



**A CHOICE FOR
THE FUTURE
OF MONTREAL**

PLATFORM 2017

VALÉRIE PLANTE'S COMMITMENTS

REPRESENT MONTREAL'S INTERESTS

To build the city of tomorrow, we must be attentive to the needs of our citizens. Valérie Plante is committed to make decisions based on the interest of Montrealers and encourage citizen participation.

OFFER A VISION FOR THE FUTURE

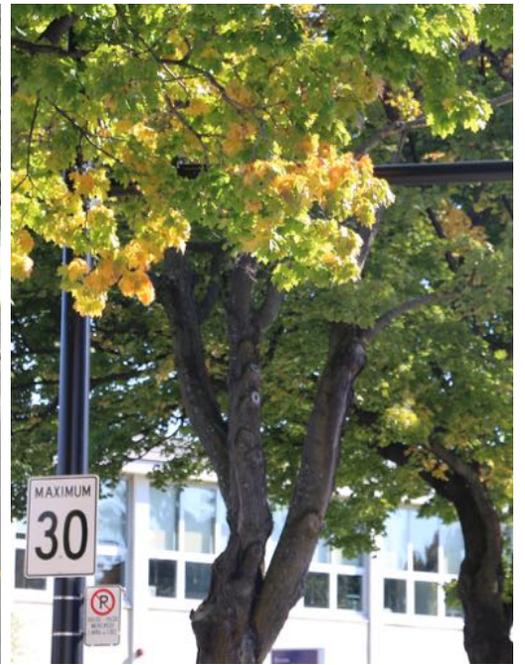
The sustainable development of our city requires the revitalization of neighbourhoods and improved mobility. Valérie Plante is committed to take advantage of the best practices available to improve traffic management, build a more efficient transit system and support local commercial arteries.

CREATE A MORE INCLUSIVE CITY

Access to efficient transportation, quality services and affordable housing is a way to combat poverty and inequality. Valérie Plante is committed to put solutions in place to build a better Montreal for all.

BUILD FAMILY NEIGHBOURHOODS

In order to attract families to Montreal, they must be provided with neighbourhoods that meet their needs, with schools, playgrounds, safe streets and family housing. Valérie Plante is committed to the planning and development of neighbourhoods according to the needs of families.





A MESSAGE FROM VALÉRIE PLANTE

ON NOVEMBER 5TH, YOU HAVE A CHOICE.

You can choose a positive vision for the future of your city, which will focus on investing in transportation and housing. A vision of the future that will focus on families and creating people friendly neighbourhoods in Montréal. You can choose the team that will best understand your reality and who will be ready to fight to improve your quality of life on a daily basis. You can choose Projet Montréal.

WE NEED A VISION.

The city is changing. Whether it is demographic or climate change, new solutions to the problems of today must be found. In order to do so, you must listen. This is what I've always done as a municipal councillor and as party leader. That is what I am committed to do as Mayor.

The stakes are high. We need to immediately address the issue of families who flee our city to settle in the suburbs. It is possible if we offer housing that meets their needs, schools that are kept in good condition, quality parks and options for better mobility.

It is also time to start moving our city forward. Failures, delays and congestion have become the norm in Montréal. Our transit system is now afflicted by the same congestion problems as our road network, not to mention the overloaded cycling network.

It's time to get to work for Montréal, it's time to build a better public transit system. To create new neighbourhoods and housing for families. It is time to get down to work to make our city safer. To revitalize our local commercial arteries and decongest our streets.

On November 5th, you have the choice of making transit, housing and services for citizens a priority.

On November 5th, you can choose a team that will make the right decisions and plan for the future of your city.

On November 5th, you can take back control of your city.

MONTREAL,
IT'S YOUR
PROJECT.



YEAR 1 OF VALÉRIE PLANTE AND THE PROJET MONTRÉAL TEAM

BETTER ACCESS TO PUBLIC TRANSIT

Purchase of 300 hybrid buses to relieve congestion in Montreal.

