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The Mountain

Center of Communicating
Beyond CBC

In my oral presentation I will discuss a global view of the mountain in the center of Montréal, not just the CBC tower.

I hope this presentation will succeed in inspiring and stimulating dreams and creative dialogue.

Dreams are not necessarily practical, but enjoyable,

they are free and non taxable

So lets dream big time!

The mountain is one of too few green spaces in our city.

I believe that the mountain should be protected on all sides and should become greener and bigger.

The mountain does constitute a hindrance to surface transportation and broadcasting.

The mountain is not going to go anywhere soon.

Let's live with it.

There are a few intrusions on the of mountain that are not of the mountain

But like the mountain, they also aren't going anywhere soon.

I think the trespassers are:

1. The highway called Camilien Houde.

2. Four Communication Towers

3. People

Two of the above will not go away in the near future. One could!

Camilien Houde Highway could disappear.

Suggestions and Ideas

Mountain Tram

The mayor of Montreal, Gérald Tremblay has suggested a tram along Park Avenue.

If we incorporated this idea into a global plan, Camilien Houde could be closed.

The tram would be an alternative to cars. If the tram was built in a circular route over the mountain,

down both Guy and Park Avenues to Old Montreal it would connect most of the universities,

the new convention center, the new Place des Spectacle, Chinatown, Old Montreal and downtown.

The tram would service most major tourist attraction in Montreal and become a tourist attraction in itself.

This tram eventually could extend over Concordia bridge connecting more green spaces on Ile Ste-Helene,

Ile Notre-Dame and be a link to the Montreal Casino.

The Antennas

Can they be less visible?

Can they be amalgamated into one or two?

Can they have a glass veneer so they would reflect the sky, sunsets and basically disappear?

A shape could be liken to a pyramid, a crystal, evergreen tree or an upside down icicle.

One single tall pyramid might look awkward, clustering of two more smaller ones beside the CBC tower

would be more visually harmonious.

One of the smaller pyramids or shapes could have an observation deck.

The revenue from this mountain experience could generate income to invest in more green spaces,

the environment and for expanding Parc de Mont-Royal.

The CN Tower in Toronto has about 2 million visitors a year each paying \$20 to \$32.

People

Two million visits a year + Montrealers.

That's people, that's environment stress!

I believe the environmental stress can be controlled if cars are eliminated from the mountain.

The impact on the environment could be reduced with additional forms of public transportation.

Utilizing the train that presently passes under Mont-Royal is a possibility.

Could it be possible to build a metro style station on this Montreal, Lac des Deux Montagnes commuter line?

High speed elevators would transport visitors to the mountaintop and the observation deck.

By concentrating the day visitors to the area around the observation sculptures, this would minimize the environment impact.

While doing the research for this memorandum I found it impossible to capture photographs of the mountain for this project.

All the observations decks like PVM have closed in Montreal since September 11th 2001.

In summing up I would like to reiterate that these are just ideas.

The idea of eliminating cars on the mountain,

a highway and several ugly towers that don't belong in a park

or in the heart of Montréal.

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