

Office de consultation publique de Montréal

Dear OCPM team,

My name is Chantal Matin, I'm 31, and I'm a resident of Verdun. I'm writing to express my strong support for the permanent pedestrianization of Wellington Street. As someone who lives in the neighborhood, I've seen firsthand how transformative it becomes when the street is closed to vehicles in the summer. I believe that making it a year-round pedestrian zone is an incredible idea that could really enhance our community.

One of the things I love most about closing Wellington to traffic is how it makes the neighborhood so much more pleasant. It's not just about reducing noise and pollution; it's about creating a vibrant space where neighbors can gather, socialize, and enjoy what Verdun has to offer. I truly believe that pedestrian-friendly areas are the future of urban neighborhoods, fostering a strong sense of community and connection.

I'm excited about the possibilities this change could bring. Picture a canopy of colorful umbrellas providing shade in the summer or twinkling string lights during the evening. Picture more trees lining the street, adding a touch of nature to our urban setting. Imagine the joy of winter activities right on our doorstep when the snow turns Wellington into a winter wonderland.

Moreover, this initiative could be a huge boost for the local economy. With traffic out of the way, restaurants and shops could expand their outdoor spaces, introducing more people to their businesses as they explore the area on foot.

In summary, transitioning to a permanently pedestrianized Wellington Street is more than just a logistical change—it's about enhancing our everyday lives by creating a safe, dynamic, and enjoyable urban environment. I'm looking forward to seeing Wellington Street transformed into a true community space that we can all be proud of.

Thank you for considering my perspective.

Warm regards,

Chantal Matin