

KEEP KINGSTON ROAD CLOSED !
SAVE OUR CHILDREN !
SAVE THE ENVIRONMENT & FAUNA !
PREVENT CONGESTION, POLLUTION & NOISE
IN OUR RESIDENTIAL AREA !

SUBJECT: The Oratoire St. Joseph has made a submission to the City of Montreal to open Kingston road. Presently cars and trucks use multiple entrance and exits off the commercial arteries of Queen Mary and Cote Des Neige. Instead they wish to Re Direct traffic onto the residential area of Cedar Crescent for a distance of 4 streets South of Queen Mary. Then a new road would be constructed to quickly ascend a steep incline. The position of the road would DIGRESS greatly from the present winding cobble stone road known as Kingston Road, which has been closed for 30 and more years.

This new road would disturb the Natural Environment and Green Spaces of the area from Cedar Crescent in Montreal to the Lansdowne – Belmont area of Westmount. This area is home to the Red Fox, Raccoons, Skunks, Pheasants, Squirrels, Ground Hogs and many species of birds.

This would also be in direct contradiction of the City of Montreal's policy in the last 25 years. Always remember how our "Neighbourhood Watch" committee, together with the police department, Tandem Montreal, city councillors such as the late Abe Limonchik have all been instrumental in helping to eliminate traffic, slow down vehicles, install no truck trespassing signs and generally educating the area on safety.

Yet now the city has been asked to Re Route traffic through the residential neighbourhood to which it said "NO" in the past.

At the consultation meeting held Nov. 17/03 and supervised by the Office Publique De Montreal and the Conseil Du Patrimoine De Montreal most in attendance voiced their opinion **Against Opening Kinston Road**.

That evening was devoted to obtaining as much information as possible on the proposed project. Many questions were asked concerning Kingston Road in an effort to fully understand WHY they felt it necessary to OPEN this ROAD ! ?

- A. It was requested to View a Clear Plan of the Proposed Kingston Road. However, NO Plan was submitted for our Public Viewing. We are now in possession of plans reflecting the New to be developed and the Existing Kingston Road. These plans diverge from each other in location. The New Plan cuts a swath through the forested area to the South above the existing

Kingston Road. This will result in Environmental Damage, cutting off many trees and dislocating of animals. **This plan is attached.**

Has the Oratoire St. Joseph done a **FULL** environmental study? No they have **NOT**! Their only reply is that they will plant New trees where they have cut magnificent mature ones. No doubt 50 – 100 trees to cut is a conservative estimate.

- B. On the “Renovation Plan dated Sept. 2003” it was mentioned a number of times that the reason for opening Kingston Road was for **“Service & Supply Vehicles”** well away **FROM THE VIEW OF VISITORS**.

It was requested at this time whether the motive was **“WELL AWAY FROM THE VIEW OF VISITORS”**. In other words don’t let the visitors see the garbage and industrial trucks, but instead send them through the residential area of Cedar Crescent. **The exact wording is attached for B.**

- C. We were now told that their renovation plan Sept. 2003 was in error and that Kingston Road would only be used for a few vehicles belonging to St. Joseph Oratory Employees. The number mentioned was 5 vehicles only a day.
- D. It was also mentioned that Kingston Road might be used as an **Emergency Exit**, If the only Exit – Entrance to Queen Mary was **Blocked**. This obviously makes no sense as there is presently too many suitable exits and entrances to the Oratoire St. Joseph property. Yet we are shown that the **Following Will Be Closed:**
- 1 The wide exit entrance to the East of the property leading to Cote Des Neige through Rue De Freres Andre.
 2. The two main entry and exits to Queen Mary flanking either side of the statue of Saint Joseph.
 3. The vehicle entrance to the school of the Petit Chanteurs De Mont Royal from Queen Mary Road.

In fact the only entry and exits will be #9 – the main entrance on Queen Mary and the wide entry – exit to the South of the Oratoire leading to **Summit Crescent in Westmount**. At this time it was mentioned that the already existing Summit Crescent entrance in Westmount could handle a lot more than the **5 or so Oratoire employees car’s a day!**

It appears their plan caters more to **Appearance** and **Form Rather than Good Function**. Why spend a lot of money to open a road when so many other roads exit. It appears the landscaping on the plan prevents vehicles from reaching these roads. The simple solution is to have a little less landscaping and there by have access to the current entrances and exits. Again **Kingston Road** opening would be **Unnecessary**.

The Renovation Plan Sept. 2003 states that over the years the visitors to the Oratoire has increased **Four Fold** from **500,000 Visitors a Year to 2,000,000 Visitors a Year** Yet the **Parking** for Visitors will **Greatly Be Reduced**. **Where** will the visitors **Park?**

