

## COMMON VISION

### FOR

#### THE PRESERVATION OF THE L'ANSE-À-L'ORME CORRIDOR AS A NATURAL SPACE

For presentation to the Office de Consultation Publique de Montréal (OCPM) in its hearings in May 2017 on the proposed Special Planning Program (SSP) for Pierrefonds West

**1. The L'Anse-à-L'Orme Corridor must be entirely preserved in order for the City of Montreal to comply with its own conservation commitment:**

WHEREAS the Plan métropolitain d'aménagement et de développement of the Montreal Metropolitan Community (PMAD) requires the protection of 17% of the territory of the CMM;

WHEREAS the Schéma d'aménagement et de développement de l'agglomération de Montréal requires the protection of 10% of the terrestrial territory of the agglomeration (5,000 hectares); and

WHEREAS, by its own very generous calculation, Montreal has protected only 6% of the terrestrial territory of the agglomeration (3,000 hectares), leaving more than 2,000 hectares to be preserved in order for Montreal to reach its own conservation target;

THEREFORE, as only a limited amount of green space remains available on the Island, all of it must be preserved, and this obviously includes the 185 hectares of wet meadows in Western Pierrefonds that face elimination through a massive real estate project.

**2. The L'Anse-à-L'Orme Corridor is a unique and irreplaceable haven of biodiversity that should be preserved on its own merits.**

**3. The proposed development contemplated in the proposed PPU is a bad deal for the taxpayers of Pierrefonds-Roxboro and the City of Montreal.**

**4. The proposed development is in the wrong place and should be relocated in order to comply with the City of Montreal's own principles of sustainable development.**

**5. Creation of a Biodiversity Reserve:**

WHEREAS, by resolution of the borough council of L'Île-Bizard – Sainte-Geneviève adopted on June 6, 2016 and titled « Saisir l'Office de consultation publique de Montréal (OCPM) d'une demande de consultation publique sur la création d'une réserve de biodiversité et de protection contre les gaz à effet de serre », the OCPM has been seized with a formal request submitted to the OCPM for hearings on the creation of such a reserve

on the natural spaces of the l'Anse-à-l'Orme Corridor in L'Île-Bizard – Sainte-Geneviève, Pierrefond-Roxboro and Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue; and

WHEREAS this request is properly made under law and regulation and predates the mandate given for the current hearings;

THEREFORE the OCPM is requested to schedule such public hearings as soon as possible, and this before rendering any recommendations in respect of the current consultations.

**6. The mandate given by the City of Montreal compromises the OCPM's independence and neutrality:**

WHEREAS the brochure for these hearings invites the public “to come validate and improve the vision” of the proposed development, while at the same time stating that the “OCPM was created specifically to ensure that certain public consultations in Montreal are led by a neutral and independent organization;” and

WHEREAS, given that the issue of greatest concern to the public is whether or not the L'Anse-à-L'Orme Corridor should be developed at all, the OCPM's independence and neutrality are compromised by the very terms of reference imposed upon it;

THEREFORE, the OCPM is asked to recommend to the City of Montreal that future OCPM mandates explicitly address the issue of conservation first, and the details of actual development scenarios second.