

Dear Mayor of Pierrefonds and esteemed members of the *Office de consultation publique de Montreal*,

Thank you for facilitating this opportunity allowing the expression of your citizen's concerns in this our public house over important matters such as the future of L'Anse-à-l'Orme.

I have the honour of presenting to you the Quebec chapter of the Sierra Club Canada Foundation. But I would first like to acknowledge that we are standing on unceded territory of the Mohawk nation on this island they call *Tiohtià:ke Tsi*.

The Sierra Club Quebec is committed to the protection and restoration of the natural environment of Québec. We have been involved on a wide variety of issues ranging from the protection of wildlife and wilderness, loss of biological diversity, climate change and sustainable energy.

It is folly to believe that our Island is an inexhaustible resource to be exploited indefinitely by those who claim to know what is best for this land.

This land is not able to speak for itself, as an advocacy group dedicated to help preserve the last remaining green spaces on the island of Montreal, we urge you on behalf of Pierrefond's future generations that the *Office de consultation publique de Montreal* halt development immediately on Pierrefond's last remaining wetlands in L'Anse-à-l'Orme.

The Sierra Club Quebec in 2014 created a moratorium in 2014 to help preserve 10% of green spaces on the island of Montreal for 10 years. Mayor Denis Coderre agreed in 2015 to help preserve parts of Mont Royal for this purpose. We invite you to also become part of the solution and agree to help preserve Montreal's last remaining 185 hectares of wetland meadows in Pierrefonds.

Thank you

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