

## **ON THE FUTURE OF THE FORMER ROYAL VICTORIA HOSPITAL**

I understand that most of the former buildings and installations that used to be part of the Royal Victoria Hospital will be transferred to McGill University (I don't know if it is being purchased by or just transferred to McGill). In any case, that is not important since McGill plans to make good use of the new facilities, and indeed, it is best suited to take care of the architectural value of the site. Besides, the site must continue as a provider of service to the community. McGill can certainly do that and keep the educational vocation of the area too.

Regarding other areas that the university won't take over, I think they should be devoted to providing affordable residence to students, not only to those attending McGill but also Concordia or other educational institutions in the area such as Dawson or the Vieux Montréal College.

I strongly oppose any attempt to privatize the area that is not going to be used by McGill, i.e. to sell it the way the former Children's Hospital site was sold to developers, without considering other possible uses for the existing facilities.

Given the constraints of the area, it is clear that it would be difficult for private developers to intervene in the site without altering its character or affecting the balance between human use, and keeping the mountain's natural character.

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