Begin negotiations for social pricing and free fares for our elderly and children under 12 years of age.

Creation of an office to study the pink line project.

Talks with the provincial government to accelerate the extension of the blue line.

AN ACCOUNTABLE GOVERNMENT

Implementation of a transparency policy to make NPOs created by the city accountable to the Access to Information Act

Audit of Montreal's 375 celebration's financial statements.

Transfer of the Formula E race to the Gilles-Villeneuve circuit and renegotiate the contract.

A MOBILE AND SAFE CITY

Public consultations for the implementation of the Bicycle Express Network.

Abolition of the policy of «4 accidents before acting» and securing 20 of the most dangerous intersections.

Implementation of the plan to gradually reduce transit traffic on the Camillien-Houde access road to Mont Royal Park.

Removal of restrictions on car share services in downtown core.

MORE EFFICIENT SITE MANAGEMENT

Creation of the Mobility task force and the team to supervise construction sites.

QUALITY SERVICES AND LESS PAPERWORK

Revitalization of parks, including chalets and sports facilities.

Establishment of an online permit service and a committee to study the reduction of bureaucracy.

A FAMILY-FRIENDLY CITY

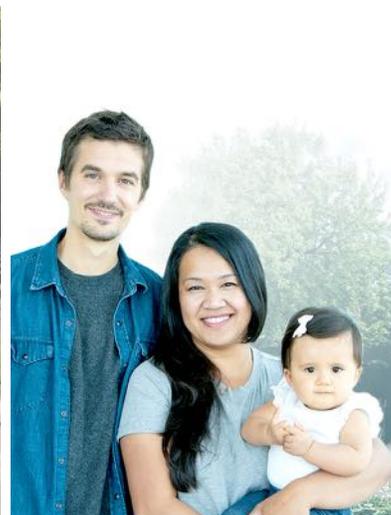
Implementation of the 20% threshold for family housing on large housing projects.

Implementation of the program to access housing and the welcome tax reimbursement for families.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR THE FUTURE

Opening of the first two hubs for start-ups in vacant or public buildings.

Creation of a compensation program for Montreal merchants to minimize the impact of construction sites on their businesses.



HOW PROJET MONTRÉAL HAS TRANSFORMED MONTREAL

PLATEAU-MONT-ROYAL

A city on a human scale has taken on full meaning in the Plateau-Mont-Royal in recent years. Thanks to the work of our team, the streets have been redesigned to ensure the safety of pedestrians, cyclists, youth and seniors. Beautification initiatives have multiplied in order to fight heat islands and improve the neighbourhood. Unique urban furniture and traffic calming measures have appeared on commercial arteries to promote local business. These initiatives have since been expanded across the city.

ROSEMONT-LA PETITE-PATRIE

Our Rosemont-La Petite-Patrie team was not afraid to innovate, whether by increasing greening initiatives, encouraging the public sphere or by facilitating urban agriculture. These projects have helped improve the quality of life in the borough, boosted commercial arteries, secured streets and promoted healthy eating. Rosemont-La Petite-Patrie has become one of the most sought after neighbourhoods in Montreal for families

LE SUD-OUEST

Our Sud-Ouest team has worked hard to preserve the neighbourhood's diversity. Thanks to the work of our elected representatives, social housing has multiplied and real estate development has been better managed. Measures have been put in place to protect our modest heritage. Greening efforts, pedestrian projects and the addition of public spaces have also contributed to making the Sud-Ouest an enjoyable place to live and work.

L'ÎLE-BIZARD-SAINTE-GENEVIÈVE

Without the work of our team, the unique landscapes of the borough could have been destroyed forever. By opposing the development of this green space, the elected representatives of L'Île-Bizard-Sainte-Genève managed to preserve the peacefulness of the borough and its precious natural environments. No less than 10 million square feet of green space has been protected by our team.

FIVE PRIORITIES TO MOVE MONTREAL FORWARD

The Projet Montréal platform offers the vision of Valérie Plante and her team, a vision that will benefit all Montrealers.



