

Here is the AI summary of the resident questions and council answers at the April 27, 2026 meeting I've corrected a few street names – in square brackets [] – because the transcript that the AI examines sometimes has difficulty with names. Notice the two “hallucinations” in red where AI made up things that didn't happen.

Question to the AI: please summarize each question from the public and the answer

During the *April 27, 2026* council meeting, residents participated in two question periods regarding town operations, infrastructure, and policy. Below is a summary of the questions and the corresponding responses from the council.

Infrastructure and Public Works

1. **Waste and Repairs (31:54):** A resident requested the removal of a *Christmas tree* and raised concerns about sinkholes and the disposal of large wooden materials. The council agreed to investigate the tree and sinkholes, and committed to providing information on bulk item disposal.
2. **Ansley [Ainslie] Street Repairs (34:44, 39:25):** A citizen described the potholes on *Ansley [Ainslie]* as an "obstacle course." The council confirmed they are studying the best repair approach and will provide an update shortly.
3. **Brock North Infrastructure (39:03):** A resident asked about the status of water infrastructure between *Parkside* and *Kerzison [Curzon]*. The council stated that current data indicates the infrastructure is still viable in the near term.
4. **Waste Collection Schedule (41:46):** A resident proposed consolidating collection days to reduce noise and traffic. The council explained that current service contracts prioritize cost-efficiency for taxpayers over schedule consolidation.
5. **Rugby Street Signage (45:34):** A resident followed up on the status of a no-parking restriction for street cleaning. The council noted this is in the pipeline and they will follow up.
6. **Street Renaming (45:58):** A resident humorously suggested renaming *Brock Street* to "Broken Street." The council acknowledged the poor conditions and suggested the name "Brocken Street" as a play on words that maintains the historical name.

Traffic and Parking

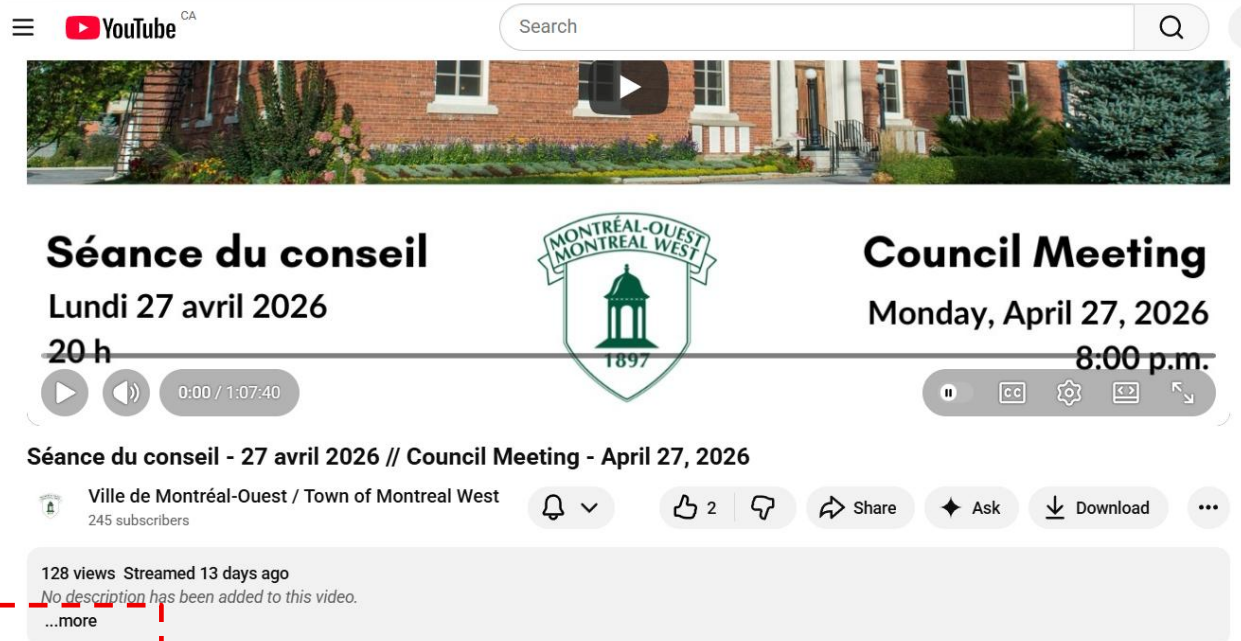
1. **Westminster Pilot Project (35:40, 37:05):** Residents voiced concerns about the "no left turn" pilot project on *Westminster* and its impact on *Brock North*. The council stated the project is a flexible trial to ensure conformity with *Transport Canada* standards and will be monitored with traffic studies.
2. **Parking Permits (39:45, 40:27):** Residents asked for increased permit availability for households with adult children and questioned the use of side streets by commuters. The council noted a citywide parking strategy review is planned for later in 2026.
3. **Commuter Parking [this is an AI hallucination as commuter parking was not mentioned] (39:45):** A resident asked about removing parking on cross-streets to favor residents. The council indicated this will be part of the broader parking review.

