



### Urban Gazebo

A City of Montreal initiative, the *Public Terrace*, designed and built by Muvbox, was located in the district of Plateau on Saint Laurent Boulevard, a highly utilized commercial corridor. The Saint Laurent Business Association positioned the container on the street from July to October, 2013 to complement the existing *Mix'Arts* event. The focus of the project was to provide a sheltered seating area to those enjoying the festivities. Mobility is not a component of this project and the units were employed for the purposes of Saint Laurent Business Association events use only. The units were designed so that they are fully visible from two sides and available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The task of police patrol and morning waste collection and cleanup was added to the existing staff duties on Saint Laurent Blvd. Graffiti became an issue later and an artist was hired to do a painting on the container. The units were strategically placed on the street so there were no impacts on the businesses. A sign of rules was placed prohibiting users of smoking and consumption of alcoholic beverages. There were no complaints made by the police for inappropriate behaviour or use. Proposed plans for 2014 include introducing 10 containers for the event for the period of May to October.