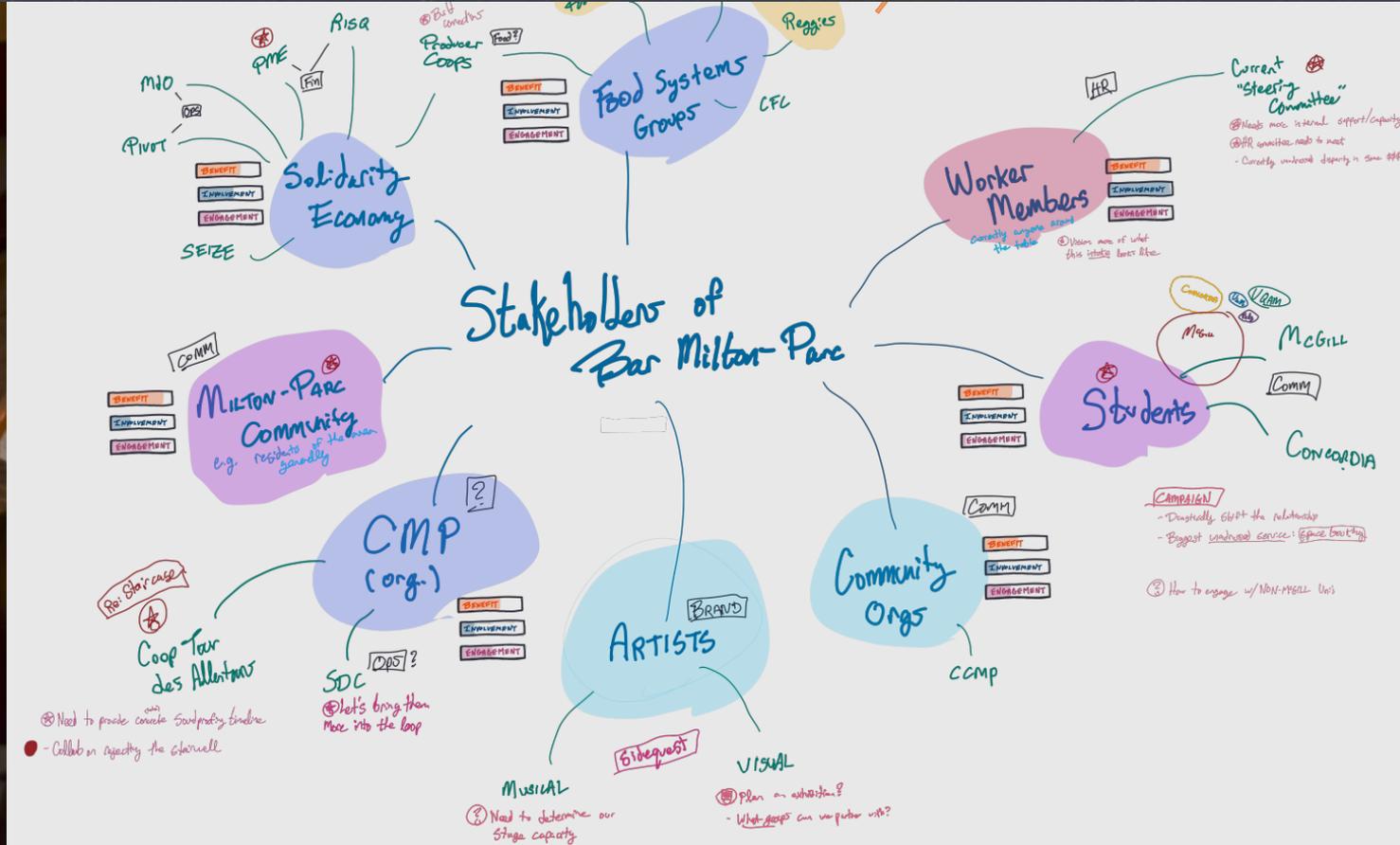
1992

2019

NOW

# CMP History

A team is formed, a business plan is made, a lease is signed for the space, BMP team legally incorporates as a cooperative.



1968 1972

1979

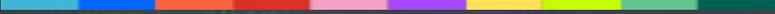
1992

2022 NOW



# Bar Milton-Parc

## Solidarity Cooperative



# What is a cooperative?

A **co-operative** is an autonomous association of persons united voluntarily to meet their common economic, social and cultural needs and aspirations through a jointly-owned and democratically-controlled enterprise.

