

**ASSOCIATION LIBÉRALE PROVINCIALE
de Notre-Dame-de-Grâce**

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**Centre universitaire de santé McGill (CUSM) - Hôpital Shriners
Modification au Plan d'urbanisme
Arrondissement de Côte-des-Neiges/Notre-Dame-de-Grâce**

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MEMORANDUM

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GLEN YARDS

**McGill University Health Centre (MUHC) – Shriners Hospital
Amendment to the Master Plan
Borough of Côte-des-Neiges/Notre-Dame-de-Grâce**

L'Association libérale provinciale de Notre-Dame-de-Grâce représente plusieurs centaines de membres dans le comté du même nom, qui inclut aussi la Ville de Montréal Ouest.

Depuis quatre ans, l'Association libérale s'est impliqué avec intérêt et enthousiasme dans le dossier du CUSM. Nous sommes fiers d'appuyer la construction du CUSM et nous souhaitons vivement que l'Hôpital Shriners choisisse Montréal pour la construction de son nouvel hôpital qui sera intégré au CUSM sur le site Glen.

Our support for this project is driven by our belief that the new MUHC will have a substantial positive impact on the quality of health care in our riding, our surrounding community and across the province. We also believe that this institution can and must be built in a way that is considerate and respectful of its new neighbours.

The new MUHC will bring together a broad range of patient care, teaching and research functions, providing a continuum of care from newborns to adults, all in a state-of-the-art facility designed to provide maximum comfort to patients and their families. The new MUHC will also serve as an anchor for Montreal's growing world-class biotechnology/biomedical sector. It also promises to add vitality to the local service sector, bringing new economic opportunities for our residents.

Nous nous permettons ici de décrire certains des avantages que ce projet apporte spécifiquement à notre quartier :

- ◆ Il ramène un hôpital dans notre secteur. À cet égard, il faut se rappeler de la mobilisation de la population lors de la fermeture malheureuse de l'Hôpital Reine Elizabeth au cours des années 90.
- ◆ Le site, anciennement à vocation industrielle, sera décontaminé conformément aux standards élevés applicables aux vocations résidentielle et institutionnelle.
- ◆ Une piste cyclable permettra un lien sécuritaire entre le côté ouest et le côté est du boulevard Décarie. Un lien avec le Canal Lachine dans le Sud-Ouest est aussi envisagé.
- ◆ Un réinvestissement majeur sera effectué dans les infrastructures municipales et le réaménagement du viaduc du CP sur le boulevard Décarie.
- ◆ De nouvelles bretelles sur l'autoroute 15 directions sud et nord favoriseront les citoyens des rues avoisinantes et une meilleure fluidité automobile.
- ◆ L'arrivée probable de cliniques médicales, laboratoires, restaurants et autres services laisse prévoir la création d'un nombre important d'emplois indirects.

À notre avis, ces facteurs sont positifs pour notre communauté, et nous considérons que ce projet mérite l'appui du milieu local.

We are notably pleased that the MUHC invested the time and effort to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding in November 2004 with a collection of community groups from each of the three adjoining boroughs – NDG, Westmount and Sud-Ouest. Since then, a working group has been established, which we believe will favour an active dialogue that will assist the MUHC to better understand the needs of the local population.

The hospital management and planning authorities must also not lose sight of the specific concerns that have been expressed by local residents during these consultations, particularly with regard to disruptions during the construction period and the influx of new vehicular traffic into the area.

Regarding measures to mitigate disruptions during the construction period, we believe the MUHC is off to a good start. The publicising of a phone-in number for questions and complaints related to decontamination, the hiring of an independent firm to measure noise levels, and the early opening of Décarie Boulevard southbound to get trucks off the local road network quickly, are all signs the MUHC and responsible public agencies are responding to residents' concerns.

We recommend that the MUHC continue to actively engage and inform the public about potential disruptions and the mitigation measures that are being taken to reduce their impact, by way of newsletters, newspaper ads and on-going community consultations.

However, we also feel the MUHC, the MTC and the City of Montreal must provide greater detail as to the impact of construction on the greater surrounding area. For example, we would appreciate more information about the impact of construction on the public arteries to which over flow traffic will be diverted, specifically those routes that connect with St. Jacques, Sherbrooke Street and Autoroutes 15 and 720. We would appreciate knowing whether any studies been conducted which indicate the effect of the diversion of traffic to these areas, not only with regard to increased rush-hour congestion but also respecting any general increase in automobile traffic to the residential and commercial areas that will be indirectly affected. If no studies have been conducted in this regard, we recommend that an analysis be conducted as soon as possible and the results communicated via the means described above to assist the neighbouring community during the construction phase. Our primary concerns are related to the increase of noise and air pollution as well as the safety of pedestrians.

Regarding the influx of new traffic into the area in a post-construction phase, our recommendation to the MUHC is simply to remain faithful to its plan. For example, one of the core principles of the MUHC's traffic plan has been to get traffic off of the local road network and onto the restricted access highway network as quickly as possible. To the extent that local residents are able to demonstrate that this is not happening at any given location, due to drivers taking short cuts or the like, we recommend that the MUHC and responsible public agencies move quickly to remedy the situation. To give another example, the MUHC has repeatedly emphasized the uniquely positive characteristics of the Glen site in terms of access to multiple modes of public transit. In order to leverage this advantage, we recommend that the MUHC establish from the start meaningful incentives to encourage hospital employees to use public transit rather than personal automobiles to reach the site. In this regard, we would also appreciate if the MUHC, the MTC and the City of Montreal could provide greater detail respecting any changes to the surrounding public transit infrastructure to accommodate the expected increase in use and to help reduce automobile traffic, both during and after construction.

En conclusion, nous considérons que le CUSM apportera des bénéfices importants au réseau de santé local et provincial, et sera en même temps un ajout intéressant pour notre quartier, tant au niveau social qu'économique. À ce jour, nous sommes encouragés par la volonté évidente des dirigeants de l'hôpital à dialoguer avec les résidents et à entreprendre des gestes concrets pour minimiser les impacts négatifs sur le voisinage immédiat. Nous souhaitons que ce dialogue se poursuive, et nous espérons accueillir dans un avenir rapproché le CUSM comme membre à part entière de notre communauté.

Merci - Thank you

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