

## Public consultation

### Policy respecting the protection and enhancement of the natural environment

At the request of Montréal's Executive Committee, the Office de consultation publique de Montréal (OCPM) will hold a public consultation on the *Policy respecting the protection and enhancement of the natural environment*.

#### **PURPOSE OF THE CONSULTATION**

The Draft *policy respecting the protection and enhancement of the natural environment* aims primarily to improve Montréal's living environments in order to protect natural areas, and to enhance them for the benefit of Montrealers. In establishing this policy, the City targets three major objectives:

- To maximize biodiversity and increase aggregate hectarage of protected natural spaces in Montréal;
- To foster enhanced integration of ecosystems and natural landscapes in built-up areas;
- To ensure sustainability of the natural environment in City parks, and promote the consolidation and viability of park ecosystems.

This Policy is part of an integrated land-use planning approach, and is in keeping with a vision of sustainable development and urban fabric consolidation. It would make Montréal more attractive by creating spaces sought by residents, visitors and organizations alike. It would also contribute to the development of a concerted approach mobilizing corporate departments, boroughs, environmental groups and developers in a common land-use planning project.

#### **PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETINGS**

The OCPM invites interested persons and organizations to participate in the following consultation meetings:

##### **Information sessions and question periods:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>
March 30, 2004 7:00 p.m.	Centre Harpell 60 Saint-Pierre Street Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue
April 5, 2004 7:00 p.m.	Église Notre-Dame-des-Neiges Parish hall 5320 Côte-des-Neiges Road

April 6, 2004  
7:00 p.m.

Rivière-des-Prairies Community Centre  
9140 Perras Boulevard

Sessions have been reserved for the tabling of memorandums and for the hearing of persons and organizations:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>
April 27, 2004 7:00 p.m.	Centre Harpell 60 Saint-Pierre Street Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue
April 29, 2004 7:00 p.m.	Rivière-des-Prairies Community Centre 9140 Perras Boulevard
May 3, 2004 7:00 p.m.	Église Notre-Dame-des-Neiges Parish hall 5320 Côte-des-Neiges Road

Additional meetings may be held as required.

#### ***DOCUMENTATION***

Persons and organizations interested in looking over the proposed *Policy respecting the protection and enhancement of the natural environment* are invited to do so as of today, during usual business hours at:

- ❖ Borough offices and Accès Montréal Offices (BAM)
- ❖ Montréal public libraries

All documentation pertaining to this consultation is available at:

- ❖ Office de consultation publique de Montréal, 1550 Metcalfe Street, Suite 1414, and on its Web site: [www.ocpm.qc.ca](http://www.ocpm.qc.ca)

Montréal public libraries offer free Internet access.

Persons and organizations wishing to express their opinion or submit a memorandum on the proposed Policy are invited to register and/or to submit their memorandums by April 19, 2004, 4:00 p.m., at the offices of the OCPM, in ten hard copies, and in electronic format.

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