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Quelles sont vos idées et suggestions concernant le bâtiment du poste de ventilation ?

We strongly suggest the PVM project include: A fence on the East side of the project. This will clearly mark the end of the park/green space that the STM will install and offer safety and privacy to the building next door. The PVM station be moved closer to the West side of the space. This will create more space between the PVM and the building to the East. Again, this will offer more safety and privacy to the building, and will allow for a proper fence to be erected that is not on the property of the building to the East. Nature and conservation study to the large and old trees located to the North of the building. These trees have been growing for many years and are now inhabited by wild birds who have made the trees their home in the summers. A study should be conducted to understand the implications if the trees are removed. Study of micro-dynamitic to the surrounding buildings. Since the project is very close to all the buildings around the project and the new 136 route, a study should be conducted on the dangers of micro-dynamiting to the buildings around the PVM. This is especially true since the new 136 Route is recently built, and micro-dynamiting may cause shifts to the earth and roads that have not had time to fully settle. This may have major implications to the structural integrity to the highway as it is currently 15 meters from the proposed PVM site.

Ce projet vous préoccupe-t-il ? Pour quelles raisons ? Quelles sont vos suggestions / idées pour répondre à ces craintes ?

We believe that the residents in St-Henri, and specifically on rue de Richelieu, have been very patient and cooperative during the 8 year demolition and construction of the new highway (136) that replaced the old highway (720), which is located within 25 meters of our residence. We did not choose to live in a perpetual construction zone and deserve a peaceful and tranquil quality of life. This project adds another 3 years of construction to our neighborhood, which does not include the work at the Metro Place St-Henri or the proposed PAB project which is in our backyard. It is extremely important that if the work is approved, that all measures to reduce noise, pollution, dust, and congestion on rue de Richelieu are put into place. This project is located extremely close to our residence, and we fear that another multi-year project will be very harmful to our quality of life and peace of mind. We also believe that micro-dynamiting the tunnel will cause damage to the buildings on rue de Richelieu, which will cause another multi-year legal pursuit against the contractors as well as a depreciation in the valuation of our buildings. We feel that there should be more studies done before the building can be removed to understand the impact on the environment and surrounding building before it is torn down. Is it guaranteed that the contaminated building will not impact the air quality of the area? Will hazardous materials be released into the environment? Is there a danger to the surrounding area during the demolition? We also need to learn a lot more about the proposed PAB project as no information about it has been communicated so far. It is especially problematic and disingenuous that after attending 7 years of meetings through the "Comite du bon Voisinage" where it was repeatedly communicated by the KPH Turcot, the ministere du Transport, and la ville de Montreal that the space behind the buildings on rue de Richelieu will be left as a green space, that suddenly the plans have changed and it may be a large Poste Abaisseur. Based on the cadastral numbers, the land was purchased by the ville de Montreal and should remain a green space. The residents of rue de Richelieu would just like to live in peace and quiet and enjoy a fair quality of life but the STM and the Ville de Montreal is continually adding more years of construction work within a very close proximity to each other. Living in a construction zone is for the past 7 years during the construction of the 136 highway has been very difficult already and we would just like to get our life back to normal after all these years.

Sachant que le chantier générera certaines nuisances, quelles sont vos attentes pendant la période des travaux ?

Ideally, the work is done as quickly and as efficiently as possible, if the project moves forward. No matter what, the residents of rue de Richelieu will be disturbed and their quality of life will be impacted over the next three years. We expect a contact phone number or a person to contact should the project cause any issues to the residents, such as: Changes to the schedule of the work beyond normal work hours More noise than anticipated, especially before 8:00am, after 7:00pm and on weekends. More vehicle and truck traffic than planned, especially stagnant trucks and delivery vehicles. Construction trucks and vehicles parking on public roads or private property, especially as it was confirmed that no work vehicles will be parked outside of the construction zone. Vandalism to the work site. Specifically fences being opened or moved or other dangers to the work site.

Une fois les travaux terminés, qu'entrevoyez-vous comme retombées des nouvelles installations et activités de la STM sur votre quotidien ? Avez-vous des suggestions pour favoriser une intégration optimale?

As there is a currently a permanent fence attached to the current building that is being demolished, we believe that it is necessary to erect a permanent fence to replace the current one. The fence should be installed from rue de Richelieu to the North side of the project (running North-South). We believe that it is necessary for a few reasons: Consistency with the current installation that will be torn down, Privacy between the new proposed green space and the building to the East on rue de Richelieu, Safety and security for the residents: Since there will be a new green space, we need to ensure that the public knows where the green space ends and private property begins. Otherwise, the public will be walking through private property without knowing where the private property begins and the police will have to be involved if the public finds themselves unknowingly on private property often, especially as our property includes patios and our own green spaces. Avoiding injuries: Without a fence, the green space would lead directly to a parking lot and the public may be injured if struck by a vehicle driving in and out of a driveway located on private property. We would also request that the permanent PVM building be installed farther to the West, even if just by a few feet. These will help in delineating the space between the STM property and the private residence property. By creating more space, it will allow a proper fence to be erected from the South point on rue de Richelieu to the North, without the new PVM station being in the space where the fence should be installed. This will also discourage graffiti on the building, since it will greatly limit the space to access the building in between the fence. Just by inspecting the current building, it is clear how currently accessible the building is to graffiti and vandalism. Finally, if there are any damages to the surrounding buildings, or if buildings will lose value because of the work, there should be a clear structure in place to receive compensation from the STM. We should be able to communicate with the appropriate persons should we face any deterioration to the buildings around the project and not have to chase the STM for a fair resolution to the issues.