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LA PRÉSIDENTE :

Oui. Est-ce qu'il y a d'autres questions de la part de mes collègues? Non. Alors, il nous reste à vous remercier beaucoup, Monsieur Prince, de votre intervention et d'avoir pris la peine de nous envoyer un mémoire qui va alimenter notre réflexion.

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M. JASON PRINCE :

Merci beaucoup et bonne soirée.

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LA PRÉSIDENTE :

Bonne soirée, merci.

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Mme ANGELA BARDOSH

LA PRÉSIDENTE :

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Alors, la prochaine participante est madame Angela Bardosh. Est-ce que madame Bardosh est arrivée? On est peut-être un petit en avance, mais très légèrement.

Mme ANGELA BARDOSH :

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Oui, vous me voyez?

LA PRÉSIDENTE :

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Ah, voilà, Madame, ça va.

Mme ANGELA BARDOSH :

2230 Je vais juste... c'est notre fameux Zoom de la maison.

LA PRÉSIDENTE :

2235 Oui.

Mme ANGELA BARDOSH :

Bonsoir, Madame Brodeur. Bonsoir à tout le monde du comité de consultation.

2240 **LA PRÉSIDENTE :**

Bonsoir, Madame.

Mme ANGELA BARDOSH :

2245 Alors, je vous remercie beaucoup d'avoir cette opportunité de faire cette opinion devant vous. Je vais peut-être m'exprimer mieux en anglais.

LA PRÉSIDENTE :

2250 Allez-y, oui.

Mme ANGELA BARDOSH :

2255 Je peux parler en français, mais c'est une histoire qui me tient au cœur et j'aimerais le faire dans la langue maternelle.

LA PRÉSIDENTE :

2260 Qui vous est propre. Allez-y, oui.

Mme ANGELA BARDOSH :

2265 So, I come to you with, I guess, a heavy hearth and sadness as well. My mother was a victim of the... was a patient of Doctor Cameron, many, many years ago, from the Allan Memorial.

2270 So, the history that I grieve in terms of whenever going close to the Allan Memorial site, always brings this heaviness. And I know from many others that we recently come together, in 2018, survivors and families, in a joint effort in order to express the truth and as well justice in a public apology of many things that have happened during the 1940s, 50s and 60s on the ground of the Allan Memorial Institute.

2275 As you are maybe already aware from movies and everything that is going on in our history, I think we are right, at this point, to really know more about exactly what had happened there, many, many years ago, from just so much that has been written and so forth.

2280 It was the birthplace of mind control experimentation. My mother happened to be a part of it and for that reason, I am coming to you because we would like to just, as a group as well, when we did first come together for this effort.

2285 When I was growing up, the thing was I always felt alone in this, what had happened to my mom was never really expressed. So, I think like a lot of other survivors, there has been a lot of grief health in terms of just, not really knowing exactly what had happened and why and then living with the consequences of it.

2290 So, on our end, when I did get together with a lot of group members, there were always some children that came with our group. There is evidence as well from just first hand, I was here on Wednesday as well, we were downtown in front of the Allan Memorial with the solidarity for the Mohawk mothers and it was a very moving experience to be able to walk in solidarity with them together with the Duplessis orphans because we share a common history, together, with what had happened in the 40s, 50s and 60s on those grounds.

2295 Mind control experimentation was going on, there was a joining effort between the Canadian government and the US government in funding these projects, secret operative projects meant and our Canadian citizens were being used and funnelled to these programs.

2300 So, with this, I am also in solidary with them in their efforts for the fact that they have also done some Geo Pro surveillance technics to see that they are potential bodies under ground at certain locations, on the ground.

2305 In that sense, I have also read and through survivors as well, that there also an area near the pool area and behind the gates, with the two barriers like behind that pool. Would that be technically on the property of the Allan Memorial Institute but a joint from the North slopes downwards.

2310 I have shown a picture of a location that also should be looked at if there is an investigation not to admit that because that was also something that was written in Kevin Annett, but it was in for the Tribunal for the indigenous truth and reconciliation Tribunals when that location as well was mentioned as a possible grave site.

2315 So, I guess the plea to you is just to see if there could be similarly how with a lot of residential school areas that there is the radar that is being done. The ground penetrating radar that is done and from that, a full investigation can be done just to, I think, start the process.

2320 Start the process and at least acknowledging what had happened and how it happened, and knowing as we say, when we own our history, we can change and I think it is very important, I think, as we were walking with the Mohawk mothers (*coupure technique*), there is a butong being place, because there was a connection. The three entities mentioned that we are involved in all of this from our dark history.

2325 So, that is a plea to you to consider and that it would be independent as well, so that it is not just covered up for years, there is so much that has been covered up. Even my story, when I started saying my mom was part of this, growing up, it was like this is a conspiracy story but here I am living proof that it is not and that once we owned our history, we can make a big difference and change.

And it is time to heal and hoping that we come together and do the right thing here for this site and I know that is up to you and for the commission to ensure that does occur.

2330 When we did first come together, there was a notion of the « Forget me not » as a symbol of survivors, because there is that aspect of the « Forget me not » to always remembered and never forgotten.

2335 If there could be a commemorative plaque at some point once the true reconciliation efforts have been done and a public apology, some form of a commemorative plaque installed on the grounds to commemorate all those that have survived and as well who, unfortunately, did not make through the barbaric treatments considered almost torture during this Cold War, here, that were living through.

2340 As well, I know there has been some mention as the pool, at some point, in the heyday used to be a beautiful pool. I just find that from the sadness that a lot of people have from this history of it, putting a pool in that area might, from an emotional perspective as the survivors and their families, it might not be the appropriate thing of how to reposition that area if there is some consideration to that pool. Just because of the history that the grounds conjure, if there could be
2345 consideration to that, that would be, as well, there.

