

ACCESSIBILITY AT AGM & ONWORDS 2020

Below you will find resources regarding accessibility at The Writers' Union of Canada's AGM and OnWords, May 28 – 30, 2020, in Montreal, QC. If you have any further questions, or to inform us of your needs, please contact info@writersunion.ca or 416-703-8982 x 223.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Allergies: As a courtesy to your fellow attendees, please refrain from using scented products to help ensure the comfort of everyone at the conference.

Nearest drug store: Uniprix Isabelle Kim Thien Dang - affiliated Pharmacy (3575 Park Ave) is located 120 metres away from New Residence Hall, inside Les Galeries du Parc.

Deaf, hard of hearing, and visual disabilities: There are seats available at the front of meeting rooms for members who are deaf, hard of hearing, or living with a visual disability. Speakers have been asked to speak clearly, into the microphone, and to look at the audience during their presentations.

If you require additional accommodations to participate in the AGM or OnWords conference, please let us know by **April 27, 2020**, and we will do our best to accommodate you.

VENUES

[New Residence Hall \(McGill University\)](#), 3625 Park Ave

The Annual General Meeting and the majority of OnWords conference will take place at New Residence Hall. Ballroom A, Ballroom B, Salles du Parc C-13, Salles du Parc C-14, and guest rooms are all within New Residence Hall.

- The entire building is wheelchair accessible.
- All elevators are wheelchair accessible.
- While Braille isn't written in the elevators, all room doors include Braille.
- Gender inclusive washrooms are available in the New Residence Hall lobby and guest rooms.

[Gallery Gora \(Dayne Ogilvie Award Celebration\)](#), 279 Sherbrooke St W

- The venue is wheelchair accessible.
- There is elevator access, and floor numbers in the elevators are also written in Braille.
- Washrooms are gendered.
- Gallery Gora is 500 metres from New Residence Hall:
 - Turn left onto Ave du Parc.
 - Turn left onto Rue Sherbrooke/Rue Sherbrooke Ouest/QC-138 O.
 - Gallery Gora will be on your left.

Moyse Hall Theatre (Margaret Laurence Lecture), 853 Sherbrooke St W

- The venue is wheelchair accessible.
- There is elevator access, and floor numbers in the elevators are also written in Braille.
- Washrooms are gendered.
- **Attendees with physical access needs are encouraged to contact the Union prior to the lecture, so we can arrange for Front of House Staff to be available to meet and guide you through the building to the Theatre.**
- Moyse hall is 850 metres away from New Residence Hall:
 - Turn left onto Ave du Parc.
 - Turn right onto Rue Prince Arthur O.
 - Turn left at McGill University Department of Chemical Engineering.
 - Turn right at Jams Administration Building.
 - Moyse Hall Theatre will be on your right.

TRANSPORTATION

Société de transport de Montréal (STM, or Montreal Transit Society):

- All STM buses are wheelchair accessible, with the exception of minibuses and shuttle services on Navette and the 212 - Sainte-Anne line.
- New STM hybrid-powered buses have two spaces for wheelchair customers.
- For your safety and convenience, STM strongly urges customers in wheelchairs to use buses with front-door access ramps. Schedules for buses with ramp at the front can be found [here](#).
- Elevator access in the métro is only available at some train stations. For details, consult STM's elevator access page [here](#).

Explore the range of accessible STM services by visiting [here](#).

The STM provides bilingual alerts for service disruptions lasting more than 10 minutes. For access to their service updates and other ways to subscribe to métro service alerts, visit their website [here](#).

Getting to New Residence Hall by Métro

Place-des-Arts is the closest métro station to New Residence Hall, located on Ligne verte (green line). To arrive at New Residence Hall by métro, transfer to the 80 or 129 bus heading westbound for 9 minutes, or walk west along Ave du Parc for 15 minutes from Place-des-Arts.

Getting to New Residence Hall by Bus

du Parc / Léo-Pariseau (Stop ID 50115) is the closest bus stop to New Residence Hall.

