

LA PRÉSIDENTE :

485 Je vous remercie infiniment, merci beaucoup. Est-ce que monsieur Saragosti est arrivé?
Est-ce que vous êtes prêt à passer, oui?

M. DAN SARAGOSTI :

490 Alors, mon nom est Dan Saragosti et je suis prof à l'École secondaire Herzliah, une école
privée juive à Côte-des-Neiges et voici deux membres de notre club environnemental qui sont
venus très gentiment ce soir après l'école pour parler de ce sujet.

Alors, on parle de plusieurs enjeux à propos de l'environnement.

495 **LA PRÉSIDENTE :**

Est-ce que vous pourriez nous présenter vos...

M. DAN SARAGOSTI :

500 Oui. Isaak Bouhdana et Nicole Turner.

LA PRÉSIDENTE :

505 Bonjour.

M. DAN SARAGOSTI :

510 Alors, on parle de plusieurs enjeux à chaque année. Cette année je leur ai parlé de
l'Anse-à-l'Orme et on a décidé de faire une intervention. On va parler en anglais, parce qu'on a
préparé tout en anglais. J'espère que ça marche et je vais laisser Isaak commencer.

M. ISAAK BOUHDANA :

515 So, good evening. We have come to the attention that there is a project that is starting in
the Anse-à-l'Orme region where they want to build, it's a building, right, a complexe. It's a
complexe on the green space, on the green land of the Anse-à-l'Orme region, which is actually
very beautiful. And we feel that it would be very harmful if it builds over there. We have the
fervent obligation, not only the duty, but the obligation, we find, to do something that's going to
stop them from building there because if they do, there is going to be a ton of detrimental and
520 negative repercussions that occur from their establishment.

For example, there is a lot of flora and fauna that is currently alive and blooming in the
Anse-à-l'Orme region and if they choose to establish there, the consequences will be very, très
grave, very negative. And we just, we would hate to see that. Another thing is that.

525 So if these, if this flora and fauna get damaged, the ecological biodiversity of the Anse-à-
l'Orme region will take a really strong hit.

Another thing is that it's very expansive, the project will result in a lot of, in having, in
530 using a lot of resources in the terms of money and that is also very negative for tax payers.

And another thing is, preserving Montréal's touristic attractions, it's essential for
maintaining a good economy as well as for our popularity. And according to Tourisme
Montréal.org, the linear park is a favorite for windsurfers and boaters who come for the prevailing
535 winds.

So, our mission is we want to stop the Cap-Nature project from establishing in the green
area of Anse-à-l'Orme region and our visions are to preserve the well being of Montréal to save
it's wild life and to provide a safe and healthy environment for our future generations.

540 We propose to have the Grilli development and its partners established their residential
complex elsewhere instead of establishing it on green land. We propose that it establishes on

brown land, land that has already been established on, instead of wreaking all of the pre-existing biodiversity that currently lives in l'Anse-à-l'Orme region.

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And another thing is that, the Conseil Régional de l'environnement de Montréal has proposed many different alternatives sites on which the complex can be built. So we employ you to please consider building over there instead of building on the Anse-à-l'Orme region.

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MME NICOLE TURNER :

In the future, we wish to see some nature left. If not for ourselves, but for our children. As new technologies are emerging, nature is being neglected and this is a huge problem. Its relevance is being dismissed. More and more people are having accommodations and the expanse is the beauty of our beautiful world, which was given to us for free.

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We wish for our safe, beautiful, amazing world to stay green and stay healthy for us and the future generations.

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M. DAN SARAGOSTI :

I'm gonna bring up a couple of points which is I think, we see in the news that flooding has been a big problem and I think that this would be definitely be taken account when building in a area that first of all, we would be at risk of flooding and second of all, as wet lands could absorb some of the water and help protect some of the surrounding areas, so that's very important.

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And the second thing is, I grew up in Dollars-des-Ormeaux, not too far from Pierrefonds, and when I was young, I used to enjoy going out to the woods and we could, I don't know, just have fun and it was kind of a free space, which doesn't exists anymore. All the places that used to be woods nom are houses, are organised and I think it would be great for these teenagers and

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future teenagers to have some natural green spaces in Montréal, it's very important for the future of Montréal and for the future of the people that live there.