- BUILD A BETTER TRANSIT SYSTEM.



- TAKE CONTROL OF CONSTRUCTION SITES AND ENSURE BETTER PLANNING.



- PROVIDE MORE EFFICIENT SERVICES TO CITIZENS AND A MORE EQUITABLE SYSTEM OF TAXATION.



- BUILD HOUSING THAT MEETS THE NEEDS OF MONTREALERS.



- RETHINK STREET AND INTERSECTION DESIGN TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF SENIORS, YOUTH, CYCLISTS AND PEDESTRIANS.



A MORE EFFICIENT TRANSIT SYSTEM

A NEW METRO LINE

As roads and bicycle paths become increasingly congested, Montrealers need new options to get around. Valérie Plante proposes the construction of a new metro line to open up neighbourhoods and improve transit service in Montreal.

A new metro line is the only way to reduce congestion on our roads, our buses and in the metro, and to create direct access to downtown for thousands of Montrealers who live in neighbourhoods poorly serviced by public transit.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The metro is currently operating at full capacity during peak periods.
- The pink line could carry 250,000 people per day, which would reduce congestion on the orange and green lines at peak times.
- The pink line would reduce travel time by half to the downtown core from many neighbourhoods, east to west.

BETTER BUS SERVICE

Tens of thousands of Montrealers crowd into the bus each day to get to work. It is time to offer them a more reliable quality service.

Projet Montréal is committed to adding 300 hybrid buses to the STM fleet by 2020. These additions will enable the STM to meet its target of 2089 buses in service by 2020. This objective was included in the Strategic Plan 2020, which was abandoned by the outgoing administration.

Projet Montréal also wants to work with the STM to extend the express bus service and ensure faster service throughout the network.

MORE ACCURATE PRICING

Projet Montréal is committed to setting up a social fare with the STM. People living on low-income will get a 40% discount off the STM monthly pass.

Children under the age of 12 will have access to the STM network for free. This concrete measure will attract and help retain families on the island.

People aged 65 and over will have access to the STM network for free. This measure is already implemented in several Quebec municipalities, including Laval since 2014.

A MORE ACCESSIBLE METRO

At present, it is estimated that more than 10% of the population, or more than 200 000 people, live with a functional limitation. By 2020, this proportion will increase to 20%.

Previous administrations have not been able to meet Montreal's goals for improving transit accessibility.

Projet Montréal is committed to negotiate new agreements with the Government of Quebec to make all metro stations universally accessible by 2030.



**FOR MORE
EFFICIENT
MANAGEMENT OF
CONSTRUCTION
SITES**

Every year Montrealers lose 26 million hours in due to abandoned or makeshift work sites.

Valérie Plante and the Projet Montréal team are proposing two innovative solutions to improve the management of Montreal construction sites. This will allow the City to plan work better and develop tools in order to improve coordination and to ensure quality of work is improved.

CREATE A MOBILITY TASK FORCE

Projet Montréal will create an intervention unit specializing in the management of construction sites to provide prompt interventions in situations that make rush hour painful in Montreal.

A hotline will be set up to allow Montrealers to identify problematic sites or situations where interventions should occur.

The task force will act if:

- traffic lanes are unnecessarily blocked by a construction site;
- an illegal construction site is emerging;
- cars are stationary where they should not be;
- signage around the site is inadequate;
- there are no safe corridors for cyclists and pedestrians.

CREATE A CONSTRUCTION SITE TEAM

Work sites are multiplying in Montreal, however the number of inspectors is insufficient to monitor the work.

Projet Montréal is committed to create a team that will be responsible for conducting surprise visits on Montreal's construction sites to ensure the quality of work. This team will not replace normal inspection work but will allow for a more thorough audit of the work being performed.

Projet Montréal is also committed to increase the number of site inspectors employed by the City of Montreal in order to reduce the number of external supervision mandates.





