

1580 **Mme LOUISE CONSTANTIN :**

Je pourrais rajouter, nous aussi on est d'accord avec le comité mixte un peu à l'exemple de Louvain. Et rajouterais un argument, c'est qu'après-midi ils ont présenté un mémoire pour la politique d'action communautaire de la ville, dans lequel il est déjà prévu qu'il y ait ou en tout cas, la philosophie de la politique c'est d'avoir une plus grande participation du communautaire non seulement aux consultations, mais même à l'élaboration d'orientation.

1585 Alors, encore une fois on espère que la Ville va parler à la Ville et va être cohérente aussi dans le projet ici.

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LE PRÉSIDENT :

D'accord.

1595 **Mme LOUISE CONSTANTIN :**

Je vous remercie.

LE PRÉSIDENT :

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Je vous remercie beaucoup, Madame. Alors, la commission va prendre un petit 10 minutes puis on va reprendre immédiatement avec madame Lisa Dick.

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LE PRÉSIDENT :

La commission va reprendre ses activités. J'appellerai madame Lisa Dick, s'il vous plaît.

1610 **Mme LISA DICK :**

Bonsoir.

1615 **LE PRÉSIDENT :**

Good evening.

Mme LISA DICK :

1620 Good evening. Thank you. I speak English and it's also the first time I'm speaking in public. So...

LA COMMISSAIRE :

1625 Sure.

Mme LISA DICK :

1630 And actually, I am quite taken that this whole project is so large and so focused on housing. So, I think there's room for everybody.

So, hello. Good evening. My name is Lisa. I am here as a private citizen and I am also a dedicated member of Project Genesis, Housing rights committee.

1635 I am here because I feel that everyone has the right to housing. I don't have a big project to show you, it's just my own feelings and sentiment.

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It's 2020, so let's make it perfectly clear that this is the right time and it's a perfect vision that we have for Blue Bonnets to include social housing, as well as building condos and everything else. We want to be also included.

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Last year, I went with others of the group where we met with a city councillor of Côte-des-Neiges in Snowdon, to plead our case for the construction of 2 500 social housing units on the Blue Bonnets site, along with the building of condos.

The city councillor explained that the profits from the sale of the land, which belongs to the citizens, as well, will be used for infrastructure.

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She explained that 2 500 social housing is very expensive for the city to incorporate and that the money, again, that they received from the sales of the land would go to infrastructure.

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For the developers, so the developers will be getting the profits and we want to be able to say that those profits can also be absorbed into building social housing. The cost should be absorbed.

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The people should profit as well as the developers. Especially here, the city owns the land. Blue Bonnets belongs to everybody. Blue Bonnets is a golden opportunity.

Housing is recognized as a human rights by the United Nations. There are basic human rights and should be and must be available to everyone, regardless of their financial status. Right now, the shortage and lack of low-cost, safe housing options intensify the challenges faced by individuals and families.

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Blue Bonnets can change that. The situation is quite dire at the moment. At present, there are 25 000 households on the waiting list for low-cost housing in Montreal. HLMs are not

being built anymore, the only solution to this urgent need is to build social housing on land owned by the people and the City of Montreal.

1670 The issues of poverty and housing cannot be separated. The choice for many living on limited income is to spend disproportionately on housing and jeopardize other essential needs like food, clothing and transportation.

1675 My vision for Blue Bonnets is that it would be inclusive, including people of all income levels. And of course, there are schools and parks and stores and green spaces. A district within a district. Blue Bonnets Village.

1680 There is enough space for everyone. There's a folktale that says : « there is always room for one more », and in this case, I think that there is space for 2 500 more. I feel at least 2 500 social housing units can be and should be built on this site. It takes a city to take care of its citizens. Thank you for this opportunity to speak.

LE COMMISSAIRE :

1685 Could you explain to us what is exactly Project Genesis?

Mme LISA DICK :

1690 Project Genesis is a grassroots group in Côte-des-Neiges and they have many functions. I am actually not presenting for Project Genesis, I am here as a private citizen but I am a member of that group. They will be speaking again tomorrow. Monday, sorry.

LE COMMISSAIRE :

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1700 I would like to know if you would see yourself or people in your network or friends or families moving there?

Mme LISA DICK :

1705 Oh, for sure. Absolutely. There is a need. I would love to live there as well. Yes, definitely, there is families, children. It's a very... Côte-des-Neiges is a very vibrant area and the needs - because of gentrification too - there is a need for people to move and to move in safe housing.

LA COMMISSAIRE :

1710 And what would be the key components of this projects to make it even more attractive for you and other people in the community?

Mme LISA DICK :

1715 Well, I think as a community we could, you know, everybody is involved in the community at all levels and it revitalizes our city. It would be - like I said - a village, everybody included. Everybody would profit from it.

LA COMMISSAIRE :

1720 Thank you.

Mme LISA DICK :

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LE PRÉSIDENT :