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RE : ' QUARTIER DES GRANDS JARDINS ' – PPU

Honourable Committee Executive,

*Je vous présente ma recherche à **propos** le – Quartier des Grands Jardins. Initialement, ma recherche dans les archives avait une concentration autour le carre Cabot, comme anciennement j'avais travaillé sur le dossier du coin.*

Ma recherche ma diriger ailleurs et je me suis poser la question, pourquoi le cartier s'appelait le 'Quartier des Grands Jardins' comme je trouvais des jardins plus intéressant en Ville Marie ou se trouve notamment des belles jardins institutionnelles.

Ma recherche a l'histoire du cartier à dévoiler une époque ou les rues Sherbrooke ouest, de Maisonneuve ouest et Dorchester ouest on était riche en patrimoine, avec des grands terrains et jardins magnifiques et maisons patrimoine d'époque.... qui n'existe plus aujourd'hui. C'est possiblement la raison pour la quelle le quartier porte ce nom.

Récemment on a fête la 400^{ième} anniversaire du Québec. Les journaux ont publié que tous les clochetés de les églises on sonnait au même temps pour cette journée de fête. Montréal a changé énormément dans les dernières cent-cinquante années....on aimera reculer dans le temps pour récupérer un peu l'histoire...mais, ce n'est pas toujours le cas.

Dernièrement, j'avais participé a une conférence ou le sujet portait sur parc avec une désignation 'patrimoine environnemental', dans le cartier Lachine, le sujet portait sur les pertes de terres près de bord de l'eau et les souvenirs du ministre parce que il y'avait des pertes de trois pieds par année.

Idéalement on aimera pensait que Montréal était conçu sur un system de Seigneuries et que les communautés soient plus distinctes dans leur propre cartier. Avec les inondations d'eau au Vieux Port les communautés sont dispersé dans un milieu plus central et avec ce déplacement ce trouve un mélange non seulement des communautés, mais aussi des styles différents d'architecture.

Le PPU-Quartier des Grands Jardins est bienvenue, non seulement pour l'avantage paysage environnemental, mais aussi pour les souvenirs patrimoines architecturaux.

Merci.

(La recherche initial est fait en anglais, mais la présentation du mémoire est ma conclusion est en français.)

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Montreal has grown rapidly over the past 150 years. Recently, while researching archival material on various city maps, I could only find traces of windmills and trees near the newly defined border of Ville Marie and Westmont.

*The question of memory being negotiable, arises in context to the current urban proposed project but more so....in relation to the **memory** of the past.*

*To combine **modern technology** with the **nostalgia of the past** into an **ideal landscape**, is certainly a challenge. Recuperating a postcard from the Archives of the McCord Museum, I found a photograph of a now dismantled home that once stood in front of the Canadian Center of Architecture. In front of one of the homes stood a **horse drawn winter sleigh** and women wearing turn of the century outfits. Today, this home is no longer part of the urban landscape of Dorchester Avenue.*

*Dorchester and Sherbrook Streets West housed at one time, some of the **most affluent** of Montreal's Citizens, mainly of Scottish descent. These **grand mansions** stood on **immense properties** and sported **enormous gardens and greenhouses**. Maybe, this is one of the reasons that today, we refer to it as the (**Quartier des Grands Jardins**).*

*For various reasons, whereby **time** has overcome our Urban Landscape the **Memory** of much prevalent from the **Past** is disappearing. The Montreal Curling Club is one of the few Institutions that have managed to classify their building as a **Historic Monument**, outside the Quebec Region. It is for this reason that today it is still standing, its physical existence a **monument** to the **History of Curling in Canada**.*

*Recently, the neglect and tragic state of events concerning the **Property of the Franciscans**, which conveniently went ablaze in the morning hours, left the citizens pondering. For years the property was left unattended and various communities that should have been concerned for the well-being of the property as the 'Commission for the Protection of Patrimoine Religieuse' and the Minister of Culture somehow did not intervene on its inevitable fate. One would wonder with what mechanism this institution could have been saved and possibly converted for another Municipal use. A similar fate fell upon a Church around the Villa Maria Metro and a Church in the Milton Park district, where-by the Church was converted into a condominium project, without preserving the chapel.*

The Grey Nuns Parish is being taken over by Concordia University, for what reason I cannot understand as recently in the last two years two new buildings have been added at the corner of Guy and De Maisonneuve.

