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SUBJECT: Relocation of the CLSC NDG/MTL-O
Benny Farm Redevelopment Project
Borough of Cote-des-Neiges/Notre-Dame-de-Grace

On behalf of the residents of HLM de St. Raymond, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to Canada Lands Company for all the work that is being done to provide affordable housing for seniors, families and people with mobility problems.

HLM St. Raymond is located on Upper Lachine Road. As residents of one of the municipal housing facilities for seniors in NDG, we are fully aware of the importance of decent and affordable housing in order to maintain good health. We also recognise the importance of accessible health and social services in order to maintain good health and a good quality of life in the community. Therefore, we depend on the CLSC for our health and social service needs.

For many of us, public transportation is the only means to get to the CLSC and the #104 bus, which stops within walking distance from our dwelling takes us directly to the front of the CLSC. But, for the return trip home, crossing Cavendish Boulevard to get to the #104 bus stop located across from the CLSC always represents a significant risk especially for those of us who have difficulty walking. Also, we have witnessed many times the difficulties faced by mothers with young children risking their life in trying to cross Cavendish Boulevard to get to or from the CLSC. In view of that, we strongly believe that having the CLSC at the corner of Monkland Avenue and Cavendish Boulevard, next to the north/south and east/ west bus stops and also next to the traffic lights will make it easier for all people, particularly for seniors and individuals with reduced mobility and for mothers travelling with their babies and baby carriages, to obtain CLSC services throughout the year.

Therefore, to assure the accessibility of health and social services for the seniors in our HLM, and for all those NDG residents who have difficulty due to age, health and mobility problems, we would like to give our full support to the relocation of the CLSC at the corner of Monkland Avenue and Cavendish Boulevard.


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