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## **“Vermont This Week” Heads North To Visit Montreal**

### *Canadian Journalists Discuss Cross-Border Issues With Guest Host Peter Hirschfeld*

Colchester, Vt. – June 29, 2017 – Vermont PBS today announced a special international edition of **“Vermont This Week.”** Premiering July 7, the new episode will be originate in Montreal at the studios of the CTV and will zero in on the hot-button cross-border issues facing Canada and Vermont.

Joining guest host Peter Hirschfeld of Vermont Public Radio for discussion and debate will be a panel of leading Canadian journalists, including:

Freelance print and radio journalist Anne-Lagace Dowson  
CTV’s Stephane Giroux  
Montreal Gazette reporter Jacob Serebrin

Together our panelists will take a lively and insightful look at the issues that are challenging the relationship between our state and its northern neighbor, and sustaining it as well. The conversation will focus on trade (Quebec is Vermont’s largest trading partner), climate change and renewable energy, and US immigration policies and their impact on cross-border travel and tourism. The program will also feature a discussion of Montreal’s 375<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

“Vermont This Week has a 35-year tradition of covering all the issues important to Vermonters, and that certainly includes those international affairs that are impacting people on both sides of our northern border,” said Scott Campitelli, Vice President of Programming at Vermont PBS. “In many important ways, we’re more impacted by Quebec than by our neighboring US states, so it’s crucial that we all stay on top of these shared cross-border concerns and controversies, and understand the many critical ways that they affect life in our state.”

For Canadians wishing to tune in July 7 at 7:30, [click here](#) to see where Vermont PBS is carried on your local lineup.

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