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Attention: Secrétaire Général

Sir / Madame

Please find submitted our views and brief on the proposed public recreational facility on the Benny Farm site in NDG for the upcoming session December 1, 2003.

The mission of is Femmes averties/ Women AWARE is *“to assist and empower women who have experienced conjugal violence through self-help and advocacy in order to improve their quality of life and effect social change.”*

The media tends to focus on domestic abuse only from the crisis to coffin scenario, sensational events that warrant news coverage. However the everyday challenges of a woman living day in and day out with this dilemma is unobserved.

Prevention is an especially important component in decreasing the incidence of this crime due to its cyclical nature. Domestic abuse can and should be prevented. AWARE, with both its support and advocacy mandates and its membership of women who have dealt with this problem. is perfectly suited to transmit this vitally important message.

Again please accept our brief for the session on December 1st and if any other information is required please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

Mme June Michell / Executive director

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Proposal for Recreation & Sports facility & CLSC @ Benny farm site /
NDG
December 1, 2003

The members of our organization as well as the board of directors fully support the proposal of Sports and Recreation Center as well as the move of the CLSC to the Benny Farm site.

This is a tremendous opportunity for the residents and / or persons who utilize the services in the NDG area!

In NDG sports and recreational facilities are not always adapted to respond to everyone. Even when they are, the first obstacle to access is cost.

“Many of us are trying so hard to stay healthy and get into better, amid all our other pressures of daily life. We should not be excluded because of cost. The recreation and Sports Center with a “wellness approach would be a Godsend for us”

Working with a population living with the complexities of domestic violence the affordable aspect would be key so as to further and render the healing of these families living with this crime. We believe that the city has responsibility to offer such a service to promote the health and well being of all citizens in this area.

The move of the CLSC at this site would further enhance the accessibility of its excellent services to the senior and parent population.

In closing we fully support this proposal with a combination of health and social service activities as well as recreation and sports activities.