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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:

Notre Dame de Grace needs a new recreational sports facility. I believe I speak for many NDG residents.

When I moved to Notre Dame de Grace, over fifteen years ago, my son learned to swim in the small indoor pool at the Decarie Recreational center. Anyone moving to NDG today would still have few recreational options for their children. Despite the fact that NDG district has one of the largest numbers of taxpayers in Montreal, our sports and recreation facilities - public and private - are either lacking, inadequate or expensive. I can speak from experience.

My son attended the Concordia University Loyola Summer Sports camp and he eventually worked there as a councilor. He did his community service for Loyola High School at one of the city of Montreal's Youth centers where he works during the summer and in their after school program during the school year - he has done so for 6 years. From his experiences, I know that children in NDG do not have adequate access to swimming pools and sports facilities. They sometimes have to go outside of NDG or pay to use private pools.

I urge your commission to give all due consideration to approving the rezoning and that you recommend that a new recreational center be built on the Benny Farm development.

Sincerely yours,

Patrick McDonnell