

560 The other is that, as you can see from the connectivity study, and it stands to reason, as you chop things up, as you cut up the pathways from one wild area to another, as you diminish the available habitat space, you are going to lose progressively more wild life and I suppose to some extent the flora.

565 But we can't afford to lose the big spaces, the one thing that makes them unique is they're big. So with reluctance, I say no, no compromise on this, compromise time has passed.

LE COMMISSAIRE WOLFE:

Thank you.

570 **LA PRÉSIDENTE :**

575 Alors il me reste à vous remercier. Je vous remercie des documents que vous nous avez déjà, on en avait quelques-uns, mais que vous ajoutez à notre compendium et je vous demanderais peut-être de prendre entente avec madame Wells sur les documents puis l'information que vous allez lui communiquer par la suite.

Merci beaucoup, Monsieur.

580 **M. CAMPBELL STUART :**

À vous merci.

LA PRÉSIDENTE :

585 J'inviterais madame Lucia Kowaluk, s'il vous plait.

MME LUCIA KOWALUK :

590 I'll be much briefer because everything that Campbell just said I agree with so I don't have to repeat it.

595 If we thought we had a flood of water a few weeks ago, what on earth would we have if didn't have those wetlands. It would have been double that amount. It's just insane to build and to do anything to destroy those wetlands for all the reasons that Campbell just said. I want to just make a few very specific points.

600 I'm interested in somebody's question about where would housing be, that's my specialty is housing. And instead of writing something new, I have two articles that were published in The Gazette in the last few years. I'm using N.D. Land in the City which is well serviced with sewers, with bus lines, with the metro, with schools, some of which are not full but many, many things. And particularly, I'm concerned with three big parking lots that are on Saint-Urbain between Duluth and Sherbrooke where there could be several thousand families living, literally, several thousand families in new housing.

605 So if we're talking about people, we need 5,500 people more, we have to build on wetlands in order to do it, there's plenty of, not only is there plenty of land downtown which is well served, not too dense, I'm not talking about cramming people together, I'm talking about people having little bits of space for a garden, little bits of space for play period and for socializing together.

610 And I have two documents which I'm going to leave with you.

615 Other than that, I think that your hearing, you are going to hear some of the experts in this whole field of saving the environment and the legal, I think that what Campbell said, he said Mr. Rapoport who also had an article in The Gazette has said that more eloquently than I can, I'm here to support all of those feelings. I feel that would be absolutely a dreadful mistake to start building on that, those huge sectors, hectares of green land that we need, that we badly need in the city.

620 So Campbell took a long time, I'm just going to take a few minutes to say that I agree with all of that and I represent the citizens of Milton Park which is the largest housing land trust the housing cooperative in North America which I helped to build.

Thank you for doing this.

625 **LA PRÉSIDENTE :**

Thank you. Can we ask you a few questions?

630 **MME LUCIA KOWALUK :**

Of course. Sure you can.

LA PRÉSIDENTE :

635 Veux-tu poser des questions?

MME LUCIA KOWALUK :

640 I can't answer in French though because I can socialize in French but I can't be intelligent in French. I'm sorry.

LA PRÉSIDENTE :

645 Well can you understand in French?

MME LUCIA KOWALUK :

650 Yes.

LA PRÉSIDENTE :

Fine.

655 **LE COMMISSAIRE WOLFE :**

If you don't mind I'll ask the question in English. Your involvement in Milton Park is well known and also other places in the Central City NDG, can you tell us why you're interested in Meadowbrook, I'm sorry, Pierrefonds way out on the West Island?

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MME LUCIA KOWALUK :

665 The same reason I was interested in Meadow View, no, that wasn't a slip of the tongue, I know I do care very much about the environment and I think that the proper density, Milton Park, I have, this is on the side, in my opinion is the perfect density. It's four stories and if you're not infirm you can walk, you don't need an elevator, it greatly reduces the foot print on the land and the use of land.

670 On the other hand, it's dense enough that in a six square block it can use businesses, small businesses. It's an ideal density. That's where we should be building. That's where we should be having new housing.

Did I get off the track, Josh? What did you ask me?

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LE COMMISSAIRE WOLFE :

680 Well it was.

MME LUCIA KOWALUK :

685 Sorry Josh used to live in Milton Park.

LE COMMISSAIRE WOLFE :

690 It was more the other side of the question which is the importance of the green spaces which, I don't, well, is this a green space that you would like to use or enjoy in the future. It's kind of far away from Milton Park, that was the question?

MME LUCIA KOWALUK :

695 No for me it's theoretical. I've read enough about the value of that hunk of land there in Pierrefonds. I've read enough about the value of it, I don't need to see it. And it is far away for me and I don't own a car thank goodness.

LE COMMISSAIRE WOLFE :

700 Thank you.

LA PRÉSIDENTE :

705 Alors merci beaucoup, Madame

MME LUCIA KOWALUK :

Yes.

710 **LA PRÉSIDENTE :**

J'inviterais maintenant monsieur Robert Chicoine et monsieur Joshua Cummings s'il vous plaît.

715 Bonsoir.