

**LA PRÉSIDENTE :**

You know that helps to contain the sprawl.

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**M. JOCHEN JAEGER :**

Yes, they have more pressure it seems there is still an awareness of the problem still needs to increase in Canada much more but even in Europe many people are not really aware that urban sprawl is an issue.

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**LA PRÉSIDENTE :**

So thank you very much.

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**M. JOCHEN JAEGER :**

My pleasure.

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**LA PRÉSIDENTE :**

Alors j'inviterais maintenant monsieur Perel. Mister Perel please. Good afternoon.

**MR. SHLOIME PEREL :**

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I will show a video, the title of my, sorry. Yes, the title of my presentation is : In Wilderness is the preservation of the World", for the preservation of the entire wet meadows nature area of West Pierrefonds.

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And this video is in that area. One of the greatest truths has only eight words; in wildness is the preservation of the world. This is what Henry David Thoreau wrote in his essay working. We usually act as though we are totally separated from the earth as though our continuity has a species isn't related to that of the earth and all its living things.

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This is relevant to the future of the Pierrefonds nature area about which we're talking. I am advocating contrary to many interests and the Coderre administration that this entire area and this biodiversity be totally preserved. That none of us pristine wetlands trees and plants, migratory birds and other animal habitat be destroyed.

2105 It should acquire legal status as a park dedicated to nature conservation bought from the real estate companies by the City of Montreal with financial help from Quebec and the Federal Government.

2110 What I'm reading here was written before the recent tragic flooding in Pierrefonds and elsewhere which all the worry emphasis the need to preserve wetlands and green spaces and to minimize building on flood plains.

2115 The Pierrefonds nature area is one of several areas of important biodiversity under threat on our island including the proposed destruction of more than half the wetlands in migratory bird habitat in the St. Laurent Techno Park area.

2120 The destruction of over half of a large area of which biodiversity in Ste. Anne de Bellevue the clear cutting of trees and bird habitat in part of the Forêt St-Jacques. Let's look at it from a different angle.

2125 It might surprise Montrealers that Hiroshima and our city are twin cities. In fact, there is a serious initiative to plant seeds of trees in Montreal that survived the Hiroshima atomic bomb. To honor the rejuvenation of Hiroshima and this survivor trees and to emphasize the need to preserve our islands remaining biodiversity.

2130 In a different way the remaining areas of which biodiversity in Montreal including in Pierrefonds can also be seen as survivors, survivors of the unslot of the natural world of our island. These sensitive areas deserve our respect. If many citizens take this for granted without realizing that what we still have is a remnant of what once existed.

2135 If we can see a documentary film of Montreal, as if it was a thousand years ago, we would see beautiful forest, grass lands, rivers and wetlands that no longer exist as well many species of birds, animals, mammals and fish many now wiped out through human caused extinction.

2140 In 2015, the Montreal City and Agglomeration Counsels committed to protecting 10% of Montreal Island as natural space. No time table budget or location was given for that 10%. In fact, only 5.34% of the island is protected. And of this, only 2.2% was contributed during the last 25 years.

2140 But it isn't only a matter of percentages, today most of island's nature is highly fragmented that connectivity among those ecosystems having been largely eliminated.

The majority of our wetlands which once provided homes to so many species have been destroyed and yet the Coderre administration supposed to propose massive housing project in the

2145 Pierrefonds L'Anse-à-l'Orme area despite this pristine wetlands wooded areas grasslands, birds and other animal habitats.

The nearby Rivière-à-l'Orme has fish populations in wetlands. The proposed development stands to effect the purity of the river with increasing chemical ran off and debris.

2150 At the mouth the river close to the Lake of Two Mountains are wetlands important to amphibians and the northern map turtle has threatened species.

2155 Destroying this pristine ecosystem for the sake of thousands of condos and other types of housing, relieve the creation of a new city within Pierrefonds with this new infrastructure including rows, electrical lines, water pipes, et cetera, plus accompanying auto exhaust, noises, and light pollution will destroy much of this habitat of more than 200 species of birds.