INTRODUCTION

The proposed **Quartier des Grands Jardins** is for the great part in the **Golden Square Mile** 1875-1930. Once bordering between Pine and Dorchester & Guy and university Streets, the territory was known to measure approximately **a square mile**. Around 1900, seventy-percent of Canada's wealth was concentrated in this area, the residents being predominately of Scottish descent. Many of the residents left during the Great Depression and WWII. Many of the historic buildings have been assimilated into the Grounds of McGill University. However, some famous buildings such as the Van Horne Mansion were demolished. Another very prestigious area in the Golden Square Mile, is the **Quartier du Musee**, well-known for its Museum's, Art Gallery's, Décor and High Fashion Shops. The **Quartier du Musee** in conjunction with the festivities of **Destinations Centre-Ville** for the Holiday season, come alive with various holiday arrangements found around the Ritz Carlton Hotel, The Montreal Museum of Fine Arts and the Holt Renfrew Center.

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HISTORY and SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- (i) **Protestant Reformation in Europe**
- (ii) **Seigneurie and Ward Districts**
- (iii) **Peter McGill District**

The **Protestant Reformation in Europe** was established as a modern branch of Christianity, opposing some of the Doctrines of the Roman Catholic Church. The Catholics in Europe lead a Counter-Reformation lead by the Jesuit Order. Frenchman, **Michel de Montaigne** explained over dinner that he would rather hear a hundred masses than take part in one of Calvin's sacraments. In 1534, King Henry decided to remove the Church of England from the authority of Rome (War of the Roses) and eventually Elizabethan Religious Settlement. For a limited time there was Peace in England until the **Puritan Revolution** or **English Civil War** in the 17th Century. In Scotland, in 1572 between 30,000 and 100, 000 Huguenots were put to death (Bartholomew's Day Massacre). In the late 17th Century, the Huguenots (Protestants) fled to England or to Dutch oversea colonies. The most famous of emigration to New England was made by the Puritan Separatists – known as the Pilgrims, established a colony at Plymouth, 1620.

The mandate of the Protestant Reformation is to educate and bring up citizens as socially responsible, well starched individuals, encouraging involvement in both Religious Institutions and generally throughout the Community. As early Canadian settlements functioned on a **Seigneurie System**, it was not uncommon for citizens to help others with the building of their homes on their farms.

The Peter McGill District today promotes the ideology of the Protestant Reformation. Originally, part of the Peter McGill District use to be based in the Old Port. A separate study would have to be conducted as to why the **St James District** is found in the East Part of the City and why the Grey Nuns have transferred

their location into the now designated Quartier des Grands Jardins. In my archival research, two rivers have been uncovered in Old Montreal and the transfer of the Institutions could have been related to floods or problems between the French and the English.

***Peter McGill District** is rich in History. **Peter McGill** for which **McGill University** is currently named, served as Mayor of Montreal and Canada East from 1840-42, sat on the Special Council of Lower Canada from 1838-1841 he was also on the Legislative Council of the United Provinces of 1841-1860.*

*The **Ogilvy Scottish Clan** for which the Department Store is named on the corner of St. Catherine Street and De Montagne, is renowned with famous names. In the 15th Century Sir Patrick Ogilvy commanded the Scottish regiment fighting with Joan of Arc against the English, called the Visconti d Angus. Later his son John became the heirs of the Castle and lands of **Airlie** and became Lord Ogilvy of Airlie. The **Jesuit** martyr John Ogilvie was hanged at Glasgow Cross for refusing to accept the supremacy of King James VI. In 1866 James A. Ogilvy opened the first store of Ogilvy's at Mountain and St Antoine. The store later moved up the street to its current location on Mountain and St Catherines. Arthur J. Nesbitt, known as Aird when his father purchased the Department Store in 1927, owned the store until his death in 1985.*

