



Do you have a plan?

As part of a call for ideas, Montrealers were asked this very simple but important question.

The new Ville de Montréal is about to introduce its very first Master Plan, and a good way to celebrate was to give Montrealers the opportunity to speak out on ways to improve the quality of life in their boroughs and the rest of the city.

Some 1,500 residents participated in the contest, and their suggestions were used in this three-part exhibition highlighting:



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Life on the human scale

Major concern of participants: improving life in the boroughs. Adequate housing, public markets, parks and quality local services. Less pollution, garbage, graffiti... Above all, participants want a city on the human scale.

“We have to work on building a sense of community in the neighbourhoods. We need the community’s participation to make sure that everyone contributes to improving the quality of life in their own neighbourhood.”

Dominique Doucet, Sud-Ouest Borough

“It’s already an enjoyable city in which to live. However, we must open up access to the St. Lawrence River.”

Pascal Harvey, Ville-Marie Borough

MAJOR THEMES FOR A NEW CITY

On the move!

Living in the city means being on the move. We all agree that maintaining and improving an efficient transportation network is a priority for a dynamic metropolis. Most participants favour public transit as the sole means to improve the quality of life for all Montrealers.

“We want to ensure consistent urban development which involves alternate modes of transportation, such as walking and cycling. Let’s innovate!”

Jean-René Gaudet, Ahuntsic-Cartierville Borough

“We can be proud of our many parks and the increasing number of cyclists. But public transportation still deserves drastic improvement.”

Julie Kiopini, Plateau-Mont-Royal Borough

Go “green” to improve city living

Improving the quality of life in Montréal involves “greening up” the city by developing parks, gardens, green spaces and footpaths. Several participants saw a need to implement a “greening up” policy to maintain existing assets and increase the number of parks, trees, green spaces and community gardens. When you think of green you also think of blue. Several residents feel that it is important to develop the city’s shoreline for recreational purposes, but also to protect the environment and enhance our natural heritage.

“Invest in facilities and lively activities aimed at children, teens and senior citizens. This could include a park featuring chess tables and safe equipment for group games. Activities to enhance green spaces also could be held.”

Denise Caron, Plateau-Mont-Royal Borough

“Develop small, quality and friendly neighbourhood parks with a main square, to bring people closer together.”

Pierre Jr. Roy, Plateau-Mont-Royal Borough

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Historic city... unique city!

Montréal has a rich architectural history with treasures that reflect a past moulded by many influences. In this new century, Montréal looks toward the future, yet must safeguard the elements that are significant reminders of its history, while promoting modern architecture. Montrealers have spoken out to strengthen the city's historic identity and to further protect the buildings that have a link with the past, such as those found in Old Montréal.

“Implement a consistent policy to protect and enhance the built urban heritage. This is one of the major challenges we must integrate into an urban plan worthy of the name.”

Bruno Dagenais, Rosemont–La Petite-Patrie Borough

Facilities are a priority!

Parents and children agree that quality cultural, sports and recreational facilities are a priority in cities.

Swimming pools, water games, ball parks and skate-parks are key words used by families. Several citizens also mentioned the major role of libraries and the importance of having diversified document collections.

“We are already living in a great city, but if I were in a position to make it even greater, I would have sports centres throughout the city and academic assistance centres outside the schools.”

Gulgan Yenlic, Mercier–Hochelaga-Maisonneuve

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What best represents Montréal?

Montrealers talk about their favourite places.

“Mount Royal is the city’s green oasis. On top of the mountain, you can see most of the island unfold at your feet. It is enjoyed by both young and old, French and English as well as allophones. It’s the most beautiful place in Montréal, without a doubt. Every big city should have a natural park!”

Étienne Laliberté, Rosemont–La Petite-Patrie

“The Plateau-Mont-Royal Borough is unique in the world. Quaint streets lined with low buildings, overhanging wooden balconies and wrought-iron staircases. These create tranquil havens, yet the neighbourhood itself is so lively.”

Chrystel Black, Plateau-Mont-Royal Borough

“From Old Montréal, we can sense the beauty and liveliness of the city. What’s more, you discover the real Montréal in these historic landmarks.”

