

Montreal, May 22, 2012

To the municipal politicians who represent us

**RE: The intended use of the parking that once belonged to transport Quebec.
(Musto condominiums on Henri-Bourassa)**

Request for major changes:

The 930 units proposed to be built will surpass the population density that would be logical and respectful of a community that is already established.

The 8, 10 and 12 levels do not only surpass acceptable zoning, but are too massive for a community made up of a majority of 2 level dwellings to a max of 4 (in certain areas).

Our municipal politicians seem to lack the common sense, vision and respect for those of us who chose to live in Ahuntsic. A population needs to be listened to! We chose not to live downtown nor in high population density areas therefore, we ask our elected to represent the people not their pocket. Do what is in the best interest for the present tax payers of Ahuntsic. Serve a community who wants to remain green, traffic safe, environmentally logical, sociologically sane and criminally safe.

This land is excellent for residential properties (2 to 4 level condos and town houses) that would respect visual and aesthetic value that we as residents can appreciate. A project that is smaller may not have great immediate monetary value but its future value would not be regretted.

We, the residents of Ahuntsic, draw the attention of the city of Montreal to the following:

THAT economists and bankers have been warning about the unsold condos and the rates that they are being built. With about a third will being left empty. If we allow such a project we are not looking at a sane long term development plan.

THAT long term development plans need to include residents first and foremost

THAT Ahuntsic is the primarily a residential area made up of duplexes and houses not higher than two stories high and building at about four stories. If asked, the residents of Ahuntsic would say that one of the major reasons we moved to the area is the lack of high rise buildings and the abundance of green space. We enjoy the fact that the sky line is tree tops and not building tops.

THAT the city claims to want to increase green spaces, and solve traffic problems;

THAT this project does not respect the character and housing style of our neighbourhood;

THAT we the residents of Ahuntsic need the creation of green spaces, a more complete bike path and a long term development plan that fits our character;

THAT the city of Montreal is excluding the residents from a decision that is ours to make! It will change our sky line and our daily stress levels due to traffic.

THAT the city still allows buildings to be built in areas that have no logical need for them; This will affect our health (physical and psychological) increase crime rate and contribute to the deteriorating quality of our environment.

THAT densely populated areas tend to have higher crime rates, more social problems and more psychological issues. We and our children deserve the piece of mind we thought we bought when buying our home. We deserve a clean, safe and green environment.

THAT the borough's goal is to improve the quality of life for all, hopefully taking in consideration residents already living in Ahuntsic and not only new residents and what they may bring.

THEREFORE, our request is that the city does not allow this area to become even more densely populated. We need the public voice to be heard and our views to be taken seriously. Green spaces are needed facing high traffic circulation to decrease the effects of pollution. A maximum of four stories high should be allowed to be built on this land and ample green spaces left in order to counteract the effects of pollution. High buildings only contribute to pollution (heat rises and cement and brick absorb heat), migrating birds crash into windows and that in itself has a terrible effect on natural migration (we already see less robins and I have not seen a blue jay in over a year).

I presently enjoy beautiful sunsets that would be forever lost at my home!

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