Policy and General Inquiries

1. **SPVM Presence (34:23):** A resident asked why the *SPVM* was not present. The council apologized and confirmed police will return for the *May* meeting.
2. **Fireplace Bylaw (42:38):** A resident asked if the new wood-burning fireplace restrictions could be loosened due to retrofitting costs. The council reiterated the public health necessity of the bylaw and confirmed no current plans to revise it.
3. **Laundry Drying (43:52):** A resident asked about the aesthetics of outdoor laundry drying. The council clarified that it is not prohibited by bylaw if done in back or side yards.
4. **Road Paint (44:27):** A resident suggested using thermoplastic paint instead of annual paint. The council explained that they are considering it for high-traffic crosswalks but noted the significant cost difference.
5. **Parking Study (1:04:43):** Residents requested clarity on a new parking study. The council explained that the current phase focuses on developing strategies for optimization, building on previous data-collection phases.
6. **Renovation Concerns (1:06:48):** A resident expressed frustration with a window replacement proposal. The council invited the resident to speak with them directly to find a compromise. **[Another AI hallucination: Council did not propose a compromise, the resident asked for one.]**

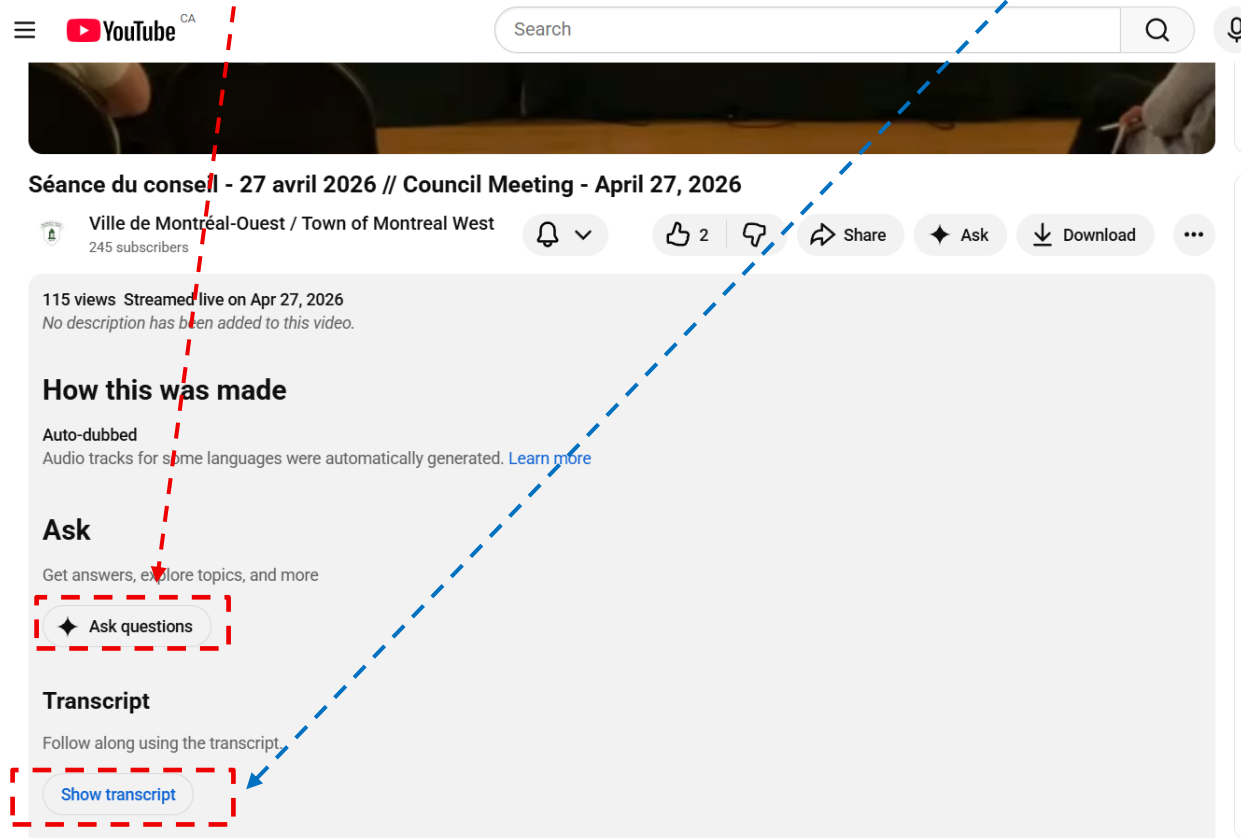
Here's how you can view the meeting transcript or ask the AI your own questions:

Click this link to see the council meeting video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=480jCRbF0Lc>



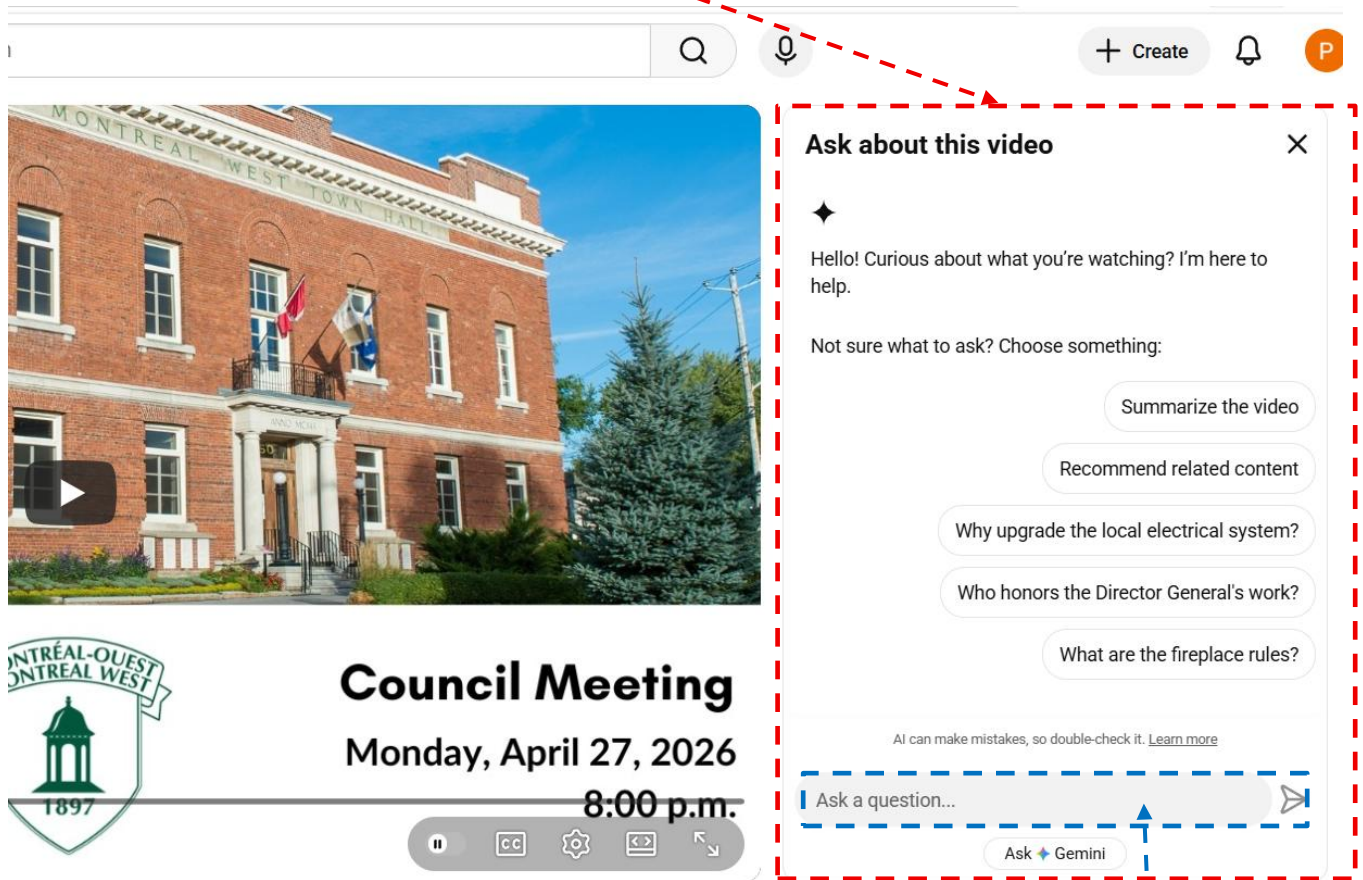
The screenshot shows a YouTube video player interface. At the top, there's a search bar and a menu icon. Below the video player, the title "Séance du conseil" and "Council Meeting" are displayed, along with the date "Lundi 27 avril 2026" and "Monday, April 27, 2026". The video is from the "Ville de Montréal-Ouest / Town of Montreal West" channel, which has 245 subscribers. The video has 128 views and was streamed 13 days ago. Below the video, there are buttons for "0 Comments", "Sort by", and a "Show transcript" button. A red dashed line points from the "Show transcript" button to the "Ask questions" button in the second screenshot.

