

Firstly, I wish to thank the commissioners for their participation in this public consultation for the PVM-Richelieu project as proposed by the STM.

I thank-you for your efforts simply because this is a process that allows for local citizens participation to get an understanding of the planned project and express their perceptions and sentiments towards said project.

I have taken the time to read a substantial amount of information that has been provided..... but I must say, as a seasoned veteran of many public consultations, the amount of information put forth and the short timeframe to read,, digest and prepare a memoire in a very short time frame is a monumental task for your average citizen making time in their lives for this event isn't easy.

I understand completely the reasoning and rationale behind the PVM- Richelieu Project.....

To modernize vital equipment that assures safety for users of the Metroand it is a project most would agree is necessary to maintain safety and the world class recognition that our Metro System has around the world.

1-Going through the documents I did not see that there has been any mention of use for the present ventilation system that is to be replaced. Is the existing system to be left in place as a precautionary redundancy? I believe it should.

2-Does the project need all the space it has expropriated or could the two projects fit into a smaller footprint..... Possibly needing only the Westmount sector and therefore leading to more greenspace that is planned that could also include city issue picnic tables and Garden boxes to create a more agreeable, livable space in an area lacking greenspace.

3-It was mentioned that there will be Signaleurs present when needed.... Signaleurs seront present lors des manouvres delicates..... There are many children and elderly in the area and thus I believe there needs to be a safety & security presence at all times the worksite is in operation.

4-We have all unfortunately herd reports In the media of contaminated soil not being disposed of in a proper , legal manner...

RAD-CAN Enquete & TVA J et E.....come to mind.

In the Rapport D'Expertise from S-AIR Consultants there is discussion of the need to remove contaminated soil.....

Thusthere needs to be a transparent and rigorous system put in place to assure contaminated soil is cleaned or disposed of in a proper, legal manner as mandated by the provincial gov't.

A GPS unit affixed to each dump truck is an efficient way to do so.

5-As a member of the Comite de Bon Voisinage KPH-MTQ-Turcot, I can assure you that citizens are very concerned with the quality of Air and the problems of noise pollution. Thus, it is imperative that

monitoring stations for noise and dust particulates must be put in place and operating a minimum of two months before commencing any work..... Simply to assure citizens have accurate readings before and during the work over a three year period.

6- I understand that this consultation process is uniquely for the PVM- Richelieu. The project for the PAB is as important and invasive as the PVM-Richelieu and thus should be held as one consultation process.....

I am aware that Westmount is an independent city and it has no obligation to hold public consultations..... I find this situation unsettling and I would encourage the Commissioners to assure there is some recognition and discussion of both projects in your report and assert the need for said consultations to our elected officials and STM Management.

As I mentioned in my introduction, some citizens have put much personal effort into understanding the necessity of this project proposed by the STM.

While I am completely comfortable you commissioners will execute your duties with integrity and professionalismAgain.... as someone who is accustomed to these procedures during many OCPM, BAPE, provincial, federal and STM consultations.....

..... I am concerned as to the independence and neutrality of STM employees who have maintained responsibility for managing the process. My experience in registering for and getting instructions for this consultation, that of the Metro Blue line extension and a consultation regarding Bus routes in the Sud-Ouest..... lead me to have concerns for full and complete neutrality of the whole process.....

I highly recommend that all organization and management should be given to a third party such as the OCPM and not just to borrow you commissioners.

Lastly, I trust you will take the time to listen and understand the concerns of citizens to assure that if this project does goes forward.....it does so with a high level of Social Acceptability of the residents most affected by the construction and permanent changes to their quality of life.

Merci ... thank- you

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