- ◆ *Self-help*
- ◆ *Self-responsibility*
- ◆ *Democracy*
- ◆ *equality, equity and solidarity*

# How are coops different?

## Purpose

Common need vs. Profit maximization

## Control Structure

1 Member : 1 Vote vs. 1 Share : 1 Vote

## Profit Allocation

Patronage vs. Amount of shares

## 7 Principles of Cooperatives:

**AUTONOMY &  
INDEPENDENCE**

**VOLUNTARY  
OPEN  
MEMBERSHIP**

**DEMOCRATIC  
MEMBER CONTROL**

**COOPERATION  
AMONG COOPERATIVES**

**MEMBER  
ECONOMIC  
PARTICIPATION**

**CONCERN  
FOR THE  
COMMUNITY**

**EDUCATION  
TRAINING AND  
INFORMATION**

# Becoming a member of a bar cooperative?

***For a one-time,  
always refundable  
share of \$20:***

- ✦ *20% discount on all eligible goods*
- ✦ *Participate in open democracy*
- ✦ *Surplus profits that are not reinvested are evenly distributed to all members*

# Why SSMU?

1. McGill students are an **intrinsic part of Milton-Parc**
2. SSMU and BMP are **value-aligned**
3. Concordia has demonstrated that **direct financial involvement in the local economy** benefits its students
4. **Space is a sparse resource** on campus

*“Every undergraduate at McGill is a member of the SSMU. We are here to speak out for you and advocate for your interests”*

[ssmu.ca/about-us](http://ssmu.ca/about-us)



**HIVE CAFÉ  
SOLIDARITY  
CO-OPERATIVE**



**REGGIES**  
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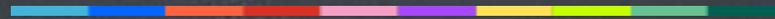
**Bar Milton-Parc** will be....

a **vibrant community space** day and night.

a **provider of affordable meals**

a **showcase of local art**, musicians and performers

**an empowered workforce** of students and community



The McGill student body is  
capable of radically improving the  
quality of life for students and residents alike.

*But first we must gather,  
and we must be able to eat (and drink).*

# Thank you!!

## Questions?

More about our project:

<http://bmp.coop>

- ✦ Suggest a new name!
- ✦ Join the team!
- ✦ Book the space!

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SEIZE

Learn more about Milton-Parc!

NATHAN MCDONNELL

COMMUNITY ORGANIZER - CCMP

→ session 4 - Feb 16 2023

Organizing in a Housing Crisis

join us !

link in post

<https://bit.ly/seize4-w2023>

# Snap-Shot of the Student-Run Food System at Concordia

NOVEMBER 2018

## SUPPORT & ADVOCACY

- Sustainable Concordia
- Sustainable Action Fund
- Concordia Student Union
- Graduate Student Association
- Concordia Food Coalition
- Centre for Gender Advocacy
- Q-PIRG Concordia
- Food Autonomy Campaign

## PRODUCTION

### FOOD

#### GROWING FOOD ON CAMPUS

- Concordia Greenhouse
- City Farm School
- Campus Potager
- HydroFlora
- People's Potato Garden

#### GROWING FOOD OFF CAMPUS

- *City Farm School (Green Club) \*\**
- *Hudson Land Trust Project \*\**

#### FORAGING

- Sensorium

### KNOWLEDGE

#### EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Concordia Greenhouse
- City Farm School
- Season Jars
- HydroFlora
- Coop les brasseurs illuminés
- le Frigo Vert
- Waste Not, Want Not Compost
- Sprouting Minds
- Cooking at Concordia

#### CONFERENCES

- Bite Me! Food Week
- Concordia Transitions

## PROCESSING

### FOOD TRANSFORMATION

- Cooking at Concordia
- People's Potato
- Hive Café Solidarity Coop
- Hive Free Lunch
- Reggies Coop
- Season Jars
- Coop les brasseurs illuminés
- Mother Hubbard's Cupboard
- Food Against Fascism
- *Burritoville \**

## DISTRIBUTION

### CAFÉ / RESTO / CAFETERIA

#### MARKET BASED

- Hive Café Solidarity Coop
- Reggies Coop
- *Café X \**
- *G Lounge \**
- *Burritoville \**

#### NON-MARKET BASED

- People's Potato
- Hive Free Lunch
- Hive Café (pay it forward)
- Mother Hubbard's Cupboard
- Food Against Fascism

### PRODUCE / GROCERY OUTLETS

#### MARKET BASED

- Greenhouse (Seedling sale)
- City Farm School Market
- Concordia Farmers' Market
- Campus Potager Pop-Up Market
- le Frigo Vert

