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RE: MOUNT ROYAL PROTECTION AND ENHANCEMENT PLAN

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I have been reading the City Of Montreal draft of Mt. Royal park Protection and Enhancement plan and I agree with 90% of the information in this draft, but, I am also disappointed because after 58 pages of background on the inviroment and heritage plus on how to protect grave stones in the cemetery the master plan draft has only two lines on page 73 & 74 regarding a emergency plan for the mountain.

As a regular jogger on Mt. Royal I have perceived to-gether with the members of my jogging club and other groups that use Mt. Royal such as the Peter McGill citizens cmte.--Tandem Ville Marie--Les Amis de la Montagne plus many joggers on Mt. Royal from the Y.M.H.A. Wolf Pack--Y.M.C.A.--MAA and we all agree that the mountain lacks an adequate medical emergency plan.

After doing some research on my own I have found that if there was a emergency on some parts of Olmstead Rd. it could take app. 1½ hrs. for a ambulance to arrive. This is only one of the problems with Mt. Royal. Their are many other problems concerning the mountain that are just as important as the inviroment and landscaping such as the way Mt. Royal is promoted in advertising to the public and tourists.

I have sent letters to Bourough Mayors with information regarding this lack of a emergency plan , I have been in contact with Urjence Sante, Mtl. Police and the new.first responders of the Mtl. fire Dept.and have not received a positive reply from anyone.

As the draft on the protection of Mt. Royal shows the city is more interested in the landscape inviroment than the lives of citizens and tourists.

I would like again to ask the city if they have any intention of drafting a emergency plan for Mt. Royal Park.

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EMERGENCY PLAN FOR MT. ROYAL PARK
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PROBLEMS

- 1 No addresses on Mt. Royal--makes it difficult for people and tourists to know their location on Olmstead Rd.--It is difficult for emergency personnel to know the location of the emergency.
- 2 First responders that are not properly equipped for a emergency on the mountain.
- 3 Bykers that use Olmstead Rd as a speedway.

SUGGESTED SOLUTIONS

- 1 Number or name some of the larger dirt rds. that cross Olmstead Rd. Also, there are now small mileage markers posted at some locations on Olmstead Rd. These markers are too few and too small--Most people do not know the name Olmstead Rd. because of too few street signs and the mileage markers are too small--Name the small rds. after walking or jogging clubs that use Mt. Royal. Install emergency telephones at two or three strategic locations on Olmstead Rd.
- 2 First responders that are equipped with a fire truck are a waste of valuable life saving time. First responders should be equipped with an ambulance--preferably a 4 wheel drive and equipped and trained for mountain rescue.

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THE PROTECTION AND ENHANCEMENT PLAN
REGARDING: TOURISTS AND MAKING THE MOUNTAIN AN
ACCESSIBLE AND WELCOMING PLACE
PROBLEM

- 1 Not enough promotion of Mt. Royal Park in tourist magazines and brochures.
Not enough promotion on the Internet and Yellow Pages Phone book.
- 2 Difficult access to Mt. Royal Park especially for the tourists, elderly and handicapped.

SOLUTION

- 1 Most advertising that does appear does not mention that:
 - A Mt. Royal is a joggers paradise
 - B Mt. Royal is a cross country skiing paradise
 - C Mt. Royal besides its beautiful location in the center of Montreal overlooking the city and the St. Lawrence river is the safest place in the world for out door activities their is no crime or danger from predeter animals.
- 2 A study should be made on the feasibility of a Gondola type (cable car) running from the downtown Peel St. Metro station up peel St. and the mountain to the Chalet atop Mt. Royal---This would give a beautiful, interesting and easy access for tourists, skiers, elderly and the handycaped. In my opinion the Peel-Pine enhancement should be done on a much smaller scale unless their is a Gondola.

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