A MORE EFFICIENT AND FAIR SYSTEM OF TAXATION

Montrealers must receive services in accordance with their needs. Projet Montréal intends to take advantage of the best practices available in boroughs and to better manage the city in order to offer more efficient services to citizens without placing additional pressure on the City's finances.

BETTER REPAIR OUR ROADS

We need to review how Montreal repairs its streets to limit the occurrence of potholes. For now, the City is simply repaving streets that have structural damage, which is tantamount to putting a bandage on a broken bone. This approach forces the City to carry out work on an ongoing basis, at the cost and inconvenience of residents.

Projet Montréal proposes to establish a better balance between temporary lane closures and the reconstruction of streets. The distribution of finances will be reviewed accordingly.

NEW PARK CHALETS AND QUALITY SPORTS FACILITIES

Montreal parks are popular with young people, families, seniors and athletes throughout the year. Too often, these facilities are inadequate for their needs.

How many families come find the doors of park chalets locked every day? These facilities can and should be better used, as demonstrated by the refurbishment of the La Fontaine Park chalet, where the Espace La Fontaine cultural bistro was born.

Projet Montréal is committed to renovating park chalets and increasing their opening hours. Valérie Plante also wants to allow the opening of beer gardens in some park chalets.

Projet Montréal also undertakes to give the boroughs the necessary resources to reintroduce the position of park supervisor to secure and monitor playgrounds, sports arenas and park chalets.

NEW PUBLIC SPACES

Projet Montréal is committed to create a new prestigious public square on McGill College Avenue, between Sherbrooke Street and Place Ville-Marie. This new public square, green and lively, will maintain a welcoming, strong and diversified commercial area during the revitalization of Sainte-Catherine Street.

The traffic in this downtown area is very high, reaching some 3,500 pedestrians by noon. The potential is enormous given the presence of 337,000 workers every day.

Projet Montréal is also committed to create a real waterfront walk on Île Sainte-Hélène. Half a kilometer long, the promenade will link the area of La Ronde to Place des Nations. This new walk will offer Montrealers better access to the St. Lawrence River and exceptional views of the city.

RESTORATION OF THE HIDDEN MONT-ROYAL POOL

Projet Montréal proposes to create a new family park by greening the parking lot of the former Royal Victoria Hospital and by restoring the swimming pool located on the side of Mont Royal in order to open it to the public.

MULTIPLY SANITATION CREWS

Special attention must be paid to our commercial arteries so that they can develop and prosper. Cleanliness is an essential element for local shops to flourish and for customers to want to shop there.

The sanitation crews, already set up in four districts, are considered very efficient and are very appreciated by the residents and businesses since cleanliness has significantly improved. Projet Montréal is committed to extending this initiative to all Montreal boroughs so that all commercial streets can benefit from their services.

REDUCING BUREAUCRACY

Too often, Montrealers have to deal with administrative labyrinths. Projet Montréal is committed to enabling Montrealers to obtain and pay online for standard permits required for minor works and improvements (swimming pools, fences, balconies, windows).

