

Submission : Les Quartiers des grands jardins

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1. I strongly support this initiative to improve the quality of life and environment in the Centre-West downtown area.
2. I am a long-time resident of the area and use the many facilities that are orientated on Atwater Avenue.
3. The Atwater Library and Computer Computer Centre (ALCC) is one of the most important cultural and educational resources in this area and should be included in the plan with appropriate funding.
4. The ALCC provides many services to the adults and seniors who live in the Centre-West and other areas of the City of Montreal. It sits on the border of Montreal and Westmount but has always been a Montreal institution from its founding in 1828 and will always serve as such.
5. The ALCC is the only library and the only centre of its kind serving this area, and it provides a unique program of lectures, concerts, theatrical performances and other cultural activities.
6. The Computer Centre offers a wide variety of workshops for adults of all ages, artists, entrepreneurs of small businesses and employees of non-profit organizations. In addition computers and assistance are available to members and non-members.
7. Volunteers play an important role in the operations of the ALCC and in the maintenance of the facility. In particular, they maintain the ALCC garden and grounds that face Cabot Square. This green space enhances the building and the surrounding environs for pedestrians and those that live and work in the area.
8. The ALCC occupies its own building, that has heritage status, with the entrance facing Cabot Square. The Montreal Children's Library has a separate entrance on Tupper Street.
9. Support for the ALCC will fit all the priorities of the "Plan d'action pour réviser l'ouest du Centre-Ville de Montréal" and will add value to the entire project.
10. I encourage the planning committee to include the Atwater Library and Computer Centre in the plan and to provide generous funding of this invaluable community institution.