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Pierrefonds Ouest - Problems
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I don't think it is wise to build 5,500 housing units in Pierrefonds Ouest for the following reasons:

1. With so many housing units, you can expect around 10,000 vehicles, with approximately 2,000 more vehicles using the #40 (TCH), the #20, Gouin Blvd, Henri-Bourassa Blvd, Cote-de-Liesse, and Lakeshore. The existing roads can hardly handle the present traffic, so with so many more cars, there will surely be problems.

My suggestion is to widen #40 across town to 8 or 10 lanes, and Decarie to at least 8 lanes.

2. There will be extra pollution from all these cars and the extra heat from the motors. This will be a great problem, much like the pollution and heat in other major cities around the world.

3. There will be great expense by building the infrastructure for 5,500 units, like the sewers, water mains, electric cables and other needed services. There will also be a need for medical services, day cares, local food stores, hardware stores. This is a great expense.

There are many vacant land spaces closer to Montreal which would not require all the above services, thus saving significant amounts of money.

4. REM (Réseau Electrique de Montréal) seems like an expensive and unnecessary proposition. My suggestion is to improve the existing rail structure (CN, CP, AMT, etc.) to accommodate extra passengers.

5. Parking spaces around train stations, Metro stations, downtown office buildings and shopping centers will have to be increased with so many more cars.

6. I put great value on wildlife, rabbits, flowers, birds, turtles, frogs, fish, trees, shrubs, and eventually the quality of the air and water. When so many trees are cut, wetlands are destroyed, and species evicted, it will have consequences on the surrounding area.

7. With so many more cars and trains, there will surely be more noise, which will disturb the neighbourhood. Every effort must be made to curb the noise from these vehicles.

I was present at the OCPM presentation at Pierrefonds Comprehensive High

School on March 26, and listened carefully to the glowing presentations from various individuals, but I feel they did not address the core problems.

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