***St. Patrick**, born in Roman Britain in the 4th Century figures predominately as a Saint in the Celtic Society. The Feast day of Saint Patrick, commemorates the arrival of Christianity in Ireland. The Christian holiday was placed on the calendar by Franciscan Scholar Luke Wadding. The shamrock was used by St Patrick to explain the Trinity to the public. By 1903, St Patrick's had become an official holiday in Ireland.*

*The institutions that promote the **Celtic Societies** or Protestant value system are as follows; Andrews Society, The Caledonian Society, McGill University, Concordia University, The Anglican Diocese of Montreal, St. Patrick's Catholic Church. The various academic societies or clubs that promote the Culture of these peoples and the various clubs or social venues on Bishop or Crescent allow these peoples to explore their culture and mingle with their peoples. The garden beds around Ogilvy's are lined with Ivy to add a certain cultural identity to the environment.*

*It is strange indeed to question as to why the Peter McGill District is **not an** official Ward, for it is more logical to think in fact that the Elected President of the State would function synonymously with the Government of Scotland or England.*

HISTORICAL HOMES – Quartier des Grands Jardins

*Despite the monumental work of **Heritage Montreal**, the **CCA-Canadian Center of Architecture** and other preservation groups such as **Save Montreal**, many of the Great Estates which once featured*

beautiful gardens, have been lost in the past century. Dorchester Boulevard and Sherbrook St. W., were once recognized for not only housing some of Montreal's most affluent citizens, but also their homes were of **undisputed architectural significance**. Amongst these homes;

Alexander Ogilvie s Residence – Airlie / 1885

Alexander Walker Ogilvie s home near Dorchester and Edgell, Originally purchased in 1865, known then as **Cherry Hill**. The oldest child of a farmer and miller, he was born in Ville St.Michel and attended Hawden & Taggart Academy. He was elected to Quebec Legislature and became President of St. Andrews and the Caledonian Society. His designated Historic country home on Riverside Park, was burnt in 1981.

St Antoine Hall – Torrance Family Residence / 1870

Alexander Henderson , John L. Russel, J Geoffry Notman are names connected with this home.

Lewis J. Seargents – Weredake Park / 1885

Located opposite 1275 Dorchester St., the home was originally and orphanage on Mountain St. founded by W. McDonald who was born in Wiltshire, England 1825. He worked initially for the South Wales Railway and then subsequently for the Great Western Railway.

Lord Strathcona s Home / 1888

Home of Donald Alexander Smith, 1st Baron trathacona & Mount Royal HBC Officer marries Isabella Sophia Hardistry 1888, acquires Duncan McIntyre home. In 1941 the home was demolished and turned into semi-detached homes close to St. Mary's Hospital.

Mr. Winks Hope – George Hope / 1902

Located ant Dorchester Street and forth next to the Franciscan Monks.

Lord Strathconas House- Isabelle Sophia Haroix / 1926

In 1926 located at 911 Dorchester and Edgill, in 1927 it became **My Mothers Home** – Protestant home for elderly ladies. Names such as H. Graham and Lord Atholton were connected to this home. In 1928 the home was located at 1947 Dorchester and finally disappeared completely from the registry.

George Washington's Stephens/Sherbrook St West

Morgan Home/De Maisonneuve West

HISTORY OF THE GARDEN MOVEMENT

1890 - PQAA founded in 1890

1905 – Frederic Todd, originally moved from N. Hampshire in 1900, practices Landscape Architecture in Canada. Working with the Ottawa Improvement Commission and in 1905 developed a **Model-City Plan for Mount Royal**. Worked in the Offices of Frederick Law Olmstead and as a Consultant for Alcan. He designed many Private and Institutional Gardens. In 1945 he was elected President of the City Improvement League and President of the **Quebec Horticultural Society**. Between 1940 and 1945, supervised **Way of the Cross Garden**, adjacent to St. Josephs Oratory.

