

LA PRÉSIDENTE :

1225 Merci beaucoup pour ces clarifications. Merci beaucoup. Alors, est-ce que nous avons avec nous madame Sally Cooke? Oui, super. Alors, on va vous entendre maintenant.

Mme SALLY COOKE :

1230 Bonsoir, Madame la présidente, et les commissaires. Excusez-moi, je vais parler en anglais. C'est correct. And afterwards, I have one small correction, but I think it's important to put on the record, from the publication of the City.

1235 So, I would like to begin by thanking mister Paupe for speaking on behalf of the residents of Pointe-Nord who signed the petition that was just presented. I am one of the people who signed the petition and I would like to share with you some personal perspectives about life on Pointe-Nord.

1240 I moved to Pointe-Nord to Evolo 1, which was the first tower to be built in 2011. I came from a condo in Saint-Henri, a busy urban landscape Victorian triplex where I had been living for 14 years. I yearned for the greenery peace and tranquility of life that Proment's development promised to provide.

1245 My decision to buy in Pointe-Nord was swayed by the outstanding plan for the entire project. The positioning of buildings, the floor plan of the unit that I chose, the provision for a private parking space, the layout of the roads, the amenities and the green space, as well as the local stores and the proximity to downtown and the commercial area of Nun's Island.

1250 When I signed the promise to purchase, the Bell Campus was a hive of activity during the day and Zuni, its neighbour stood alone as the sole residential building. It required faith, imagination and trust to believe that one day I would be happy there. I put that faith and trust in Proment and the City of Montreal.

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While the community of Pointe-Nord was in its infancy when I moved in, since then, Evolo 2, the Pavilion, Evolo S and many townhomes have been built. Evolo X and Myx are on their way and we look forward to having more stores and amenities right outside our doors.

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As the Pointe-Nord neighbourhood has grown, I have witnessed something special happen. Quite simply it has become a community. Not an easy accomplishment in a large metropolis and certainly not in such a short time. Many deserve credit for this. I would like to give recognition to Proment, their partners and the City for the work they have done collaboratively to give birth to such an incredible place to call home.

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Now, at the cusp of completing the Pointe-Nord project, we hear that the last phase of our community, developed by Proment, has been halted and cannot be completed as planned. Upon hearing this news, I was and I am still am utterly dumbfounded.

The fate of the last phase of the project is now in question.

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It matters enormously, I believe, how this last phase is built. It matters to those who live there now, who have invested their money, their time, and their hopes for their future.

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It matters to those who want to live in the final phase of Pointe-Nord when it is completed. It will even matter to those we have never met, who will live in Pointe-Nord for generations to come.

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I passionately and vehemently oppose the City's new position of how that last phase should be completed for all of the reasons detailed in the petition. The proposals by the city of how to finish the last phase of Proment's development betray the very essence of what the Pointe-Nord neighborhood is all about.

The proposals, if enacted, would diminish it, they would blight it, they would serve to destroy the principles on which it was conceived, planned and built. They would quite simply ruin what was started.

1285 Building a community is not just about building well, it is about building so that people can feel well, living and working in those buildings and in their immediate community.

1290 Community is about belonging, and fellowship. Both are aspects that are part of our innate sense of wellbeing, but are disregarded as inconvenient ingredients in very many aspects of the modern urban lifestyle.

1295 Proment's plan builds well and builds for people to feel well, to feel connected, to belong, to have fellowship, to care about each other and their environment. Living on Pointe-Nord encourages a sustainable lifestyle that enhances wellbeing and wellness, both mental and physical. What Mr. Gewurz, his family, his partners and team have planned and enacted, with the City, is an incredible development.

1300 To have taken this virgin land and created thus far, a balanced, well-proportioned urban village, that respects the integrity of the beautiful riverside environment we are lucky to enjoy and the challenge of living next to a busy bridge and highway is a lasting legacy; a legacy that Montreal can be proud of and can showcase for generations to come. Let us allow this project to be completed as planned so that this legacy can shine as it was intended to. Thank you.

1305 **LA PRÉSIDENTE :**

1310 Thank you very very much for this perspective on the community that you feel you you live in. So, I don't have specific question because it's super clear and thank you for your time.

Mme SALLY COOKE :

Thank you. Should I give you the correction now, since I'm the last speaker, is that something that's appropriate? Should I say it verbally?

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LA PRÉSIDENTE :

You can say it verbally, yes. You want to point out some correction?

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Mme SALLY COOKE :

Yeah. I mean, maybe it's been picked up before, I am not sure, but in the July...

LA PRÉSIDENTE :

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Yes, go ahead.

Mme SALLY COOKE :

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Okay. So the July 2019, Programme particulier d'urbanisme, part way through the plan that shows Evolo 2, is depicted as three different buildings which in it it is and it's the same method they've used to depict Evolo 1, which has town homes. And then part way through for seven of the drawings, they show it has one large block as if the green space is a building. So it creates a perception that, you know, since the City is proposing something on that last part, it looks like it's more like what the city are proposing, when in fact, is not accurate. So, I have the pages to hand over, if that helps. So.

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LA PRÉSIDENTE :

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That's a projection of the city that what could be.

Mme SALLY COOKE :

I'm not sure. No, it's an inaccuracy of the way buildings that exist right now are being portrayed. So, it's...

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LA PRÉSIDENTE :

Just leave it with the analyst.

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Mme SALLY COOKE :

Thank you very much for your time. Thank you.

LA PRÉSIDENTE :

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Est-ce que la Ville a besoin d'un droit de rectification pour des faits? Oui. Alors, venez au micro.

M. MAXIME LEMIEUX :

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Bonjour. Un point par rapport à la station du REM bien entendu, ce n'est pas une responsabilité de la Ville et les aménagements qui touchent la station du REM. Il y a des comités qui existent entre la Ville et le REM, et bien entendu on a essayé, la Ville a essayé d'avoir un pouvoir d'influence pour impacter l'amélioration de la station, mais il n'y a pas vraiment de possibilité de la Ville de contrôler ça.

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Il y a une image aussi qui est présentée, qui a été présentée, qui a été dit qui appartenait au REM. En réalité, c'est une image qui avait été produite par la Ville. Donc, il y a une image qui a été produite par le REM puis une par la Ville.

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