

Mount Royal Dilemma

Proposal for OCPM Consultation

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Un accident

Un accident qui a tué le jeune cycliste de compétition Clément Ouimet le 4 octobre 2017 a déclenché de nombreux débats sur le type d'accessibilité au parc Mount-Royal.

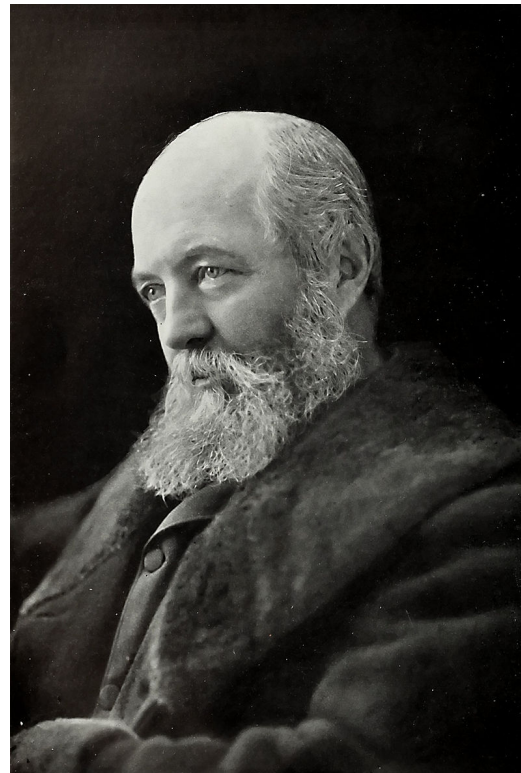
Le jeune homme a perdu sa vie parce qu'un touriste qui conduisait, n'a pas respecté la loi et a fait demi-tour dans une manœuvre téméraire.



Purpose and Identity of Mt. Royal Mountain

A Growing City - Montreal - Late 1800's

The City Commissions
Frederick Law Olmstead,
landscape architect,
in 1874, to create
a Public Park Space. ¹



1. Mount-Royal in the Works of Frederick Law Olmstead by Dr. Charles E. Beveridge

THE VISION

by Frederick Law Olmstead

- Design a space of relaxation that would be beneficial to the user.
- Retain the mountain aspect of the Park.
- Accessible to all social groups, of all ages and physical conditions.

THE WORKS

- Human activity imposed.
- Dramatic artistic and engineering interventions to achieve
NATURALISM

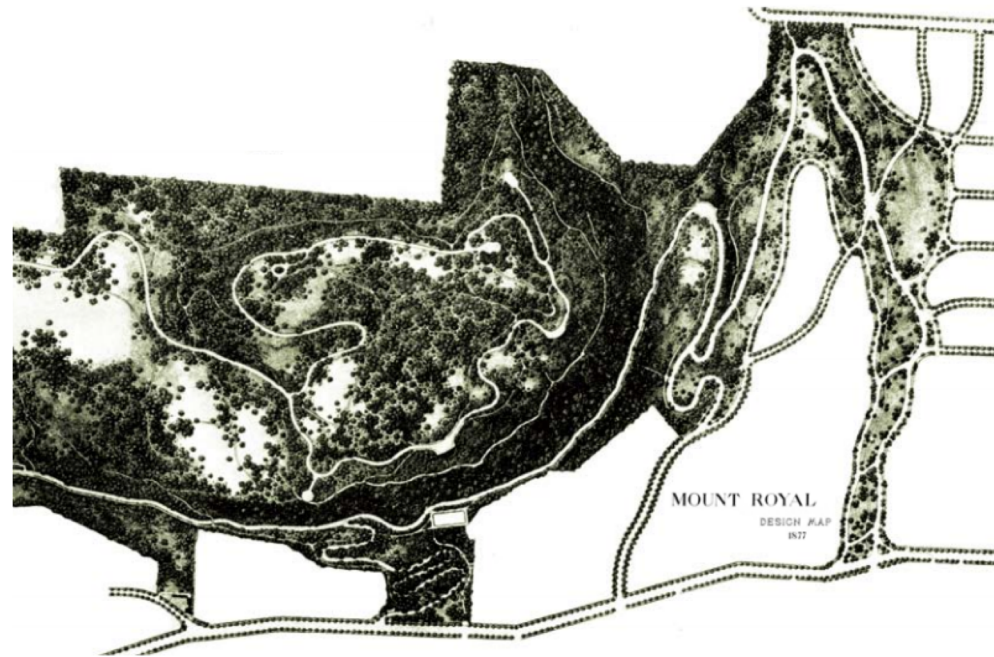
THE PURPOSE

- To offer Montrealers regardless of social status, race, age or physical capacity, an escape landscape close to the city.
- A note of poetry in the daily noise of urban life through well designed features of green space.

TODAY

- Even more relevant than before, in 2018, this PURPOSE is prevalent and fundamental.

A BEAUTIFUL DESIGN



MOUNT ROYAL TODAY







THE CHOICE

- Choosing to cycle to or through Mount Royal is a tribute to its design.
- Choosing to drive to or through Mount Royal is an acknowledgement of its scenic values and precious ability we have as Montrealers.
- Choosing to walk to or through Mount Royal is an honor to its pathways.
- Blocking or taking away these abilities is an insult to Mount Royal.
- Limiting access to only certain visitors to Mount Royal is discriminatory.
- Complicating or taking measures that add to unsafe maneuvers is criminal.
- **Protecting the accessibility to this IMPORTANT CITY LANDMARK is a necessity.**

The Transit Vehicle

- Much debate is focused on the transit vehicle in this process.
- Vehicles that use Camillien Houde and Remembrance Roads are using a peripheral passage designed to assist in accessing, crossing and appreciating the Mountain. To transverse the Mountain while appreciating its scenic beauty is simply adding to the purpose and identity of the mountain. In no way is this an invasion on the Mountain. As long as these vehicles respect the identity of the Mountain, they are not a threat. Design elements can assist in the co-existence of vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians to use the Mountain together.

ACTION REQUIRED

- The improvement of safety and accessibility to Mount Royal.
- To update and ameliorate the existing design to 2018 standards for:
 - Cyclists
 - Automobile drivers
 - Vehicles
 - Pedestrians
 - Disabled Persons

THE SOLUTION IS NOT:

STOPPING THROUGHWAY TRAFFIC ON THE MOUNTAIN

OR PROHIBITING AUTOMOBILES FROM CAMILLIEN HOUDE OR REMEMBRANCE ROADS

THAT IS SIMPLY A REACTION TO A PROBLEM

2018 – MOUNT ROYAL MOUNTAIN

Such a positive experience, for ALL USERS, still available at our doorstep, is the most profound and effective antidote to daily Montreal life.



RESPECT FOR ALL USERS THAT RESPECT THE MOUNTAIN

- Clement Ouimet's fatal accident is a call for action to ameliorate the accessibility to the Mountain for cyclists, pedestrians, cemetery visitors, automobiles, disabled persons, vehicles, tourists.
- **Today in 2018, there is much room for the improvement of the infrastructure and design elements that have not been upgraded to the needs for a safe, coherent, coexistence of ALL users of the MOUNTAIN, THE PARK, and THE CEMETERIES.**

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