#### NON-MARKET BASED

- Greenhouse (seedling donations)
- People's Potato (food bank)
- Mother Hubbard's (vouchers)
- City Farm School (NDG Food Depot)

## WASTE MANAGEMENT

### INITIATIVES

#### EDUCATION / COMPOSTING

- Waste Not, Want Not Compost
- City Farm School
- Concordia Greenhouse
- Vermicycle

#### REUSABLE DISHES

- R4 Dish Project
- People's Potato
- Hive Free Lunch
- Hive Café Solidarity Coop
- Mother Hubbard's Cupboard
- Concordia Greenhouse
- Food Against Fascism

#### COMPOSTABLE PACKAGING

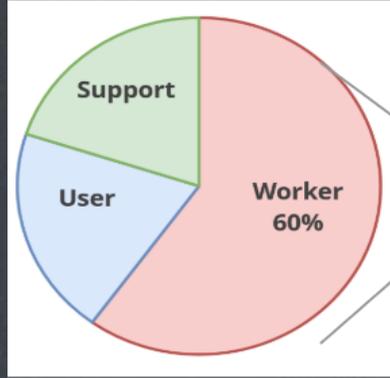
- Hive Café Coop

#### B.Y.O. DISH INCENTIVES

- People's Potato
- Hive Café Solidarity Coop
- Waste Not, Want Not Compost
- le Frigo Vert
- Food Against Fascism

*\* No longer in operation*

*\*\* Now independent community project*



**The Board**  
 Some specific roles:  
 - Chair  
 - Vice-Chair  
 - Secretary  
 - Treasurer

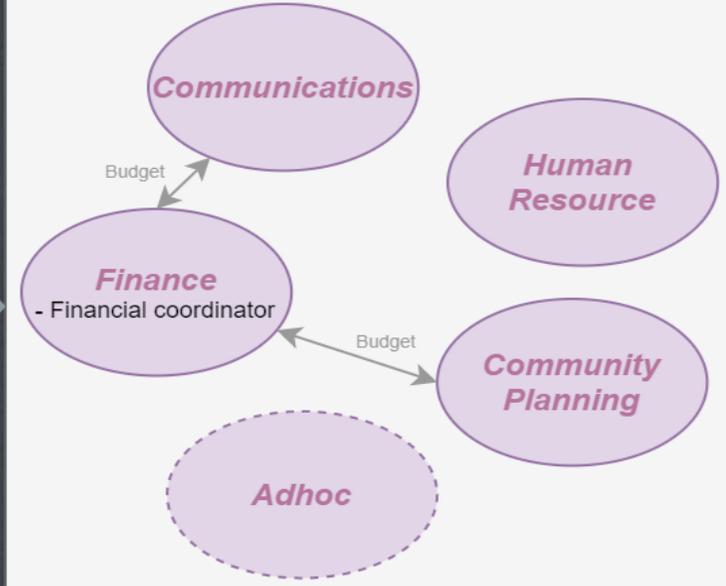
**Regular reporting**

**AGM**

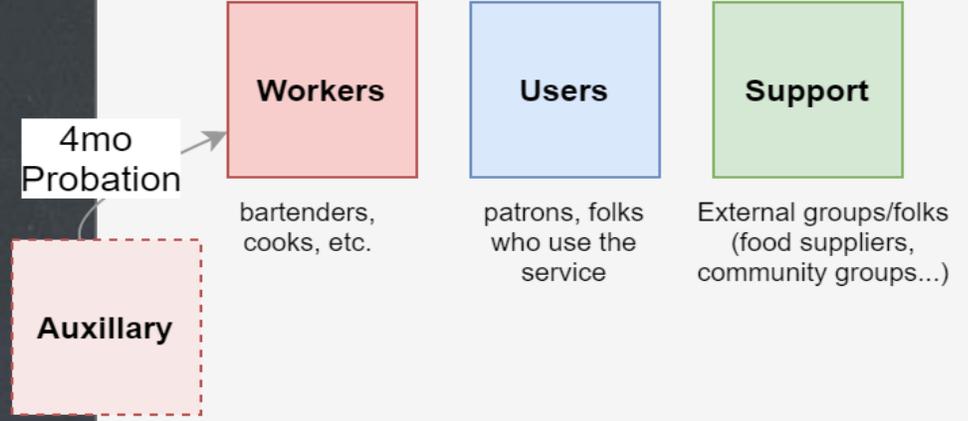
Appoints

**Managers**

**COMMITTEES**



**MEMBERS**



Committee members & participants



Coopérative  
de développement régional  
**du Québec**



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