

BANK OF MONTREAL /CAN/  
Form 6-K  
December 12, 2016

**FORM 6-K**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**Report of Foreign Private Issuer**

**Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16**

**of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**For the month of: December, 2016**

**Commission File Number: 001-13354**

**BANK OF MONTREAL**

**(Name of Registrant)**

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1 First Canadian Place  
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*(Executive Offices)*

*(Head Office)*

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**INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE**

The information contained in this Form 6-K and any exhibits hereto shall be deemed filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ( SEC ) solely for purposes of incorporation by reference into and as part of the following registration statement of the registrant on file with and declared effective by the SEC:

1. Registration Statement Form F-3 File No. 333-196387

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

BANK OF MONTREAL

By: /s/ Cathryn E. Cranston  
Name: Cathryn E. Cranston  
Title: Senior Vice-President and Treasurer

**Date:** December 12, 2016

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

| Exhibit     | Description of Exhibit   |
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| <b>5.1</b>  | Opinion of Sullivan & Cromwell LLP, U.S. counsel to the Bank.            |
| <b>5.2</b>  | Opinion of Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP, Canadian counsel to the Bank.   |
| <b>23.1</b> | Consent of Sullivan & Cromwell LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1 above).      |
| <b>23.2</b> | Consent of Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP (included in Exhibit 5.2 above). |