



Montreal's beautiful skyline

# MONTRÉAL

**May 20, 2015**

Andrew Zitzmann: Si- Since Montréal was a very bilingual city, right?

José Cruz: Oh it's a great town (Yeah) that way.

Andrew: And um I guess in the area that we grew- that I grew up when I was a baby, uh it was still a mixed mixed area. And uh...

José: What part?

Andrew: Uh right by the the Decarie Circle (Ahh) so north part of **TMR**, Uh so...

José: I lived I lived on Co- just off Côtes-Des-Neiges. (Oh yeah) Uh do you know Ridgewood?

Andrew: Ridge-Ridgemount? (It's) Not Ridgemount?

José: Ridgewood. (Ridgewood) Ridgewood boy! (Hehe) Uh Ridgewood It's it's fairly swanky. It became a kind of swanky area now because it's all- You take it all the way up to the top it'll take you up to **the Oratory**. (yeah yeah. OK) You could see the Oratory from the top of the hill. (Yeah) So I lived just off Côtes-Des-Neiges.

Andrew: So yeah OK. So um, there's- there's a high school there? Or what was it? Um...

José: Shee- It's been 20 years my friend (Yeah) I don't know what's there anymore. (Hehe) I know that you know, It was great because there was the Oratory right- basically in my neighbourhood. (Yeah) Not too far you could- you could take a nice- ss... ss... bicycle ride or a car ride up the top of the mountain (Yeah) It was lovely there. I loved it there.

Andrew: We- my parents ended up having a house on the other side of the mountain.

José: Oh that side, yeah.

Andrew: Yeah the the Westmount. And uh yeah. Uh the the Queen Mary- Queen Mary area is really nice. Uh...

José: It's all nice.

Andrew: Côtes-Des-Neiges, (I love Montréal) Queen Mary area right?

José: I love that pla-. It's um it's ethnic, (Yes) it's kind of um, university, university "**student-ish**" (Mm) because you've got Concordia down the street. (Yeah) It's

great, **you know**. I love- I loved living there.

Andrew: Yeah and the food. The food (Oh) there is fantastic. (Oh my god) The choice of food and that that that multi-multi-nationalism you know especially with with food, **I mean** you just have food from all over the world and...

José: And it's authentic. (Yeah) You know it's none of this like um, Indian-curry "for-the-sake-of-the-white-guy" (Yeah) **in Toronto**. It's Indian curry. It's Vietnamese food. It's great.

Andrew: Yeah yeah. And people people respect the the authenticity. They don't sort of "ah it's not-" you know...

José: "Oh it's too spicy for me." (Yeah yeah) Oh get out! You know go eat somewhere else!

Andrew: Yeah! You know you read you read reviews, restaurant reviews in in Montréal and it's all about how authentic it is.

Word count	Time	Words/Min.
443	2:12	201.36

Pointers:

**TMR:** stands for Town of Mount Royal, a neighbourhood in Montréal. (0:21)

**the Oratory:** refers to St. Joseph's Oratory a famous landmark. (0:38)

**student-ish:** adding the suffix "-ish" means "not completely alike but similar to" In this case, José means his neighbourhood had many university students. (1:27)

**you know:** is used in this case to add a little emphasis to a statement. José says it in a very small voice as it's near the end of his statement (1:31)

**I mean:** is used here to add a little emphasis to a statement. (1:42)

**in Toronto:** Canada's two largest cities, Toronto and Montréal, have a strong rivalry between them. (1:50)

Discussion:

What's your favourite food? In what city is it made best?

Fukuoka is know for ramen, Montreal is known for bagels, what other foods do you connect with what cities?

What authentic ethnic food do you like?

IMAGE COURTESY ABDALLAHH  
<https://www.flickr.com/photos/22168167@N00/7737974208/>