BETTER ACCESS TO CAR SHARING SERVICES

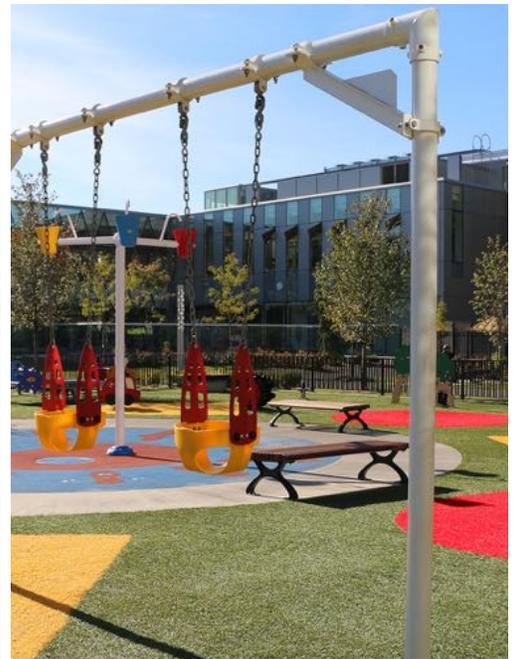
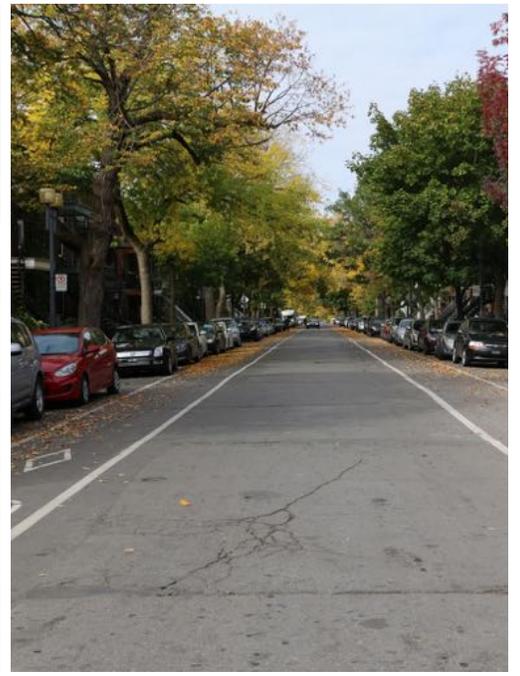
Restrictions on self-service vehicles, which limit the number of universal parking spaces and the type of vehicles offered, are a barrier to innovation and limit the availability of this service to Montrealers.

Valérie Plante will work with all partners to develop a new fair and favourable regulatory framework to encourage greater car sharing in Montreal, including downtown.

MORE EQUITABLE TAXATION

Montreal is increasingly dependent on property taxes. Between 2013 and 2017, the City's share of property tax revenues increased from 67% to 69.3%, placing a growing burden on Montrealers.

Projet Montréal is committed to carry out its program without raising taxes beyond inflation and to review residential and commercial taxation in order to achieve a better balance.





**BUILDING
HOUSES
THAT MEET THE
NEEDS OF
MONTREALERS**

For too long, real estate development in Montreal did not take into account the needs of young people, families and seniors. This has led to the proliferation of condominium towers, which only offer housing that is too small for families and which are quickly turned into short-term rentals.

Valérie Plante and the Projet Montréal team consider that access to schools, affordable and large housing, green spaces and sports facilities, public transit, and dynamic shopping arteries are at the heart of the creation of neighbourhoods where families would want to settle.

AN AMBITIOUS RATE OF FAMILY HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

Projet Montréal is committed to designate 20% of new residential real estate developments to family housing with three or more bedrooms.

Projet Montréal is committed to create the first family neighborhood in Montreal on the Hippodrome site. The 53-hectare district will have 8,100 homes, including nearly 5,000 family units with three or more bedrooms.

Projet Montréal will also ensure that families are at the heart of the redevelopment of the Lachine-Est, the Bellechasse and the Center-Sud neighbourhoods.

PRIORITY SCHOOLS

In the next few years four new districts will be created in Montreal: the Hippodrome district in the borough of Côte-des-Neiges-Notre-Dame-de-Grâce, the Quartier de la Mélasse in the borough of Ville-Marie, Lachine-Est district, and the Bellechasse district in Rosemont-La Petite-Patrie. Projet Montréal is ready to take action to encourage families to stay in Montreal. Using the City's power to create land reserves, Projet Montréal will work to ensure that all new neighbourhoods have a school, by acquiring land required for their construction.

Projet Montréal will also lobby the Quebec government to accelerate the renovation of Montreal schools, many of which are in an advanced state of decay, jeopardizing children's health.

A ROOF FOR ALL

Projet Montréal intends to improve the social housing inclusion strategy by increasing thresholds, making it mandatory and ensuring the transparency of its operations.

