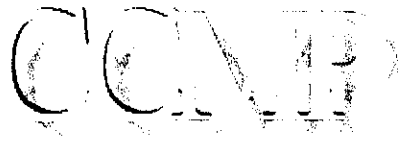


In conclusion, the Milton-Park Citizens Committee would like to thank the Chantier sur la Democratie for its work on this Montreal Charter of Citizen Rights. We would also like to thank Mayor Tremblay for his firm support of this important initiative.

The Milton-Park Citizens Committee believes that this Charter, once the final version is adopted by the City Council of Montreal, should apply to all the boroughs of our City. In order to protect these citizen rights from any political manipulation the Charter should be incorporated into the Constitution of the City of Montreal, that is in the Charter of Montreal. In expressing this opinion we join the opinion of many members of Montreal's civil society, including those of the Chantier itself.

Thank you.

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The Milton-Parc Citizens' Committee

Some members of the community who are very concerned by the possibility of demolishing co-ops are reviving the Milton-Parc Citizens' Committee [MPCC - CCMP]. The CCMP was first formed in 1968 in order to organize the resistance of the proposed destruction of this same neighborhood by a large developer, Concordia Estates Ltd. The first phase culminated in the arrest of 59 people in May, 1972 who were "sitting in" at the Concordia Estates offices on Park & Milton.

The Committee was quiet during the early 70s while one third of the developers' original project was being built on the land on which the original grey-stone houses stood, but was revived during the late "70s as it again organized the neighborhood to form the now present housing co-operatives and non-profit organizations. The 80s marked the development of that housing project and the founding of the Communauté Milton-Parc (CMP), the land trust which holds the land under the 6-square block of housing co-operatives.

The 90s saw CCMP revived again as the organization which tried to develop the empty Strathearn School into a community and arts centre for the use of neighbors and the city at large. Although successful and thriving for 5 years, the Strathearn Centre was destroyed in 1996 by City of Montreal bureaucrats who found it impossible to work with vigorous and autonomous citizens.

Is this defect on the part of the City's bureaucrats a portend of things to come as we look at our community's resistance to parts of the proposed plan of restructuring the Pine-Park Interchange?

Excerpt from the pamphlet of the Milton-Parc CC:

The Milton-Park Citizens' Committee has been formed to help improve the quality of life of the citizens in this neighborhood.

Through our committee, we hope to encourage, facilitate and help create the means and institutions through which citizens can control the important aspects of their daily lives.

The Milton-Parc Citizens' Committee is dedicated to education, citizen participation and control, and common public action to improve :

- the ecology of the neighborhood and city;
- housing through various forms of non-profit associations;
- public transportation and the reduction of traffic on residential streets;
- neighborhood economic development which will create meaningful work, including support for local commercial enterprises and the establishment of appropriate technologies (such as solar heating, roof-top gardening, etc.)

**Neighborhood
organizations
you need to know
about.**

Place Publique

*Your local paper
When the government
changes to your surround
Place Publique measures
impact and informs*

**The Urban
Ecology Centre**

*Do you care about
environment?
This neighborhood organization
is DOING something a*

- cultural activities in all forms, giving priority to local cultural expressions;
- educational opportunities for adults, young people and children;
- neighborhood life in general and better communication between citizen-neighbours and groups.

Many of the militants of the M-PCC continued to live in the Milton-Parc Co-ops and are among those neighbors now concerned about parts of the proposed plan for the Pine-Park Interchange.