

CDN—NDG BOROUGH GREEN PLAN

COMPLETE SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN 2008 (JUNE TO DECEMBER):

GOAL 1 – Ensure that the borough’s management practices reflect sustainable development principles

- The borough created a Green Fund.
- The borough’s electronic document management practices were improved so as to limit the use of paper in dealings with suppliers.
- The different collection schedules were harmonized to improve efforts to keep our borough clean.

GOAL 2 – Practise responsible resource management

- The borough acquired a ZENN electric car, the very first for the city of Montréal. It is now used by urban planning employees for visiting projects in progress and conducting studies around the borough.
- The public works unit purchased two new hybrid trucks and two spreaders equipped with a pre-wetting system using calcium chloride. These more eco-friendly spreaders make it possible to use less salt to make streets and sidewalks safer in winter.
- Requirements concerning low-flow plumbing fixtures were included in the plans and specifications for the planned *Benny Sports and Community Complex*.
- The lighting systems for the baseball diamonds in Loyola and Nelson Mandela parks were upgraded, resulting in energy savings.

GOAL 3 – Encourage environmentally friendly urban development

- Requirements concerning the construction of a green roof were included in the plans and specifications for the planned *Benny Sports and Community Complex*.
- As part of work in our parks in 2008, 75 new benches and 20 new garbage cans, all made of recycled plastic, were installed.
- 67 other pieces of recycled plastic street furniture (including benches, garbage cans and tables) were added on public property.

GOAL 4 – Improve waste management and borough cleanliness

- A program was introduced to donate the borough’s outmoded computer equipment to social and community groups in Côte-des-Neiges—Notre-Dame-de-Grâce.
- The borough continued its efforts to offer recycling in buildings with nine or more dwelling units. 1,085 units were targeted, and 102 more large rolling bins were distributed.
- 23 garbage cans were added on public property.
- The borough granted financial assistance to the Société environnementale de Côte-des-Neiges to develop a compostable waste management plan for institutions and large food businesses in Côte-des-Neiges.
- The borough introduced green waste collection in the fall, and collected 300 tonnes over a 10-week period.

- The borough held two household hazardous waste (HHW) drop-offs at Doug Harvey Arena, in Notre-Dame-de-Grâce, collecting nearly seven tonnes of HHW.

GOAL 5 – Improve protection of biodiversity, natural environments and green spaces

- 18 new trees and 625 new shrubs were planted as part of the upgrading work in Dunkirk Park and the Ridgewood traffic circle.
- The borough not only took care to replace all the trees on public property that had to be felled because of disease and age, but actually finished the year with a net increase of 41 trees.
- In addition, the borough continued to enhance existing green spaces, working on the Ridgewood traffic circle and Dunkerque and Roméo Charrette parks.
- The borough also supported the management of six community gardens and two new projects to create a flower garden in Georges Saint-Pierre Park and hold an outdoor fruit and vegetable market in Notre-Dame-de-Grâce.

GOAL 6 – Promote sustainable transportation

- The borough adopted its very first *Cycling Plan*, prepared in co-operation with Vélo Québec.
- 310 new bike racks were installed in the borough.
- Four bicycles are now available to borough employees, as well as the option of using a Communauto car, for short trips on official business.
- To promote car sharing among citizens, the borough also leased parking spaces for Communauto cars in the Bill Durnan and Doug Harvey arena parking lots.

GOAL 7 – Involve organizations and residents through environmental awareness and education initiatives

- Four scientific activities related to the green roof on the Côte-des-Neiges Library and Maison de la culture were held for young people, in co-operation with childcare centres, schools and day camps.
- Two environmental exhibitions were presented at the Côte-des-Neiges Library.
- The borough's two Eco-quartier offices conducted 510 activities and awareness sessions, reaching 13,425 people in stores, schools and other institutions.
- The borough also supported the Stephen R. Bronfman Foundation's C-Vert project, aimed at allowing about twenty young people to join in a series of environmental activities in Côte-des-Neiges—Notre-Dame-de-Grâce.
- The borough convinced all local day camps to take part in the "Keeping My Summer Camp Clean" competition. In addition, the Loisirs Sportifs Côte-des-Neiges sports camp took part in the pilot project initiated by the city of Montréal to apply 4R principles (Reduction, Reuse, Recycling and Recovery).
- 21 elementary schools in the borough took part in the "Keeping My School Clean" contest.
- The borough adopted a new *By-law concerning cleanliness*, to strengthen the enforcement of cleanliness on public and private property.
- And lastly, as you have just read, the borough has published a first annual progress report on the concrete actions carried out under its Green Plan.

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