

Public transport is an integral part of reducing fossil fuels but work has to be done to make it more attractive to users especially during periods of inclement weather. I have observed as a routine standard of practice where a bus at a terminal will be idle for 10-15 minutes while a large lineup forms in sub zero temperatures. I have also witnessed that the buses do not follow uses assigned times and a situation of two buses running in tandem pickup passengers as the first bus inevitably becomes over crowded and the second is virtually empty. This is obviously frustrating to clients and this appears to be easily fixed and should be regarded as low hanging fruit.

The permitting process for green friendly projects should be streamlined and easy to to apply for. The services of an ombudsman or a concierge should be provided so that the citizen can have efficient guidance so that the bureaucracy is easier to navigate. Even further would be a program where all information regarding environmental programs from major utilities and all three levels of Government on client incentives of going green.

As being an Administrator for Aces-Cake.org I have come across some very exciting technology that is being developed in the Montreal region. These organizations could benefit from having a chance to do business with the city as there tech could better than from a multinational. A concierge guiding these local entrepreneurs so that they are on a level playing field with respect to large multinationals in the procurement process. This will ultimately provide employment by encouraging these startups to provide services to the city and ultimately make them financially viable.

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