- 80 Avenue du Parc bus runs between Station Place-des-Arts / Jeanne-Mance and Querbes / Durocher.
- 129 Côte-Sainte-Catherine bus runs between Saint-Antoine / De L'Hôtel-de-Ville and Décarie / Lucy
- 365 Avenue du Parc (overnight) runs between Lachapelle / Chevalier and Saint-Antoine / Saint-Urbain
- 480 Express du Parc runs between Querbes / Durocher and Boucle Gare du Parc

Airport - Montréal-Pierre Elliott Trudeau International Airport (YUL):

When traveling through Montréal-Trudeau, contact your airline directly for wheelchair and other accessibility accommodations.

There are oversized revolving doors with slowdown buttons at the arrival level entrances to the terminal. Wheelchairs are also available at the information desks located on the departure level for people with reduced mobility passing through the terminal. Accessible parking is available at the Etage parking, located near the terminal at the weekly rate of EconoParc.

There is a relief area for guide dogs in front of the terminal, near the west turret of the multi-level parking lot.

Montréal-Trudeau offers commuters 60 minutes of free high-speed Wi-Fi access everywhere in the terminal.

If you are taking public transportation to New Residence Hall, here are the appropriate STM buses:

- Take 747 YUL Aéroport Montréal-Trudeau / Centre Ville eastbound to Lionel-Groulx station
- Take Ligne verte (green line) to Place-des-Arts

For more information about airport accessibility, visit their website [here](#), or call Montréal-Trudeau at 514-633-3333 (Toll-Free: 1-800-465-1213).

Train – Montréal Central Station

Montréal Central Station is located within the Central Station Complex (Complexe de la Gare Centrale). Wheelchair users have access to the train station, ticket office and public washrooms. Some wheelchairs are also available at Montréal Central Station. The station also has a wheelchair elevator which provides access to the train.

Montréal Central Station offers commuters free high-speed Wi-Fi access everywhere in the station and in the Business lounge.

- Exit Central Station Complex, walk 260 m west toward René-Lévesque Blvd W
- Take 480 Express du Parc to du Parc / Prince-Arthur

For more information about accessibility at Montréal Central Station, visit their website [here](#), or call Via Rail at 1-888-842-7245.

Parking

The closest Parkade Montreal garage is located at 3524 Avenue du Parc (180 metres from New Residence Hall). For access to other private non-McGill parking lots and garages, McGill University suggests visiting Parkopedia, which is not maintained by McGill. Their website can be found [here](#).

VISITING MONTREAL

- [Galerie MX](#) is a gallery for established and emerging artists. The gallery is wheelchair accessible and there are gender-inclusive washrooms on site.
- [L'Euguélonne](#) is an independent-owned bookstore that is wheelchair accessible through their back entrance (ring the doorbell at the front so they know you will be entering through the back). There are also non-gendered washrooms in the bookstore.
- Temporary exhibits, gift shop, and washrooms at [Pointe-à-Callière Museum \(Montreal Museum of Archaeology and History\)](#) are wheelchair accessible. Floor numbers in elevators are also written in Braille. Washrooms are gendered.
- All pavilions at the [Montreal Museum of Fine Arts](#) are equipped with access ramps for wheelchairs. Wheelchairs are available to visitors at the lobby. Admission to all exhibitions on view and the collections is free for all persons with reduced mobility and their caregivers.
- Situated in the heart of Little Italy, [Jean Talon Market](#) is one of the oldest and largest open-air markets in North America. There is partial access throughout the market for persons with physical disabilities.
- [The Grande Bibliothèque \(Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec\)](#) is fully accessible for persons with physical disabilities, with audio tours available on site. The five-storey library is home to over 4 million items, including two million books!
- [The Montreal Botanical Garden](#) one of the world's largest botanical gardens. Ticket booths provide information on the 'Kéroul path' – a wheelchair accessible route at the gardens.