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| **04** | **Free transit rally (25 and under)** | **BALASUNDARAM** | **Pak** | **1:30** | **x** |
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**[MAIN NEWSBED]**

**01 / INTRO / ANNOUNCERS / COPY**

Good morning!

It’s currently 9 degrees and sunny at the Loyola Campus of Concordia University.

I’m Amira Naas and Osei Agyemang

And here are your headlines:

1. Prime Minister Carney and President Xi make deals in China
2. Protestors demand free transit in Montreal
3. Concordia students showcase small businesses

**02 / CARNEY-XI MEETING / AGYEMANG / COPY**

Prime Minister Mark Carney and Chinese President Xi Jinping have signed new trade deals after meeting in Shenzhen.

Canada will extend tariff relief on Chinese steel and aluminum products.

In return, China has agreed to provide relief on Canadian pork, fish and seafood worth $400-billion dollars.

This meeting ahead of the APEC Summit is the second between the two leaders this year.

Back in January, they reduced tariffs on canola exports and Chinese Electric Vehicles.

The Chinese President, along with Russian President Vladimir Putin, and US President Donald Trump, will hold their first-ever trilateral meeting tomorrow. They will discuss nuclear weapons, the wars in Iran and Ukraine, and global economic trade.

**03 / COP31 / NAAS / COPY**

Saudi Arabia, Russia, and the Arab Group have rejected the first draft of a climate deal at the COP31 summit in Turkey.

The 18-page draft, released yesterday, calls on countries to speed up the phase-out of coal, oil and gas.

It also sets a goal of getting 35 per cent of the world’s energy from electricity by 2035.

A revised draft is expected in the next day or two.

The nearly 200 countries have until Friday to reach an agreement.

**04 / FREE TRANSIT / BALASUNDARAM / PAK**

**ANNOUNCER INTRO:**

What if transit was free for youth 25 and under?

That's what advocates are demanding from the City of Montreal.

Rahul Balasundaram has the story.

**IN:** CHANT

**OUT:** "...Concordia News, Montreal."

**RUNS:** 1:46

**SCRIPT:**

SFX: chants (3 seconds and then under)

With the rising cost of living, Montreal youth are asking what the city will do to make transit more affordable for them.

Flora Finch is an environmental sustainability student at McGill. She says lowering transit costs

would help students like her.

“I’m honestly struggling financially, and it would help me so much, especially in the winter. I try to avoid taking the metro as much as possible these days. I bike everywhere that I can. But as it gets colder, I won’t be able to bike anymore.”

During last night’s city council meeting, the STM board chair, Aref Salem, said the government is working to set a special price for transit for everyone under a certain income.

“We’re looking with the ARTM to see if there is any plan we can put in place for basically a social price, not just for a student price.”

But advocates say that isn’t enough. Climate Justice Montreal organized the rally outside last night’s council meeting.

Christian Favreau is a volunteer with Climate Justice Montreal. He says making transit free for youth 25 and under would lower carbon emissions and help families financially. He also says that it would benefit everyone, not just youth.

“If they were to make it free at all hours, it would mean that the STM and the ARTM would be forced to increase service, which, I mean, would be a plus for us, honestly.”

Next week, the city will table its budget for 2027. Transit advocates are hoping to see more money for the STM.

Rahul Balasundaram, Concordia News, Montreal.

**05 / CSU ELECTIONS / AGYEMANG / COPY-CLIP**

Concordia students have rejected a fee levy increase for The Concordian newspaper.

This was declared in the results of the CSU elections held last week. Just over half the students who voted said no to an 11-cents-per-credit increase. Julia Silva is the editor for Arts, Culture, and Music for The Concordian. She says this won't change their commitment to student journalism.

**CLIP**:

IN : "It's really…"

OUT : "...we wanted"

RUNS : 11s

"It's really important that we always produce stories every single week and so we are going to keep doing that anyway, we're not just going to drop off because we didn't get the increase that we wanted."

Students DID approve a 30-cents-per-credit increase for the CSU legal information clinic. They also approved a new 15-cents-per-credit fee levy for Concordia’s Honey Soup Kitchen.

**06 / COMMUNITY SERVICE JMSB / MILLE / LIVE HIT**

JMSB is hosting its annual Community Service Initiative event today, where students, staff, faculty and entrepreneurs are invited to learn more about small businesses and non-profits. This initiative promotes experiential learning through community service, and shows business students that big corporations aren't the only route to success.

Callista Mille is at the downtown campus.

**AMIRA :** Callista, what's happening?

******** LIVE HIT *********

I'm in the EV building right now, where around 35 organizations are here to showcase their small businesses.

I see stands with scented candles, organic beauty

products and business merch. Students are walking from stand to stand, taking pamphlets and talking to representatives.

I talked to Zoe Savchenko, who is the public relations manager at OurPwr. It’s a women’s safety startup that provides wearable technology to help women feel safe in public places.

She says this event is a great way for her small business to get exposure and show students that they can work for smaller corporations and still learn crucial skills.

**CLIP**

IN: ““I know like, maybe..”

OUT: “...to them when you work.”

RUNS: 00:18

“I know like, maybe that's not something that you feel is available to you, like you're just think you’re

going to have to world for a big corporation, when really you can work a start up, you can still make like good money, like a good salary, and It's a very different working experience because like you know your boss quite well, maybe you've been sitting next to them when you work.

**AMIRA :** So why is this initiative important for business students?

CALLISTA : It helps business students look past the bottom line approach they are taught in school, and to get them out of the building and into the community.

David Mckenzie founded the Community Service Initiative in 2008. He says the goal is to help build relationships between students and small businesses, providing help all along the way.

**CLIP**

IN : “ What kind of behaviour..”

OUT : “...some positive change.”

RUNS : 00:13

“What kind of behaviour that we could come up with that would involve community, involve students, faculty staff, right. Working with the general public to effect some positive change.”

If you want to learn more about these amazing small businesses, the event is running until 3:30pm today, so get here quick!

Amira

**07 / HABS LOST / NAAS / COPY**

The Montreal Canadiens lost 3-1 to the New York Rangers last night at the Madison Square Garden.

Rangers forward Will Cuylle (Coo-ley) scored twice, and Phillip Danault had Montreal's only goal.

It's the Habs' second loss in a row, but they still have a solid record of 12 wins, 5 regulation losses and 4 overtime losses.

They're back on the ice tomorrow night at 7:30 in New Jersey against the Devils, then play in North Carolina on Thursday.

**17 / WEATHER & EXTRO / LAST NAME / COPY**

WEATHER

Looking ahead, you can expect sunny and mild temperatures for the rest of the week, with a cooldown starting Monday.

EXTRO:

That's your news for 3 o'clock.  Thanks for listening! For Concordia News, I'm Amira Naas and Osei Agyemang .

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