



Who needs health when you have a city with joie de vivre?

A fun city life beats a healthy one

Dr. Richard Lessard's study about Montrealers' health found that we are the least healthy of Canada's six major cities (*Gazette*, Nov. 27).

Let's assume the study is accurate. I would still prefer a shorter life in Montreal, full of "joie de vivre," over a longer more boring life in Ottawa or Toronto. If our government wants to react to this report, let it limit itself to addressing issues of poverty and access to health care, rather than

dictating to us about how we should live our lives or increasing our "sin" taxes.

When Montrealers start going to Toronto or Ottawa for New Year's Eve celebrations or just to have fun, rather than vice versa, I'll start to worry. Sometimes, it's about quality rather than quantity, something francophones seem to understand better than anglophones in North America.

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