

840 **Mme STÉPHANIE BELLENGER-HENG :**

Bien, je vous en prie.

LA PRÉSIDENTE :

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Vous n'oubliez pas de faire parvenir votre présentation à monsieur Vézina.

Mme STÉPHANIE BELLENGER-HENG :

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Je n'oublie pas. Merci.

LA PRÉSIDENTE :

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Merci. J'inviterais maintenant, Madame Caroline Nabozniak, s'il vous plaît. Madame Nabozniak, bonsoir.

Mme CAROLINE NABOZNIAK :

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Bonsoir.

LA PRÉSIDENTE :

Je vais vous demander de vous approcher du micro. Merci.

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Mme CAROLINE NABOZNIAK :

Bonsoir. Good evening, mesdames et messieurs. I am here today as a property owner and resident of historic Shaughnessy Village in the Peter-McGill sector of Ville-Marie for over thirty years. Though my views are represented in a submission you heard today by the Peter-

870 McGill Community Council whose recommendations I support, I feel it is important for the
members of the Commission to hear from those individuals, such as myself, who will be greatly
impacted by this project.

875 My concern or my focus in particular tonight is with the inadequate amount of public
green space allotted in this project for sports and recreational purposes and for public green
spaces in general. This is a very densely populated sector, Peter-McGill, and it has no outdoor
public space of any significant size that can be used by the residents for recreational purposes.

880 After the loss by fire of the building on the Franciscans' property on René-Lévesque
Boulevard, the residents of the area saw a good opportunity for the creation of a park that could
include sports installations and space for some outdoor recreational activities and they expressed
their view to their City representatives on numerous occasions.

885 Though Mayor Coderre stated on various occasions that he recognized the lack of
outdoor recreational space for the numerous residents of the western sector of Peter-McGill, the
City representatives decided against using the Franciscans' property for this purpose; instead, he
and his team continually insisted that the redevelopment of the Children's Hospital site would
provide a solution to this issue.

890 And furthermore, the consultation process for the Franciscans also, yes, though the
Consultative Committee approved the project on the Franciscans' site, there was a condition that
those needs, and they were well-expressed during that commission by the citizens that there was
a need for these services. The Commission did say the next project, and we are talking about the
Children's site, would have to meet the needs of the citizens in this regard.

895 In my view, considering the size of this project, the space proposed for sports and
recreational purposes, as well as for general green space to be used by the public, is not
sufficient, nor is it particularly well-designed. The proposal by the Peter-McGill Community
Council in the Annex of their submission would be an improvement over the developer's

900 proposed plan. And actually, listening to this first gentleman today, I really loved that he could actually come out - it seems to be a way one can come up with more green space.

905 It was suggested in one of the submissions that in exchange for the major derogations obtained by the developer, more weight should be given to the needs of the citizens. However, my belief is that land in city planning should be a priority for government. It should be an active responsibility that should never be influenced as it tends to be by the pressures of private developers; and once construction is done, it is practically irreversible.

910 It is the responsibility of Mayor Coderre and our City representatives, not the developer, to ensure that the needs of the residents of the western sector of Peter-McGill for a generous sized and well-designed public recreation and sports area and for a maximum amount of public green space in general in this mass of concrete.

915 Though there will be no future visible reminder of the previous history of this site, let this new project continue to reflect its previous vocation, and that was serving the community. I propose that the Office or that the Commission recommend that the plans for this project be reviewed with the view to enlarging the area allotted for public recreational and sports and for green space in general that the public can use, and that is my submission.

920 **LA PRÉSIDENTE:**

So thank you. You have strictly one recommendation, to review the old...

925 **Mme CAROLINE NABOZNIAK:**

I am focusing on that. I think it is pretty difficult to come up with a lot; so my decision was to work on one point.

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LA PRÉSIDENTE:

Because you are not satisfied with the park.

935 **Mme CAROLINE NABOZNIAK:**

Not at all.

LA PRÉSIDENTE:

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Not at all.

Mme CAROLINE NABOZNIAK:

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I feel it is almost an insult. Considering all the promises we were given over the years, I feel insulted by it. I feel that it is just their - haphazard just to say: 'Oh, we gave you what you asked for.' Not at all. There is no generosity, there is no spirit of goodwill and community service in that design at all.

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LA PRÉSIDENTE:

Well, according to the fact that it is not proposed to have a park for the old site of the Children's, what do you suggest to do?

