

PURPOSE OF THE CONSULTATION

The Office de consultation publique de Montréal (OCPM) was given the mandate by the Montréal executive committee to hold public hearings on the draft lease agreement for the site of the CBC's broadcasting antenna in Parc du Mont-Royal.

The public consultation held by the OCPM on October 8 will provide a forum for discussing the draft agreement, location of the antenna, public health and safety issues, and questions involving the landscape. The consultation is open to all.

DOCUMENTATION

Individuals and organization interested in reviewing the draft agreement and documentation pertaining to the project are invited to do so, during regular business hours, at the


OCPM offices at 1550 Metcalfe Street, Suite 1414, and on its Web site:
www.ocpm.qc.ca

The registration deadline for oral presentations and filing of written briefs is October 23, 2008.

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PUBLIC CONSULTATION



DRAFT LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE SITE OF THE CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION'S ANTENNA IN PARC DU MONT-ROYAL

INFORMATION SESSION
October 8, 7:00 p.m.
Main topics for discussion:
Location, agreement parameters,
public health and safety, and landscape

SESSION FOR THE PRESENTATION OF BRIEFS
October 29, 7:00 p.m.

Location : Basement of Saint-Kevin Church
5590 Côte-des-Neiges Road

 Côte-des-Neiges

Additional sessions will be scheduled as required

MISSION OF THE OCPM

Created under section 75 of the Charter of Ville de Montréal, the Office de consultation publique de Montréal is an independent organization whose mission is to carry out public consultation mandates pertaining to urban planning and land-use management, and to any project designated by the Montréal city council or executive committee.



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The City of Montreal must renegotiate the lease agreement for the site of The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation's (CBC) antenna in Parc du Mont-Royal, as the current agreement expires on December 31, 2008. The new draft agreement provides for the rental of the same site for a period of ten years, with an option to renew for an additional five years. The rent to be paid by The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation would amount to \$500,000 the first year, indexed annually to take into account increases in the Consumer Price Index. It is proposed that part of the amount be earmarked for the protection and enhancement of Mount Royal for the next ten years, or, if the renewal option is exercised, for the next 15 years.



Source : Microsoft Virtual Earth

CONTEXT

Two factors have justified the location of the CBC's antenna on Mount Royal: the latter's elevation; and its position at the centre of the Island of Montreal. In 1952, the first CBC television signals were broadcast from the site, following many decades where it was used for radio broadcasting. Today, the antenna serves most of the private FM stations, some private digital radio services, radiocommunications services, and all VHF and UHF television services for the greater Montréal area.