The new policy will require new real estate developments to designate 20% to social housing and 20% to affordable housing.

Projet Montréal also intends to invest in land purchases and create innovative partnerships to stimulate the construction of social and affordable housing.

FACILITATING ACCESS TO PROPERTY

Access to property is increasingly difficult in Montreal, especially for young families. This is due to the considerable increase of real estate prices in recent years.

Projet Montréal will facilitate access to property for 5,000 families per year by reimbursing the welcome tax up to a maximum of \$5000 for households with one or more children.

Projet Montréal also plans to improve other homeowner access programs so that eligible amounts reflect the reality of the Montreal real estate market.

INTERVENTION PLAN TO COMBAT HOMELESSNESS

Projet Montréal commits to build 300 accommodation or transition units per year for the next 10 years for those most vulnerable in our society. This measure is part of a global comprehensive plan to better support the homeless or at-risk population.

This plan includes the establishment of mobile intervention units in partnership with community organizations in the various Montréal boroughs. This measure will ensure to develop a more decentralized intervention strategy in order to meet the need of the homeless outside the downtown core, while continuing to support existing resources in the downtown area.

An integrated reference platform will also be set up to provide answers to citizens' questions and thus reduce the pressure on emergency services. This platform will be available at 211.

Finally, Projet Montréal will require the SPVM to produce a bi-annual report on the state of social profiling. Projet Montréal will ensure that training is adapted to the realities of the homeless and is offered to SPVM officers and STM employees, in order to prevent physical interventions and to keep the homeless out of the justice system.





SAFETY OF SENIORS, CYCLISTS AND PEDESTRIANS FIRST

Montreal is changing, the population is aging and there are more and more people using the roads. Urban development must take these new realities into account. Projet Montréal is committed to carry out ambitious projects to create a safer city for all and to achieve the goals of Vision Zero.

SECURING SCHOOL AREAS IS A PRIORITY

Many parents worry about the safety of their children on their way to school. Several of them have made requests to their school council in order to obtain security measures around their schools. The City of Montreal must stop turning a deaf ear and listen to their requests.

The Saint-Arsène school, in Rosemont-La Petite-Patrie, is an excellent example of what does not work in Montreal: parents and local elected representatives have mobilized to obtain traffic calming measures, but the center City refused and only offered to introduce photo radar.

Projet Montréal is committed to ensure that no school is denied traffic calming measures. Moreover, under the leadership of Valérie Plante, the next municipal administration will secure all the school zones in its territory during its first mandate.

REVIEW THE TIME ALLOCATED TO PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS ON MAJOR ROADS

Action is needed to protect those most vulnerable. On many main roads, the time allocated to pedestrian crossings is often insufficient for pedestrians, seniors, pregnant women and young children. Extending crossing time is an easy measure to implement and one that can save lives.

Projet Montréal also plans to continue to create sidewalk extensions at intersections in order to make them safer.

IMMEDIATE URBAN RESPONSE TO COLLISIONS

The outgoing administration has set an unacceptable threshold of four collisions at the same location before taking action to make the location more secure. Projet Montréal undertakes to immediately cancel this directive and to take immediate action at places identified as dangerous for pedestrians and cyclists.

Projet Montréal teams have been working for several years to implement the necessary measures to achieve Vision Zero objectives. The Valérie Plante administration will pursue these efforts to make Montreal safer for all.

Projet Montréal is committed to implement improvements that will reduce the speed limit on the streets in order to improve safety: narrowed roads, sidewalks, central medians, half-islet ridges, protected bike paths, beautification projects.

Projet Montréal will also ensure, with precise regulations, a minimum width for sidewalks so that 70cm sidewalks, such as rue de Brébeuf, will never be built again.



**SUCCESSFUL
COMMERCIAL ARTERIES
AND BETTER
ECONOMIC VITALITY**

DYNAMIC COMMERCIAL ARTERIES

Commercial arteries are at the heart of our neighbourhoods. Whether it is land tax issues or e-commerce, local businesses face many challenges that need to be urgently addressed.

