

## Glomer rules fascist: MoWest mayor

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The island-wide agglomeration council rules regarding question periods are “fascist”, Montreal West Mayor Campbell Stuart told Côte St. Luc resident Avrom Shtern at last week’s town council meeting.

But Stuart also recommended that attendees be more succinct when asking questions.

Shtern, along with fellow Côte St. Luc residents Jack Cabot, Irving Itman and Bernard Tonchin, are regular attendees at the agglomeration meetings. Tonchin recently complained to Côte St. Luc council about a lack of proper time for questions at the monthly meetings.

Shtern, an environmental activist, told Stuart that at last month’s agglomeration meeting, “many of us were shut out. They cut off question period by the 30-minute deadline, and said everyone else had the same question. That’s outrageous. We live, supposedly, in a democracy, and pay enormous taxes.

“There are issues that are terribly important, and they just don’t want to hear us.”

Stuart said the agglomeration council’s rules of procedure “are — what’s a polite way to put it — fascist comes to mind.

“It is not possible, under the rules the council operates under, for even members of the council to have a meaningful discussion, to get answers, to even change the course of a meeting, so you’re not alone.”