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The Old Brewery Mission opens its first rehousing facility in Montreal's Sud-Ouest

Montreal, June 19, 2026 – For the first time in its history, the Old Brewery Mission is establishing one of its rehousing facilities in Montreal's Sud-Ouest borough. The Monk Pavilion offers individuals transitioning out of homelessness a permanent home, while actively integrating into neighbourhood life thanks to a partnership with Renaissance. This facility was made possible through the participation of the governments of Canada and Quebec, under the Fonds de solidarité FTQ-Quebec partnership, and the City of Montreal.

A foundational project to prevent and reduce homelessness

A collaborative effort between multiple public and private partners, the Monk Pavilion boasts 18 bright studio apartments, each equipped with its own kitchen and bathroom.

“With the Monk Pavilion, we’re offering an environment that guides residents toward an essential sense of normalcy,” explained Old Brewery Mission CEO James Hughes. “It’s a centrepiece of the continuum of services for people who aspire to greater stability.”

The project accommodates a mixed clientele, reflecting a diversity of life journeys and fostering harmonious social reintegration.

Intelligent integration

The Monk Pavilion includes a commercial space on the ground floor occupied by a Renaissance donation centre. This mix of uses, a first for an Old Brewery Mission facility, transforms the building into a service hub for all local residents, encouraging positive and natural community cohabitation.

The project received a warm welcome from local organizations. Located just a stone's throw from the Monk metro station, the facility allows the Old Brewery Mission to continue expanding its presence across the city.

Residents are selected by the Old Brewery Mission and receive ongoing accompaniment from its housing support team. They also have access to community activities aimed at strengthening social inclusion, autonomy, and well-being.

Partnerships and innovation - quotes

“Our government is determined to help communities build their capacities to develop local solutions to housing and homelessness needs. The Monk Pavilion will offer some of Montreal's most vulnerable people safe and affordable places to live. It is also another step forward toward building an economy that serves everyone.” -

Caroline Desrochers, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister

of Housing and Infrastructure

“The Monk Pavilion, which we are inaugurating today, will make a real difference for people facing difficult circumstances in Montreal and LaSalle–Émard–Verdun. Every project like this brings us closer to the country we

want to build—a country where everyone has access to safe and affordable housing.” - **Claude Guay**, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Energy and Natural Resources and Member of Parliament for LaSalle–Émard–Verdun

“I am delighted by the collective effort that led to the completion of this Old Brewery Mission shelter, a concrete and tailored response to the growing challenge of homelessness. I’ve said it before and I’ll say it again: we must continue to act on several fronts, particularly by developing more supervised housing. We are more determined than ever to reduce homelessness in Quebec, and it is by working together—the community sector, municipalities, and the government—that we will succeed. This project is concrete proof of that.” - **Lionel Carmant**, Minister Responsible for Social Services and the Fight Against Homelessness

“Having a place to call home is the first step toward getting back on your feet. The Monk Pavilion provides this stability to eighteen people through a model that emphasizes partnership rather than waiting. Our government will continue to support initiatives like this.” - **Karine Boivin-Roy**, Minister Responsible for Housing

“This project demonstrates that it is possible to address homelessness differently. Here, people can finally find the stability of permanent housing while being accompanied on their journey toward a better quality of life. By settling in the heart of the Sud-Ouest near the Monk metro, and in partnership with Renaissance, this project also contributes to the neighbourhood’s vitality. This is exactly the kind of initiative we must continue to support in order to prevent homelessness and protect the most vulnerable.” - **Soraya Martinez Ferrada**, Mayor of Montreal

“Beyond support services, we must continue to accelerate housing starts to create living environments capable of transforming the trajectories of vulnerable individuals. This is the commitment my teams carry forward, most notably through our partnership with the Government of Quebec.” - **Martin Raymond**, CEO of the Fonds immobilier de solidarité FTQ

“For Renaissance, this collaboration with the Old Brewery Mission was a natural fit. It builds on a shared vision: two non-profit organizations that place humans at the heart of their missions and believe in the power of collective action to support the most vulnerable. By joining forces, we create a strong space dedicated to a more cohesive and sustainable society.” - **Éric St-Arnaud**, CEO of Renaissance

About the Old Brewery Mission

Founded in 1889, the Old Brewery Mission is dedicated to breaking the cycle of homelessness through a three-pronged approach: prevention, emergency services and rehousing. It supports people experiencing or at risk of homelessness on their journey to lasting reaffiliation and housing stability. With its programs tailored to specific client groups, increased emphasis on psychosocial support, in-house research department, and a large and steadily growing housing portfolio, the Old Brewery Mission is the largest resource in Quebec for men experiencing homelessness and the largest in Canada for women. For more information, visit missionoldbrewery.ca.

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