

Letter from the Mayor

Dear Montrealers,

The Master Plan is now the reference guide for all planning and development issues for the City and its private, public and community partners. This plan represents both an instrument we will use to improve the quality of life of Montrealers and a social contract bringing citizens together around common goals for their future.

It is the result of a significant collaborative effort between Montréal's boroughs, local actors and stakeholders, elected officials and more broadly, its citizens. Each of these groups has had the opportunity to express its concerns and wishes and to share its ideas for improving our City. They did so primarily through a Call for Ideas that accompanied the Plan's preparation and then again during the public consultation process held on the draft version of the Plan in May and June of 2004.

The Master Plan is based both on the numerous points of consensus reached during the 2002 Montréal Summit and on the opinions expressed by members of the Montréal community during the course of the public consultation process. It responds to the need to ensure a balance between a City-wide vision and the enhancement of the distinctive characteristics of each of Montréal's boroughs. It seeks equally to guarantee that future development in Montréal will rest firmly on the principles of sustainable development.

I am very proud to present you with Montréal's Master Plan. For me and all those who have worked on it at one point or another, it represents a goal achieved, a promise fulfilled and a hope for the future.

The Ville de Montréal will take the lead in the implementation of the Plan, working in close collaboration with its many different partners and with the participation of its citizens.

The Master Plan is an invitation to all of us to succeed in building Montréal's future together. I invite you to make it your own.

The Mayor of Montréal,

Gérald Tremblay