Under the video is the ellipsis **...more**. Clicking on it will reveal a button **"Show transcript"**, and another button **"Ask questions"** to access of the AI input (prompt) box.



This screenshot shows the "How this was made" section of the YouTube video player. It includes a section titled "Auto-dubbed" with the text "Audio tracks for some languages were automatically generated. [Learn more](#)". Below this, there is an "Ask" section with the text "Get answers, explore topics, and more" and a button labeled "Ask questions". At the bottom, there is a "Transcript" section with the text "Follow along using the transcript" and a button labeled "Show transcript". A red dashed line points from the "Show transcript" button in the first screenshot to the "Ask questions" button in this screenshot. A blue dashed line points from the "Show transcript" button in this screenshot to the "Show transcript" button in the first screenshot.

The AI interface appears to the right of the YouTube video on a laptop and probably tablet, but may appear underneath on a mobile phone.



The screenshot shows a YouTube video player interface. The video title is "Council Meeting Monday, April 27, 2026 8:00 p.m." and the channel is "MONTREAL-OUEST MONTREAL WEST". An AI interface is overlaid on the right side of the video, titled "Ask about this video". It includes a greeting, a prompt to ask a question, and several suggested questions: "Summarize the video", "Recommend related content", "Why upgrade the local electrical system?", "Who honors the Director General's work?", and "What are the fireplace rules?". A red dashed line points from the text above to the AI interface.

Notice that the AI gives you a few suggested questions such as “Summarize the video”.

For the summary on page 1 I entered the following question: **please summarize each question from the public and the answer**

The output from an AI can be dependent on the question asked. The answer given on page 1 specifies a summary of *each* question *and the answer*: **please summarize each question from the public and the answer**

What I initially asked the AI was: **Please summarize the public questions**. In the response below, notice that the heading: **Environmental and Administrative Policy** appears along with **Maintenance** of the infrastructure. Further, the AI decided to ignore a few questions in favour of “a summary of the key questions.” Though my experience with AIs is limited, they seem to like to provide “key” things: key questions, key points, key outcomes, key comments ...

Here’s what the AI initially produced:

During the meeting, residents raised several concerns addressed by the Town Council. Here is a summary of the key questions:

Infrastructure and Maintenance:

- **Road Conditions:** Citizens inquired about the repair schedule for potholes and sinkholes, specifically on *Ansley* [*Ainslie*] (32:09, 39:25) and *Brock North* (39:03, 45:58). The council explained that major digs are prioritized for underground infrastructure renewal to maximize funding efficiency, while maintenance, like street sweeping, is ongoing. [**AI hallucination: street sweeping was not mentioned in any reference to road conditions.**]
- **Waste Management:** Residents asked about consolidating collection days for recycling, garbage, and compost to reduce noise and traffic impact (41:46). The council noted that existing contracts prioritize taxpayer cost-effectiveness over schedule consolidation (42:02).

Traffic and Parking:

- **Pilot Projects:** Concerns were raised regarding a pilot project to restrict left turns onto *Westminster* (35:40, 37:05). Residents worried about increased traffic on side streets like *Brock North* and requested contingency plans. The council emphasized that the project is a flexible trial to ensure conformity with *Transport Canada* standards and will involve pre- and post-project traffic studies (37:39).
- **Parking Permits:** Residents expressed frustration over parking permit limitations for households with adult children and the use of side streets by commuters [**AI hallucination: there was no reference to commuters using the side streets. The questioner did refer to people shopping on Westminster who parked on Curzon instead of using the two Town parking lots.**] (39:45, 40:27). The council clarified that a citywide parking strategy review is planned for later in 2026 as part of a broader regulatory overhaul (41:18).

Environmental and Administrative Policy:

- **Fireplace Bylaw:** Residents questioned the upcoming restrictions on wood-burning fireplaces (42:38). The council reiterated the public health benefits and confirmed there are no current plans to revise the bylaw, noting that EPA-certified or retrofitted fireplaces remain compliant (43:00).
- **General Inquiries:** Other topics included the absence of *SPVM* representation (34:23), the status of previous parking studies (1:04:43), and concerns about heritage aesthetics regarding home renovations (1:06:48).