1906 - Percy Nobbs sets up the **City Improvement Committee**.

History-Civic Improvement Committee of Canada, Dominion Wide movement, William H. Atherton PHD- Member of the first Dominion Council on Civic Improvement.

1907 – **Montreal's Parks and Playgrounds Committee** formed, at the same time as the Ladies Parks and Playground Association./Metropolitan Parks Committee, William Maxwell.

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Other prominent names such as Percy Nobbs, Professor Architecture McGill University, WD Lighthall who became Mayor of Westmont and Chair of the City Planning Committee and Sir Wallace Van Horne also became part of the City Improvement League and lobbied for **Garden Cities and open spaces**.

Today, one can find a multitude of Gardening Societies that specialize in various areas of Horticulture. On a Municipal Level, **Eco-Cartier** and **Menage-Ton-Voisin** figure amongst the Municipal Programs to raise the public conscience as well as the **Amis de la Montagne**.

CONCLUSION

- (i) Garden Programs of Peter McGill and Ville Marie District
- (ii) Atwater or Cabot Square PPU.

One would almost have to re-consider and re-define the present and proposed context of the PPU for the territory defined as the **Quartier des Grands Jardins**. I feel personally that the **Ville Marie District** as well as the **Peter McGill District**, currently have Garden Programs in Place and these would have to be seriously looked at and considered as part of the **Quartier des Grands Jardins** or **Ville Interinternational**.

The recently modified **Quartier des Spectacles**, around **Place des Arts**, feature spring water fountains to remind us of the **memory** of the underground water system of Montreal. Also the recent modification to the **Square of Norman Bethune** around Concordia University and the addition of the **Claire Morissette – Bicycle Path**.

McGill College has been recently upgraded to feature an Central access not only to McGill University Grounds but provide an under-ground link to Central Train Station as well, showcases the Central Shopping Access of the Downtown Core. In the recent modification, the street is lined with Crabapple trees, these symbolic of the Orchards that were the testimony to Quebec's Agricultural Community. In the winter, in conjunction with the **Destination Centre-Ville Program**, McGill College **transforms into a magically lit garden**, the Cranberry trees light up and a **two-story lighted tree** graces the foot of McGill College, where PVM-Place Ville Marie stands. Lighted Angels cry the season's greetings from office towers and grace the top of near-by office towers. The **Quartier du Musee** in conjunction with the festivities of **Destinations Centre-Ville** come alive with various holiday arrangements found around the Ritz Carlton Hotel, The Montreal Museum of Fine Arts and the Holt Renfrew Center.

Many Public Institutions have Garden Programs in place and hire professional gardeners and volunteer for the up-keep of their programs;

McGill University – has an on-going Nature Program with Nature Executions- Montreal Fields Naturalists Club. There are also summer guided tours of the grounds.

The Anglican Diocese – summer-long professionally maintained grounds, garden court-yard shields passers by from the traffic areas for quiet meditation periods around a fountain or birdbath.

Church of St Andrews - hosts **The Quiet Garden**, a volunteer run garden, which includes a Bible Study on various occasions.

The Salvation Army – wonderful garden.

PVM-Place Ville Marie - hosts beautifully maintained gardens with a central fountain with mermaid statue.

McGill College – has various sculptures, one most significant at the Industrial Alliance building, which features gigantic oars traveling through space and time in front of a relaxing waterfall.

ATWATER / CABOT SQUARE

Cabot Square created in 1870 is currently listed as being operated by the Montreal City Council. The Square located in front of the Montreal Children's Hospital is named after Italian born English Explorer John Cabot. The monument of John Cabot is found in the center having been sculpted by Italian Sculptor Guido Casini (1892-1956).

One would wonder **if there had been previous submissions for the name of the Park** or if they had been rejected by the City Council of the time. Further investigation would reveal this. One would also wonder why Little Italy would not be proud to house a Statue of John Cabot or why in fact the Statue is not somehow closer to the waterfront somewhere on the Island of Montreal.

