



PRESS RELEASE
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No General Assembly on February 10

On Friday, January 25th, 2019 the Hellenic Community of Greater Montreal (HCGM) received a Letter signed by eight members asking for a Special General Assembly to be held on February 10, 2019, at Evangelismos Tis Theotokou Church. It appears that these individuals were behind a Petition that was received by the HCGM but was turned down because they did not have 100 valid signatures of active members. These individuals claim that article 352 of the Civil Code of Quebec gives them the right to call a Special General Assembly. After having consulted with our Legal Counsel, we firmly believe that these individuals are acting illegally and there will be no General Assembly.

Section 352 of the Civil Code states that a General Assembly can be called by anyone if they have not received a response within 21 days if at least 10% of all members signed the Petition. The HCGM has approximately 2900 members. Therefore 290 active members should have signed the Petition in order for article 352 to be applicable. This was never done, so article 352 does not apply.

***352.** If they represent 10% of the votes, members may require the directors or the secretary to convene an annual or special general meeting, stating in a written notice the business to be transacted at the meeting.*

If the directors or the secretary fail to act within 21 days after receiving the notice, any of the members who signed it may convene the meeting.

The legal person is bound to reimburse to the members the useful expenses incurred by them to hold the meeting, unless the meeting decides otherwise.

As a result, for the above reasons, there will be no General Assembly on February 10th. The doors of the church will be locked, and anyone inside the church illegally will be prosecuted for trespassing.

The entire situation is quite simple. The organizers of the Petition need the signature of 100 Active members in order to have a Special General Assembly convened. Since they have difficulty achieving this requirement, they are resorting to bullying, harassment and undemocratic tactics that serve no one.





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The organizers of this letter should avoid misleading the public and throwing sand in their eyes. The HCGM uses the services of Ernst & Young to perform the annual audit. This is one of the largest and most respected auditing firms in the world. It costs the HCGM approximately \$80,000 a year. Ernst & Young covers among other things most of the points that need to be covered by the Audit Committee found in our By-laws. HCGM's audited financial statements are available on our website, hcgm.org. Considering that no one from this group has auditing experience they should inform the public what specific points need to be covered that have been overlooked by our external auditors. We find that these individuals are distracting us from the real financial questions the organization is facing. They are unable to propose any meaningful economic solutions and instead prefer to distract people by talking about the need for an audit committee when most of its responsibilities are handled by Ernst & Young.

Lastly, we remind everyone that most of the points that these individuals want to be covered will be dealt with at the March 17th, 2019 General Assembly, at 3:00 pm, at the Hellenic Community Centre Adrian Maris, 5757 Wilderton.

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