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OLYMPIAN EFFORT FOR EARTH DAY



GREEN-UP IN THE PARK Olympic team members (from left) hockey player Caroline Ouellette, alpine skier François Bourque and freestyle skier Stéphane St-Pierre work together at Henri-Julien Park in Montreal yesterday. As part of local Earth Day activities, the Olympians joined other volunteers to clean up the park.

City hall quick to name new auditor-general

THE GAZETTE

The city's executive committee announced yesterday it has approved a selection committee's nomination of Jacques Bergeron to serve as the city's new auditor-general, taking over for Michel Dupuis, who is leaving after completing his seven-year term.

Bergeron's appointment posed a problem for the city administration, since Mayor Guy Gauthier had just called the executive board to investigate the propriety of the awarding of a \$60-million contract to install water meters in businesses and institutions across the island.

Bergeron's appointment will be officially confirmed Monday and he will take over on June 1. Bergeron is a professor of accounting at HEC-Montreal, where he obtained his Ph.D. in 1987.

Meanwhile, an opposition councillor is calling upon the city to launch a probe into allegations last fall the metering job contract was awarded two years ago.

Richard Bergeron of Projet Montreal said yesterday: "The five-person investigative panel that was set up to find the reasons to legitimize questions about the appointment and the problem on the contract."

"Unfortunately, the city council's decision to launch the inquiry did not shed light on these troubling questions."

During that meeting, called specifically to examine the contract, Bergeron asked an executive committee chairperson Claude Daigle if a public investigation into the contract was under way or being contemplated.

Daigle replied the city would await the results of its auditor-general's report before considering such a step.

City union urges boycott of tip line

First we need ethics code, councillor says