2160 Many of these are migratory birds which together with their nesting sites are protected under the Canada US Convention on migratory birds and include species reserving special Quebec and Federal protection for threaten species.

2165 We have been given the privilege to preserve this large area of rich biodiversity. Part of a region which reaches as far as the Senneville bird sanctuary and which forms the natural link between Rivière-à-l'Orme to the West.

2170 Angell Wood to the South and Cap Saint-Jacques to the North. I am advocating that this entire area be totally preserved like I said. That none of this pristine wetlands, trees and plants, migratory birds and other animal habitat be destroyed.

As I said it should acquire legal status as a park dedicated to nature conservation bought from the real estate companies by the City of Montreal with financial help from Quebec and the Federal Government.

2175 In 1853, Henry David Thoreau, the same Thoreau who said : "In wildness is the preservation of the world" wrote quote: "Few come to the woods to see how the pine lives and grows and spires. Living is ever green arms to the light to see his perfect success. Most are contented to beholded in the shape of many broad boards brought to market and deem that is true success. A pine cut down a dead pine is no more a pine then a human heart as a man.

2180 Every creature is better alive than dead but men, I mean people and moose and pine trees as life is more beautiful than death. Let's not destroy life in Pierrefonds and other places.

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**LA PRÉSIDENTE :**

Thank you.

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**LE COMMISSAIRE WOLFE ;**

You talked quite eloquently about the idea that it should become a park, how would you see this park? Would it have recreational access, would it be a nature preserve sort of cut-off to human beings?

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**MR. SHLOIME PEREL :**

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Well, not entirely, I mean we couldn't say right now but the main thing would be to preserve living beings in this, in this area, the mammals, the birds, the trees. I mean this would be the really crucial thing and for ourselves, well for sure people should be able to see it, to spend time there, but not at the expense of other living things in the area I think this could be worked out. I mean obviously we couldn't decide on these specifics right here but in general. I'm sure it is possible but also I see this as an international problem because the great majority of bird species there are migratory birds and they spend time in other places of the world and if we destroy their habitat, we're also destroying species of birds that live in other places in that way there's also the other thing of greenhouse cases because in a way if so many thousands of housing units are built it means that there will be thousand of cars, people moving into this area creating a gigantic amount of pollution of all kinds.

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That's really, I see it as a if it happens as a new city in effect within Pierrefonds I just want to mention as a footnote to this that the only reason the City of Montreal, well the main reason the City of Montreal, the Executive Committee, the Mayor, has any power over what happens as to do with the forced merger in 2001, the so called Glen Island one city strategy and it so happens that Pierrefonds didn't succeed in the merging and so it's part of the City of Montreal.

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**LA PRÉSIDENTE :**

Thank you very much.

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**MR. SHLOIME PEREL :**

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**LA PRÉSIDENTE :**

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**LE COMMISSAIRE WOLFE :**

We do have copies of your agreements

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**MR. SHLOIME PEREL :**

I have two additional.

**LA PRÉSIDENTE :**

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Well thank you very much. Fine. J'inviterais maintenant madame Marie-Pierre Durand, s'il vous plaît. Ça va, vous avez tout ce qu'il vous faut?

**MME MARIE-PIERRE DURAND :**

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Oui, oui. Ça devrait aller.

**LA PRÉSIDENTE :**

Allez-y.

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**MME MARIE-PIERRE DURAND :**

O.K. Moi, cultiver son quartier une vision d'aménagement du développement durable. Marie-Pierre Durand, Les Immeubles L'Équerre.

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Alors depuis l'arrivée des premiers colons, le développement et la planification urbaine ont été intimement reliés à l'agriculture et ont amené la subdivision de grandes terres en forme rectangulaire qui caractérisent aujourd'hui la trame urbaine de Montréal. Comme on peut voir sur cette carte de 1872.

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Face à cette réalité, nous aimerions porter à l'attention de la commission un des 12 principes de la vision de l'avenir de Pierrefonds-Ouest soit celui de l'intégration de l'agriculture urbaine c'est-à-dire comment faire cohabiter le développement et l'agriculture urbaine.