2350 When I was looking at the videos as well, it looks there is a beautifulness in the spaciousness's and that taking consideration of Frederick Law Olmsted view to be able to see the city and so forth. So, anything erected there, it has a beautiful view and a beautiful potential for growth. As well, it lies on indigenous lands so there is that culture and heritage that always needs to be jointly put together.

2355 I got inspired by, I met this woman three years ago, here name is Judith Moore, and she is a survivor from the States, because Cameron used to go on some of the army bases in the States, and Doctor Cameron was involved there and all the shock treatments used to be, Cameron, he is the one doing the shock treatments.

2360 When she saw me and we connected, she had wrote to me and this was just right after a group had met and she said : « *Angela, cry out for truth, unite the people and stand up for justice, the truth will set us free.* »

 So, this was kind of here blessing to me so here I am expressing this to you, I cannot believe I am doing this considering and it is true, I think for a lot of people, this is very emotionally just to come to terms with everything and the how and the why.

2365 But I do think that as a nation, as Canadians, we are at the point of acknowledging this and we are at the point of owning our history. I know unearthing this area, the Allan Memorial, it is just the beginning for what happened here, in Quebec, in Montreal.

LA PRÉSIDENTE :

2370 Alors, merci beaucoup, Madame Bardosh. Je voudrais vous dire que la commission a lu avec beaucoup d'attention et de sympathies pour entre autres ce qu'a vécu votre mère et votre situation personnelle, en ce moment.

2375 On n'a pas eu le temps de... Je pense qu'on a reçu votre document ce matin, en tout cas, très tôt, mais on a lu attentivement la partie de votre mémoire, on n'a pas pu passer à travers la documentation qui était annexée, faute de temps.

2380 Avant de céder la parole à mes collègues, une des questions que je me posais, c'est : Quelles sont les démarches, j'ai compris qu'il y avait eu des rencontres avec l'Association des femmes autochtones et aussi des Orphelins de Duplessis qui étaient visés, entre autres, par ce que vous décrivez.

2385 Est-ce qu'il y a des démarches qui ont été faites, auprès de pallier – comment dire – un de l'Hôpital du Royal Vic, de parler au gouvernement provincial ou fédéral?

Mme ANGELA BARDOSH :

2390 De parler ou de quoi?

LA PRÉSIDENTE :

2395 De démarches, oui, pour présenter, entre autres, vos demandes concernant l'investigation du site et concernant, entre autres, une reconnaissance?

Mme ANGELA BARDOSH :

Pas en tant que membre, non. Je ne vais pas parler pour... I don't want to speak on behalf of Duplessis Orphans.

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LA PRÉSIDENTE :

Yes.

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Mme ANGELA BARDOSH :

We are at a period of just... I mean, we are the beginning of our... in terms of all of this. So, I think getting together, it would be... I don't know if there is any suggestions, that you could... definitely, if you have any suggestions, just knowing how things go, just to how (*indiscernable*), that would be amazing, I would very much appreciate that.

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LA PRÉSIDENTE :

O.K. You answered my question. David Hanna.

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LE COMMISSAIRE HANNA :

Yes, thank you very much for coming in front of the commission, I salute your courage, I think it took a lot of courage to do this.

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Mme ANGELA BARDOSH :

Yes, it did.

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LE COMMISSAIRE HANNA :

I recognize it, I have read extensively on Doctor Cameron and everything else, I am very familiar, I want to reassure what happened.

2430 I do want to emphasise that we are only a consultative body, we have no power, per say, we simply hear and make recommendations, and it is up to other bodies to dispose of them, I would say wish, I just wanted to make that point clear.

2435 However, we have taken note of your three specific recommendations for the grounds, and they have been noted. I just wanted to thank you very much for coming.

Mme ANGELA BARDOSH :

2440 Thank you so much, Mr. Hanna.

LA PRÉSIDENTE :

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2445 **LE COMMISSAIRE TORKMANI :**

Bonsoir, Madame Bardosh. Pas de question particulière, simplement vous remercier pour votre témoignage et votre courage. Je pense que ça vous tenait à cœur et on l'a bien reçu, et on prend note aussi de vos recommandations.

2450 Merci de l'avoir fait ce soir.

Mme ANGELA BARDOSH :

2455 Merci beaucoup.

LA PRÉSIDENTE :

2460 Alors, là-dessus, on va terminer notre rencontre, mais soyez assurée qu'on va prendre en considération vos recommandations comme mon collègue David Hanna l'a mentionné.

Je vous remercie beaucoup d'être venue nous rencontrer et vous souhaite une belle fin de soirée.

2465 **Mme ANGELA BARDOSH :**

Merci.

2470 **LA PRÉSIDENTE :**

Ceci met fin à notre quatrième rencontre. Je demanderais à la Ville, à la Société québécoise des infrastructures ou encore à l'Université McGill de se prévaloir de leur droit de rectification s'ils le souhaitent.

2475 Du côté de la Ville, est-ce qu'il y a des interventions? Je n'entends personne de la Ville.

Du côté de la Société québécoise des infrastructures, Madame Mayes?

2480 **Mme SOPHIE MAYES :**

Bonsoir, Madame la présidente. J'aurais une toute petite correction.

2485 Lors de son intervention, monsieur Lafontaine a indiqué qu'il y avait 100 000 m² de construction sur le site à requalifier. Dans les faits, il y a 134 000 m² approximativement recueilli sur le site. C'est tout, merci.

LA PRÉSIDENTE :

2490 Merci de la précision. Monsieur Major de l'Université McGill?

M. PIERRE MAJOR :

Bonsoir. Pas de rectificatif, merci.

2495 **LA PRÉSIDENTE :**

Merci beaucoup.