

Bonsoir Madame la Présidente et les Commissaires,

I would like to thank Mr. 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.

I moved to Pointe Nord, to Evolo 1, which was the first tower to be built, in 2011. I came from a condo in St. Henri, a busy urban landscape of Victorian triplexes, 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.

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 I chose, the provision for a private parking space, the layout of the roads, the amenities and green space, as well as the local stores and the proximity to downtown and the commercial area of Nun's island.

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.

While the community of Pointe Nord was in its infancy when I moved in, since then, Evolo 2, the Pavillon, 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 front doors in the near future.

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.

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

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

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 futures. 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.

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.

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.

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.

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. 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 the project to be completed as planned so that this legacy can shine as it was intended to.

Thank you,

Sally Cooke