Tupper St. originally Quiblier, is named after Sir Charles Tupper (1821-1915), the Canadian Father of Confederation, later went on to be the sixth Prime Minister of Canada. Of considerable significance to Canadian History, one would question why the Square has not been named after him.

Atwater Avenue named after Edwin Atwater (1871), who participated in the foundation of the Montreal City and District Bank, later to become the Laurentien Bank of Canada. It is major North/South link in the Ville Marie District, linking Doctor Penfield down to the Atwater Market. Before 1871, Atwater Avenue was known as Royale avenue above St. Catherine St. until 1909 and Pipe Track, below St. Catherine.

My memory serves me at one point as working on the Evangel Pentecostal file, the back wall of the Church, had been placed on the border of the two districts, Ville-Marie and Cote St Antoine. Working briefly with some archival material at the McCord Museum has only indicated the differencing of the name of Atwater and confirms that Ville Marie ran down Royal Ave, to what presently is St Catherine St. The undesigned Park, is undefined, until a future date.

Conclusion

Despite **the good intentions** of the PPU- **for the Ammenagement des Cartier des Grands Jardins**, one **cannot impose the opening of the Private Gardens** of the various Institutions. In one question and answer period, it was suggested that for lack of green space, that the former site of the Franciscans be turned into a soccer field.

It is not for lack of disrespect and certainly the feed-back from the General Public is welcome, but I think in this particular case where-by much of the Heritage of Montreal has been lost and Heritage homes indicative as part of the Canadian History or Canadian Establishment a **Federal Inquiry** will have to be established as to **why these homes were not protected by the Ville Marie District** and the Heritage Programs in the Montreal area, possibly implicating a re-zoning of this designated area in the PPU.

RECOMENDATIONS

- (i) **Journée Porte Ouverts du Patrimoine- Institutions Jardins**
- (ii) **Franciscans' – Ferme des Prêtes**
- (iii) **L'Hôpital des Enfants / École Victoria**
*Ecole Primaire -Aménagement des Services -/ Bibliothèque d'Enfants /
Mini-Clinic/CLSC-spécialisé enfants-soutien médical et direction Garderie
Parc de Joué / Parc Nature Enfants
YMCA/YWCA/Hopital Enfants*
- (iv) **Atwater – Carre Cabot / Historique**
*Tours Historique des Quartiers / Carrosses Tire par Chevaux
Paysage des Lieux*
- (v) **Problem Social Itinerancies' / Program Autotone propose Collee Dawson**

« Journée Porte Ouverts du Patrimoine- Institutions Jardins »

Le publique et la municipalité peuvent pas s'imposer a l'accès a les jardins des institutions prive. C'est à la discrétion des institutions d'ouvrir ' en occasion' leurs terrains. Le Collège de Montréal avec les Tours publiques est un exemplaire de bonne administration et a le même temps des bonnes relations publiques qui ouvrent ces ports avec les tours guidées. Exceptionnellement, on peut avoir une 'JOURNEE DES PORTES OUVERTS'/ Officielle- subventionné par le **Ministre du Patrimoine et Culture, ressemblante a la journée de **Portes Ouvertes des Musées**.**

FRANSICANS (FERME) – Ferme des Prêtes

Une étude spéciale pour confirmer l'usage de ce terrain qui était dans une époque un terrain ou ferme pour les Prêtes, **possiblement un verger** et d'intégrer une plantation semblable dans les lieux.

Contrairement, il y'avait pendant la séance d'information une suggestion ou un besoin pour un terrain de football ou soccer. Comme les terrains se trouvaient près d'un express avec le trafic en grande vitesse, je trouve que cette suggestion est mal fondée, et non-sécuritaire.

L'HOPITAL DES ENFANTS / ECOLE VICTORIA

Cette avec une grande **Tristesse**, que j'ai appris de la décision que cet hôpital consacre aux soins d'enfants sera possiblement fermer un journée. Il y'avait pendant la séance d'information des citoyens qui ont mentionnait des besoins dans le cartier pour une école pour les enfants et une bibliothèque des enfants. Ca prendra **une étude de démographie** spéciale pour voir véritablement si y'a assez d'enfants dans le cartier **pour ouvrir une école primaire**. A combler, il y'avait d'autres besoins au sujet des besoins d'enfants...j'ai tous arranger les besoins **dans un dossier qui portait le thème d'enfant**.