Daniel Lévesque, Villeray–Saint-Michel-Parc–Extension Borough

“Saint-Laurent Boulevard truly represents Montréal’s multicultural character and is in the vanguard of urban change.”

Ludwig Desjardins, Plateau-Mont-Royal Borough

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Favourite places in a multifaceted Montréal

Ahuntsic – Cartierville

- 1 Nature Park of l'Île-de-la-Visitation
- 2 Promenade Fleury

Anjou

- 3 Anjou-sur-le-Lac

Beaconsfield – Baie-d'Urfé

- 4 Beaconsfield Yacht Club

Côte-des-Neiges – Notre-Dame-de-Grâce

- 5 Oratoire Saint-Joseph

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Favourite places in a multifaceted Montréal

Côte-Saint-Luc – Hampstead –
Montréal-Ouest

1 Nelson Street

Dollard-Des Ormeaux – Roxboro

2 Centennial Park

Dorval – L'île-Dorval

3 Pierre-Elliott-Trudeau Airport

L'île-Bizard – Ste-Geneviève –
Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue

4 Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue's Canal Promenade

5 The old village

Kirkland

6 Robbie-Loftus Park

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Favourite places in a multifaceted Montréal

Lachine

1 Lachine Canal

LaSalle

2 Fleming Mill

Mercier-Hochelaga – Maisonneuve

3 Maisonneuve Market

Montréal-Nord

4 Borough office's public square

Mont-Royal

5 Canora Street

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Favourite places in a multifaceted Montréal

Outremont

- 1 Bernard Street
- 2 Outremont Theater

Pierrefonds – Senneville

- 3 Nature Park of Bois-de-Liesse

Pointe-Claire

- 4 Chemin Lakeshore

Plateau-Mont-Royal

- 5 Mont-Royal Avenue
- 6 Saint-Denis Street
- 7 Jeanne-Mance Park

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Favourite places in a multifaceted Montréal

Rivière-des-Prairies –
Pointe-aux-Trembles – Montréal-Est

1 Nature Park of Pointe-aux-Prairies

Rosemont – La Petite-Patrie

2 Beaubien Theater

3 Montréal Botanical Garden

Saint-Laurent

4 Décarie Boulevard

Saint-Léonard

5 Grandes-Prairies Boulevard

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Favourite places in a multifaceted Montréal

Sud-Ouest

- 1 Atwater Market

Verdun

- 2 The panoramic viewpoint of the Rapides de Lachine

Ville-Marie

- 3 Downtown Montréal
- 4 Notre-Dame Street

Villeray – Saint-Michel – Parc-Extension

- 5 Athéna Park

Westmount

- 5 Westmount Library

KIDS AND THEIR GREAT IDEAS

Draw me the Montréal of your dreams

Our kids will soon grow up and Montréal will belong to them. That is why it seemed only natural to have them draw a picture of the Montréal of their dreams. They also had the following messages for adults:

- Take care of our environment
- Encourage public transportation
- Watch out for pedestrians
- No graffiti in our parks
- Don't drive in our alleys
- We want loads of books in our libraries
- We want to play safely

Children enjoy la Ronde, the Biodôme, the Bell Centre, the Centre des sciences de Montréal , The Old Port, Chinatown...

Do you have a plan?

When it comes to plans, young and not so young Montrealers have lots of them.



All the ideas or suggestions lead towards the same wish: improving the quality of life in the city by:

- Ensuring the presence of and protecting the natural and built environment.
- Creating and maintaining neighbourhood life with local businesses, public squares and safe, well-equipped parks.
- Developing mass transit and improving convergence between the various modes of transportation.
- Improving cultural, sports and recreation facilities.

Montrealers want a city in their image, a city where life is enjoyable and for which they will be the proud ambassadors. The concerns of Montrealers will be echoed in the city's Master Plan plan now being developed. The ideas and suggestions of the participants in the "Do you have a plan" contest have been heard and will help us to improve the Master Plan.

For more information, visit www.ville.montreal.qc.ca/concours-plan

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