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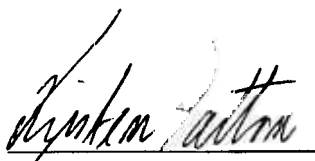
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SUBJECT: BENNY FARM RE-DEVELOPMENT PROJECT
Borough of Côte-des-Neiges / Notre-Dame-de-Grâce

My name is Kirsten Patton and I am a resident of NDG. For the last eight years, I have been working as a volunteer with the CLSC NDG/MTL-O in programs for the elderly.

I live in the neighbourhood and I walk to the CLSC to do my volunteer work. I have observed the ongoing problems faced by seniors and other individuals with mobility problems in trying to get to and from the CLSC. Furthermore, for those who walk to the CLSC, the obstacles encountered are quite treacherous, especially because of the wind tunnel effect caused by the high rise buildings and the icy sidewalks in winter.

I understand that the relocation of the CLSC to the corner of Monkland Avenue and Cavendish Boulevard is an integral part of the proposed redevelopment plans for Benny Farm and that these plans are designed to respond to the needs of those who experience difficulty in gaining affordable housing and accessible health and social services. I also understand that these plans were the result of a wide community consensus achieved by Canada Lands Company. As a concerned resident of NDG, I would like to add my voice to this community consensus and give my support to the initiative taken to develop Benny Farm and specifically to the effort being made to ensure the accessibility of CLSC based health and social services for all residents of NDG and Montreal West.



Kirsten Patton