J'aimeraient voir **la conservation de l'hôpital pour l'esprit d'enfant**, cette a dire de possiblement- **intégrer le besoin d'un École Primaire, le besoin d'une bibliothèque pour les enfants, un petit Clinque de Sante pour les enfants (un petit CLSC spécialiser pour - les enfants)**

J'aimerais voir dans le cas d'École Victoria un aménagement paysagiste incluant des érablières avec la fleur jaune au printemps et les feuilles presque bourgogne (espèces ?) des petits arbustes avec le fleur jaune qui ressemble comme un petit orchidée, et des daffodiles et tulipes blanc et jaunes pour les enfants, pour les rendre heureux.

(Dans le cas de Victoria Collège-une demande sera déposée au Ministre d'Éducation et Services Sociaux-par ce que il ya présentement un demande pour un École Touristique – selon démographiques)

Un espace verte pour le publique déjà déposé, pourrait être incorporait dans le design.

CARRE CABOT/Atwater

Une étude spécial, pour voir en effet si le nom Cabot Square est bien fondée ..dans le coin d'Atwater....La Statue de l'Explorateur est d'origine d'Italie...ces voyages ont était financer par Angleterre.

*En arrière de Carre se trouve la rue **Tupper**, qui était nome comme un des grands fondateurs de Confédération canadienne.*

Présentement il existe une rue Cabot dans le secteur le Lachine est on se demande si un Carre Cabot est mieux placer dans un coin près de l'eau ou dans le Secteur Italien.

Tours Historiques des Carrosses tire par les Chevaux

*Inspirer des photos des archives, j'ai pensait que ça sera intéressants de recouper le mémoire d'une ancienne époque et d'avoir des **Tours Historiques des Carrosses tire par les Chevaux** Les Terminus dans les emplacements différentiels ;*

- (i) une tour pouvait commencer au Carre Cabot jusqu'a Le Marche Atwater et possiblement ce rendre au Canal Lachine*
- (ii) Le deuxième Tour pouvait ce faire du Carre Cabot et ce promenait dans le secteur du Westmount....avec un terminus autour un des Parcs de Westmount.*

Cette Tour Historique de Patrimoine pouvait ce faire avec les permissions des Municipalités et Le Ministre de Tourisme.

Paysage des Lieux

*En montant, rue Atwater, anciennement nome Avenue Royal au dessus St Catherine, l'installation des érables, (possiblement comme qui se trouve au pied de l'Avenue McGill College, qui porte une fleur de couleur jaune le printemps), pour faire un lien avec **Le Parc Mont Royal**. Aussi, l'installation des fleurs*

qui portent un couleur jaune des fleurs de pâques jaunes – tulipes ou daffodiles et l'arbuste indéfini portant le fleur qui ressemble une orchidée jaune.

*Autour **College Lasalle** qui a une **façade extrêmement froide** une intervention spéciale doivent ce faire au niveau d'aménagement. La façade présentement en **non-attirant pour les étudiants**.*

*Un **plus grand effort** pourrait être fait au **FAUBOURG-St Catherine** au niveau d'aménagement paysagiste. Il ya en arrière de bâtiment un espace très intéressant, loin des bruit de trafic qui est pas bien aménager et mal entretenu.*

PROBLEME SOCIAL INTERERANCES -AUTOTONE

*Le **College Dawson**, qui se trouve dans les autours de Metro Atwater possiblement sera ouvert à une suggestion d'incorporait un **Program d'Éducation d'Autonome, dans leur curriculum**. En considération l'historique des peuples et possiblement les langues disparu...cette idée est une idée que je pense sera bien le collège acculera tres bien cette idée. Le concept à proposer a les Administrateurs et **Le Ministre d'Éducation**.*

Merci.