It is unacceptable that businesses who are firmly anchored in their communities are forced to leave because of poorly planned and poorly organized projects.

Montreal's industries and businesses are the most taxed in Canada. Projet Montréal is committed to review the rules governing commercial taxation in Montreal in order to restore balance.

COMPENSATION PROGRAM FOR MERCHANTS

In addition to better planning in order to minimize the duration and impact of construction projects, a Projet Montréal administration is committed to support merchants affected by major construction projects.

Projet Montréal is committed to compensate Montreal merchants in order to minimize the impact of construction sites on their businesses.

The compensation mechanism will be inspired by the one set up in Brussels in 2016, which provides for compensation proportional to the impact of the work, the reduction in traffic and income generated.

A PERSONALIZED SERVICE

Too many merchants have to navigate the labyrinths of the municipal administration for simple requests. The administration must be able to provide answers regarding permits or clarification of regulations within a reasonable period of time.

Projet Montréal intends to reduce the administrative burden and facilitate the work of contractors by offering a personalized service to merchants in each borough. This service will allow merchants and other entrepreneurs to get quick answers to their questions.

BETTER SERVICES ONLINE

Like the borough of Rosemont-La Petite-Patrie, a Projet Montréal administration will make online forms available for applications for commercial occupancy certificates and commercial terraces. This will greatly simplify the process for merchants.

An advisory committee will also be set up to study the licensing procedures of Montreal's 19 boroughs and to propose a simplified procedure that will allow citizens and businesses to save time and energy.

A STRONGER CITY CENTER

Montreal's downtown must become the economic engine of the region once again. The vacancy rate is currently three times the DIX30 space in downtown Montreal. It is essential to consolidate the commercial offer and avoid commercial sprawl, which Projet Montréal is committed to.

There is also a need to improve access to the downtown core and to find concrete solutions to the congestion on public transit systems accessing the downtown core. For this reason, Projet Montréal is offering a new metro line and removing restrictions for self-service vehicles.

Projet Montréal will also put in place a realistic commerce plan so that the City finally has a strategy of economic and commercial development.

DEMOCRATIC PARTICIPATION AND INNOVATION

THE FUTURE OF THE CITY IN THE HANDS OF CITIZENS

Innovation is in the DNA of Montrealers and Projet Montréal intends to put this expertise to the benefit of all. Whether through start-ups or citizen competitions, Projet Montréal will bring the expertise and creativity of Montrealers to the table to continue supporting innovating projects, policies and services.

GOVERNANCE AND DEMOCRATIC LIFE

It is necessary to rethink the democratic principles underlying the exercise of power by elected representatives at City Hall.

Projet Montréal aims to increase transparency in the management of public finances by creating a Commission on Accountability for the management of major projects. Too often, large projects the headlines, but when it comes to taking stock of project progress and costs, information is hard to obtain.

During his last term, the outgoing administration increasingly used non-profit organizations (NPOs) to manage projects funded entirely by the City. Since NPOs are not subject to the Access to Information Act, the previous administration has hidden behind NPOs to avoid accountability, for example in the Formula E file.

TRANSPARENCY TO THE SPVM

The scandals at the SPVM are mainly a result of a culture of secrecy that has been established in recent years and which has been reinforced by the outgoing administration. Projet Montréal intends to reverse the trend and to end this culture by organizing six to ten public meetings of the Public Safety Commission each year.

Projet Montréal also wants to put in place a protocol to handle communications between the mayor and the SPVM.

A MORE DEMOCRATIC CITY COUNCIL

A Valérie Plante administration will ensure the full exercise of democracy by allowing free votes.

BETTER CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Projet Montréal wants to multiply the mechanisms of citizen participation to ensure that Montrealers are involved in the projects of their neighbourhoods.

The previous administration abolished citizen referendums. Projet Montréal believes that these are essential to increase citizen participation in the decision making process.



