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**PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OF
CANADIAN NATIONAL SHOPS SITE
IN POINTE SAINT-CHARLES**

Montréal, October 9, 2008 – The Office de consultation publique de Montréal (OCPM) announces today that it will hold a consultation aimed at developing an enhancement project for the site of the old CN shops in the Pointe-Saint-Charles area of the Sud-Ouest borough. The area, occupied predominantly by the railway and other industries, is slated for development in the next few years. The spaces in question have always played a prominent part in the history of Pointe Saint-Charles, and their future is of great interest to residents. The purpose of the consultation process undertaken by the Office is to help identify guiding principles for the site's development that take into account the expectations and concerns of municipal bodies, the community, and the people directly involved with the project.

The consultation to be held by the OCPM under mandate of the City's executive committee is part of a participatory process aimed at drawing up planning proposals for the site. To that end, the Office has assembled the main partners involved in the development and planning of the site within a steering committee and three reflection committees that will focus on the site's industrial and residential issues and on services provided to neighbourhood residents. The steering committee held its first meeting on September 30.

A public information session will be held on Wednesday, October 22, at 7:00 p.m., in the basement of Église Saint-Charles at 2115 Centre Street. It will allow residents to familiarize themselves with the process aimed at establishing guiding principles for the site's planning and development. All Pointe Saint-Charles residents are invited to attend.

Information on the consultation is available at the OCPM offices and on its Web site, at www.ocpm.qc.ca. From October 22, the documentation will also be available at the following locations, during regular business hours:

- Sud-Ouest borough office
815 Belair Street
Paper version
- RÉSO
1751 Richardson Street, Suite 6509
Paper version and access to internet version
- Carrefour d'éducation populaire de Pointe St-Charles
2356 Centre Street
Paper version and access to internet version

For additional information, please call 514 872-3568.

Created by the Charter of Ville de Montréal in 2002, the OCPM has managed 70 consultation projects and held 250 public meetings attended by over 20,000 citizens. Please visit the OCPM Web site at www.ocpm.qc.ca for further information about the Office.

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