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Block	A unit of urban space bordered on each side by public roads, often composed of more than one lot. In the older urban areas, the blocks often include a network of alleys.
Building density	The lot coverage and bulk of a building, which defines the built form and intensity of activity in an area.
Building setting	The location of a building or other construction on a lot; its distance from other buildings and the street.
Classification	The formal designation of a property whose conservation is in the public interest by the Ministère de la Culture et des Communications du Québec, with the advice of the Commission des biens culturels. (see R.S.Q., c.B-4, a.24).
Collaborative planning with institutions	A planning exercise pairing the City and an institution that allows for the definition of urban planning guidelines applicable to the site occupied by the institution. These guidelines can lead to the use of regulatory tools and possibly to a development agreement between the City and the institution for non-regulatory aspects such as partnership projects or shared facilities.
Complementary document to the Master Plan	The complementary document establishes rules and criteria that the boroughs' planning by-laws must respect.
Designation	The power delegated by the Québec government to a municipality to pass a by-law defining a given area as historic (see R.S.Q., c. B-4, a. 70).
Ecoterritory	A protected area (major park, nature park, natural reserve) or natural environment (woodlot, stream, wetland) that the City intends to preserve and enhance through negotiation with different stakeholders.
Floor Area Ratio (FAR)	The ratio between a building's total floor area and the area of the site it occupies.
Heritage Site	A protective measure enabling City Council to preserve and enhance all, or a portion of, its territory where cultural properties are found and where the architectural landscape is of aesthetic or historical interest (see R.S.Q., c. B-4, a. 84).
Historic District	An area designated as such by the Government of Québec because of the concentration of historic monuments or sites therein (see R.S.Q., c, B-4, art. 1h).
Historic Monument	An immovable which has historic interest because of its use or architecture (R.S.Q., c. B-4, a. 1d).
Historic Site	A provincial designation for a place where historical events have occurred or an area containing historic properties or monuments (see R.S.Q., c. B-4, a. 1e).
Intermodal	Linking different modes of passenger or freight transportation.
Land use designation	An expression of the uses intended for different parts of the City's territory.
Montréal Summit	The Montréal Summit was held on June 4th, 5th and 6th 2002, at the dawn of the new City. The event brought together 300 delegates from different spheres of activity to debate and reach consensus on approximately 200 priorities regarding the development of the City.

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Mitigating measures	The techniques and regulations aimed at mitigating conditions that degrade the quality of life of residents.
National Historic Site	A designation by the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada highlighting the importance of a place or event in Canada's history or cultural development.
Natural District	A natural setting of aesthetic or scenic interest designated by the Government of Québec (see R.S.Q., c. B-4, art. 1i).
Old villages	The earliest European permanent settlements, upon which Montréal's residential neighbourhoods developed and whose features are still evident in the contemporary city.
Preferential measures for public transportation	Measures aimed at prioritizing public transportation on the road for public transportation on the road network, such as: exclusive rights-of-way, traffic signal priority, road marking, reserved lanes, etc.
Protection Area	The area surrounding a classified historical monument, determined by the Ministère de la Culture et des Communications du Québec (see R.S.Q., c. B-4, a. 1j).
Public realm	Publicly owned streets, sidewalks, alleys, parks, squares and other publicly accessible open spaces, as well as public and civic buildings and facilities.
Regulatory guidelines	The parameters of the Master Plan that specify zoning and other by-laws.
Route verte	A trans-Québec bikeway, a segment of which runs across the City of Montréal.
Settlement route	The first thoroughfares on the Island of Montréal, they are also the backbone of the first street patterns in various areas.
Site coverage ratio	The ratio between the total area of all the building footprints and the area of the site which they occupy.
Street furniture	Objects and amenities designed to ensure the comfort and safety of users as well as for public health purposes: benches, litter bins, lamp posts, planters, signage, etc.
Sustainable development	An approach integrating environmental, social and economic dimensions in order to meet current needs without comprising the ability of future generations to meet theirs. Sustainable development seeks to maintain ecological integrity, social equity and economic efficiency.
Waterside roadway	A roadway encircling the Island of Montréal, Île Bizard, Île des Soeurs, Île Sainte-Hélène, Île Notre-Dame, the Lachine Canal and the aqueduct canal, along the waterside. Portions of the waterside roadway occasionally overlap with settlement routes.

Abbreviations

ADM	Aéroports de Montréal
AMT	Agence métropolitaine de transport
CAU	Comité d'architecture et d'urbanisme de la Ville de Montréal
CCU	Comités consultatifs d'urbanisme (Planning Advisory Committees)
CMA	Census Metropolitan Area (Région métropolitaine de recensement)
CHMC	Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation
CMM	Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal (Montréal Metropolitan Community)
CN	Canadian National Railway
CP	Canadian Pacific Railway
CREM	Conseil régional de l'environnement de Montréal
CRDÎM	Conseil régional de développement de l'île de Montréal
CSEVM	Commission des services électriques de la Ville de Montréal
MAMSL	Ministère des Affaires municipales du Sport et du Loisir du Québec
MAPAQ	Ministère de l'Agriculture des Pêcheries et de l'Alimentation du Québec
MCCQ	Ministère de la Culture et des Communications du Québec
MENVQ	Ministère de l'Environnement du Québec
MTQ	Ministère des Transports du Québec
OCPM	Office de consultation publique de Montréal
SHQ	Société d'habitation du Québec
STM	Société de transport de Montréal

Laws

Charte de la Ville de Montréal (Charter of the Ville de Montréal), R.S.Q., c. C-11.4
Loi sur l'aménagement et l'urbanisme (Act respecting Land Use Planning and Development), R.S.Q., c. A-19.1
Loi sur les biens culturels (Cultural Property Act), R.S.Q., c. B-4
Loi sur la protection du territoire et des activités agricoles (Act respecting the Preservation of Agricultural Land and Agricultural Activities), R.S.Q., c. P-41.1
Loi interdisant l'affichage publicitaire le long de certaines voies de circulation (Act to Prohibit Commercial Advertising along Certain Thoroughfares), R.S.Q., c. A-7.001
Loi sur la qualité de l'environnement (Environmental Quality Act), R.S.Q., c. Q-2