ACCESS TO CULTURE

The City of Montreal must bring together, encourage and promote culture so that it remains at the heart of Montreal's soul and identity.

Culture is intimately linked to Montrealers quality of life, and the influence of Montreal and tourism. This is why Montreal must develop the winning conditions for an environment favourable to innovation and creativity.

It is essential to focus on a stimulating environment, fueled by artists, artisans, workers, businesses, organizations and cultural industries.

RESTORING CULTURE TO MONTREALERS

We will continue to promote access to culture in the public domain in our boroughs. Public spaces, in which artists can take part, public pianos, and murals will continue to multiply.

Projet Montréal wants to encourage the deployment of liaison officers, persons specialized in cultural mediation, in each borough. Borough budgets will be adjusted accordingly.

We are also committed to create a center of amateur and leisure art that will be central and easily accessible.

Finally, we will position municipal libraries as digital mediation centers for the entire population.

IMPROVING THE LIVING CONDITIONS AND PRACTICES OF ARTISTS

Artists must be able to live and work in our neighbourhoods, but this is becoming more and more difficult - especially in the central neighborhoods - because of increasing rents. To improve the working conditions of artists and allow them to stay, we can use three tools: taxation, uses and allocation of spaces.

We are committed to review land taxation for NPOs and certain cultural uses, like artists' workshops.

We also want to preserve artists' workshops in our neighbourhoods by imposing a moratorium on the conversion to residential zoning. For example, in the Mile-End, our team used zoning to save 200,000 square feet of artists' workshops.



Projet Montréal intends to encourage the organization of the cultural sector on the basis of the social economy by granting it preferential treatment (for example, relief of municipal taxes) and by encouraging access to property for cultural enterprises on the same basis.

The purchase of cooperatives, NPOs or long-term rental of spaces for artists and artisans will be encouraged in order to preserve and protect the speculative market spaces dedicated to cultural production. Projet Montréal will also consider the twinning of artists' workshops with affordable housing.

Performance spaces need to be protected, in particular small theaters that are constantly threatened by the opening of new spaces near by and issues that arise from being in close proximity with residents. We have solutions that have been successful over the last number of years, particularly in Plateau-Mont-Royal.

THE GOVERNANCE OF CULTURE IN MONTREAL

We commit ourselves to provide the City of Montreal and the boroughs with strong and creative cultural commissioners to aid creators, artists and organizations in their search for traditional and innovative financing formulas.

The identity of our neighborhoods depends on our ability to promote our talents and Projet Montréal is committed to make culture a priority.



CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENT

PROTECTION OF WETLANDS

Montreal's wetlands, located mainly in the west of the city help prevent floods, and are therefore one of the main tools to help communities adapt to climate change.

Projet Montréal believes that it is essential to protect the rare intact wetlands of Montreal.

In order to encourage the protection of the banks of Montreal, we also wish to evaluate the possibility of setting up a program to purchase land in order to eventually create a linear park on the banks of Montreal. These new green spaces would also prevent flooding.

CREATION OF THE FIRST URBAN NATIONAL PARK

Projet Montréal proposes to create the first urban national park on Montreal's territory by protecting the green spaces of Pierrefonds-Ouest that the outgoing administration is willing to give up to real estate developers.

The creation of a national park in Pierrefonds-Ouest would make it possible to consolidate all the natural components of this 16 km² area. This park would be accessible all year round and be extremely attractive to tourists. This infrastructure would make it possible to protect this unique natural area in the long term.

A new urban national park on the Island of Montreal would not only satisfy a need but would also mark a major turning point in the protection and enhancement of natural spaces.

IMPROVING ACCESS TO THE RIVER

The development of the waterfront has long been neglected, despite the fact that Montreal is an island. Projet Montréal intends to implement projects to promote waterfront access for Montrealers through, for example, swimming, fishing and waterfront development.

Projet Montréal is committed to create a swimming area in the Old Port to allow swimming in the river.

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