

Dec 3nd, 2003 addendum
Secrétaire général
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Objet de la consultation :

- A) Projet de règlement P-03-151 modifiant le plan d'urbanisme, plan directeur de l'arrondissement de Côte-des-Neiges / Notre-Dame-de-Grâce (CO92 03386)
- B) Projet de règlement P-03-157 sur la transformation, la construction, la démolition et l'occupation d'immeubles sur un emplacement situé de part et d'autre du boulevard Cavendish, au nord de la rue Sherbrooke et au sud de l'avenue Monkland

Nature de la modification : Projet de mise en valeur du site de Benny Farm - Arrondissement de Côte-des-Neiges / Notre-Dame-de-Grâce

Dear Sir or Madam:

In my oral brief of Dec 1st 2003, I stated that it was my belief that Cote de Neiges/Notre Dame de Grace does not receive a commensurate return on the tax dollars residents and businesses pay to the city. I have attached an official document from the city of Montreal that shows the tax base of the different arrondissements/boroughs in Montreal. As you can see, CN/NDG has the second largest tax base in the city following the city core that receives most of its taxes from commercial property.

Secondly, I mentioned that our neighborhood of Montreal suffered greatly during the 1998 ice storm. My family and I worked as volunteers and eventually ended up as refugees in the Loyola High School shelter. Different levels of government urged communities in Quebec to improve their emergency plans and facilities after the ice storm. If a comparable disaster happened today, **NDG still lacks a sufficiently equipped and large enough publicly owned facility for NDG residents who need help or shelter in an emergency.** A new recreation/sports center would serve all our community in an emergency situation. That is another reason to build one.

I hope, if and when a recreation/sports facility is built, that it will be dedicated to the courage and perseverance of the inhabitants of NDG.

Sincerely,
Patrick McDonnell