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Mme CAROLINE NABOZNIAK:

Well, some of the ideas in the memorandum that the Peter-McGill Community Council submitted, they had some ideas where they would, I think they would elongate the park and they would also, they would try to draw a link between the three parks.

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LA PRÉSIDENTE:

And to join Toe-Blake Park, right?

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Mme CAROLINE NABOZNIAK:

Yes, Toe-Blake Park. And also, I think they were talking about maybe the use of Sussex Street where it would be a bit more public. And my concern also is, the park is one thing, but there is so much concrete. First of all, there's the buildings themselves, but when you look at what is planned, is there no way that the land, the actual terrain itself can be greened rather than using it for trucks driving in or whatever.

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There should be a sense that in this mass of concrete down below, there is greenery; so there must be some other way of designing that trucks, you know, if there is commerce, if there is a hotel, there has got to be another way of accessing it and having that land not only available, it would be more pleasant for the individuals living or purchasing there or staying, there is a hotel, it would be more pleasant.

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We have seen some urban hotels in various cities where just a little bit of greenery makes things much more pleasant, but it would make it pleasant for someone like me who lives there, you know. So my concern might not necessarily be, I am not going to be playing soccer, but I do like to walk in the neighbourhood and I do like to feel that there is a bit of an oasis there, and I think it can be done with some vision.

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LA PRÉSIDENTE:

Yes. So you agree with the proposal that we had this...

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Mme CAROLINE NABOZNIAK:

From the Peter-McGill Community Council, I would say yes to start.

LA PRÉSIDENTE:

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Yes, and also this afternoon Ms. Adamson, I guess, she proposed to link the Toe-Blake Park and redesign Sussex Street, you know.

Mme CAROLINE NABOZNIAK:

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Yes, I would go along .

LA PRÉSIDENTE:

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Redesign the east part of the site.

Mme CAROLINE NABOZNIAK:

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Yes, yes.

LA PRÉSIDENTE:

In order to enlarge the green space and so on.

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Mme CAROLINE NABOZNIAK:

I see that as a fairly good idea or a good start in thinking of ideas.

LA PRÉSIDENTE:

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A good second start. Des questions?

M. ARLINDO VIEIRA:

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My understanding is that the proposal of the Council of Peter-McGill it would be enough for you, it is just a beginning, but which proportion will it take from the land?

Mme CAROLINE NABOZNIAK:

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Well, after listening to this gentleman who presented first, it made me realize maybe we are not thinking outside the envelope, so maybe the proposal by the Peter-McGill Community Council, which I thought was pretty good until this evening, it makes me think that there might be other ways of looking at this beyond what has been submitted. I mean I did definitely think that was an improvement, but I'm starting to wonder if it is the actual best design.

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Mme HÉLÈNE LAPERRIÈRE:

And there are so many other ways to green, you know, space too.

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Mme CAROLINE NABOZNIAK:

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Mme HÉLÈNE LAPERRIÈRE:

We think about the horizontal where we could also have...

LA PRÉSIDENTE:

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And vertical.

1055 **Mme CAROLINE NABOZNIAK:**

Yes. It is just if there is a lack of real thought in the process, like I said, I feel, this is my personal feeling, that it is more like okay, we promised you this, we promised you this, and just giving it so that someone can say: 'Yes, it is there.' But no real sense that - like has anyone heard us for the last five years? There is no sense that someone really took our comments, our meetings, our going to borough council meetings, no one has really taken that into consideration; and again, I do not blame the developer, it is the City and the representatives, they take care of us. It is the City to find a way to make sure that our needs are met. The developers, they are business people, that is fine, but I hold the City responsible for this.

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LA PRÉSIDENTE:

Thank you very much, Mrs. Nabozniak.

1070 **Mme CAROLINE NABOZNIAK:**

You are welcome.

1075 **LA PRÉSIDENTE :**

Avec votre permission à tous, nous entendrons tout de suite madame Phyllis Lambert et monsieur Cameron Charlebois. Nous avions prévu une pause, mais puisqu'un seul intervenant sera avec nous après la pause, je vous suggérerais de sauter la pause de telle sorte que la fin de soirée sera plus tôt pour tous.

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J'inviterais madame Lambert et monsieur Cameron Charlebois, s'il vous plaît. Nous vous écoutons. Bienvenue.

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