575 **M. ISAAK BOUDHANA :**

So, just a couple of closing remark. I'm seating over here in my uniform for my school and the reason is because the modo of our school is educating the leaders of tomorrow. And, if we even want a tomorrow to exist, we understand that it is so so important for us to preserve our beautiful Montréal, our beautiful Anse-à-l'Orme.

And we know that as true leaders, the Herzliah environmental club, we must stand up for the world that we live in, we must stand up for our value and for our believes. And we understand that it is our job to make the world a better place. Even if we can't make the world a better place, we must preserve what we do already have. We have to intervene and the people, the communities in the environment that we reside in.

And we employ you to please, find a solution that preserves the Anse-à-l'Orme region. Thank you.

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LE COMMISSAIRE WOLFE :

Thank you for your presentation. I imagine this is the first time you've made a presentation to this kind of group?

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M. ISAAK BOUDHANA :

Well, personally, no, I've been to the Palais de Justice before and I've been to the Court of Appeal, I presented in front of the judges. But, it's a start, it's still a start for me.

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LE COMMISSAIRE WOLFE :

605 Well, it was a good presentation. Your school is in Snowdon, why your interest in this site, which is relatively far away from the school?

M. DAN SARAGOSTI :

610 So we do have some students who live in Dollard and in the West island, so that's one reason. Some students were affected and I mean, there is not much left on the Island. The Island comes we targets every once in awhile. The city and the government comes up with targets of green spaces that can be left over. And, we're not hitting those targets, so I think whatever is preserved is hugely important and this space, I think it's one that has a lot of potential being close
615 to Cap-Saint-Jacques, and being a wet land, I think it would be great for, mostly the people of the West Island, but I know there are people from other areas that either go to Cap-Saint-Jacques and you know, some talk of it becoming a national park or whatever it turns out to be. It would benefit everyone, I think, in Montréal.

620 **M. ISAAK BOUDHANA :**

If I could just had something. I do believe that it is a part of our responsibility even though we don't necessarily reside in that region. There are some students at our school and some teachers who reside in that region. But even though I personally don't, I still feel a duty to help
625 preserve it. Also giving the recent events that have happened over there, there are certain negative things going on and we want to avoid anymore negativity hitting that area.

MME. NICOLE TURNER :

630 Also, I'd like to had that it all starts with one step. We may think that a person doesn't affect us because it's kilometers away, but it all starts with that. And once they've established

635 their development there, than they find other places where they'd like to build and other places.
And before you even know it, your next door beautiful park is being destroyed and then you're
personally affected. So you have to put your selfish needs aside and first make change for
others, so that it doesn't later on, affect you.

LE COMMISSAIRE WOLFE :

640 Thank you.

LA PRÉSIDENTE :

Thank you very much for coming, Monsieur Saragosti, Thank you, Nicole and Isaak.

645 Je demanderais maintenant à madame Isabelle Bérubé de venir à l'avant.

MME ISABELLE BÉRUBÉ :

650 Bonsoir, Mesdames et Monsieur le Commissaire. Je vous remercie pour votre
disponibilité. D'entrée de jeu j'aimerais simplement vous dire que mon texte s'inspire du mémoire
déposé, mais je n'en ferai pas la lecture comme vous l'avez suggéré. Par ailleurs, les
informations projetées sont davantage complémentaires en lien avec les thèmes abordés. Donc,
il ne faut pas essayer de suivre nécessairement ce qui sera projeté à l'écran.

655 Je profite de l'occasion pour exprimer mes sympathies aux sinistrés touchés par la crue
des eaux dans le secteur de Pierrefonds notamment. En second lieu, j'aimerais vous présenter
la Société pour la nature et les parcs du Canada et section québécoise.

660 Alors, la SNAP comme nous l'appelons, compte 13 sections régionales à travers le pays
et un bureau national à Ottawa. La SNAP est la voix canadienne pour la protection de la nature
depuis 1963. Les idées créatives, la recherche scientifique et le dévouement de milliers de