

FACT SHEET

FULL REPORT ON ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2009

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

- Many of the borough’s departments have purchased reusable dishes, which are now used at work meetings. Styrofoam cups have been removed from coffee machines in borough offices. Employees have been encouraged to bring their own mugs to work or to use the reusable mugs belonging to the borough.
- The Direction de la culture, des sports, des loisirs et du développement social made a point of using dishes made from recycled materials at a number of outdoor public events, including Food Fest, the SPLISH SPLASH waterfest, the Hip Hop show, Côte-des-Neiges en fête and the Côte-des-Neiges winterfest.
- The Direction de la culture, des sports, des loisirs et du développement social now digitizes all documents relating to employee management (vacation periods, layoffs, etc.) and follows up electronically, so as to save on paper.
- All intake documents for new borough employees are now accessible on the borough Intranet.
- The Division du greffe has also taken important steps to considerably reduce the number of documents it prints. These include all files relating to Borough Council decisions, which are now provided only in electronic format for all directors who attend Borough Council meetings. In addition, documents of less than 12 pages are now sent by e-mail in response to access to information requests.
- The Division de l’aménagement des parcs – actifs immobiliers now uses electronic versions when sending out agreements and other documents.
- A project advisory committee for the *Green Plan* was created.
- The Direction de la culture, des sports, des loisirs et du développement social has reminded all its staff of the importance of recycling. The department also offered training for its labourers on environmentally friendly building management techniques and products.
- The Direction de la culture, des sports, des loisirs et du développement social reminded its partner organizations in CDN—NDG of the importance of holding environmentally responsible events.

GOAL 2 – Practise responsible resource management

- The Division de l’aménagement des parcs – actifs immobiliers used environmentally friendly, non-toxic materials when repairing the Gilbert Layton Park chalet, the Notre-Dame-de-Grâce Park playground and the Jean Brillant Park fountain.
- Members of the Division de l’aménagement urbain and the borough’s Division des communications made many business trips using the borough’s electric car.
- The Direction des travaux publics acquired two hybrid trucks for the use of tree

and garden inspectors.

- In its regular vehicle maintenance operations, the Direction des travaux publics endeavoured to replace certain body parts and large mechanical components with used parts under warranty.
- The Direction des travaux publics is closely tracking advances in hybrid heavy vehicles as they come on the market.
- The Direction des travaux publics acquired seven electric tricycles for its cleanliness brigade. Each one comes equipped with a carrier for a garbage can and cleaning tools.
- Showers with water-saving heads were installed at the Notre-Dame-de-Grâce indoor swimming pool.
- A remote-controlled, energy-saving lighting system was installed at Mandela Park, the Loyola Park baseball field and the Kent Park tennis courts.
- Several of the borough's departments reminded their employees of the importance of turning off lights when they leave the office.
- The borough took part in a rainwater recovery pilot project in one part of Notre-Dame-de-Grâce. All in all, 163 rainwater recovery barrels were installed.

GOAL 3 – Encourage environmentally friendly urban development

- The borough has begun building the future Notre-Dame-de-Grâce Sports Centre, at the corner of Monkland and Benny. Everything has been done to make sure the building will be LEED certified.
- Street furniture made from recycled plastic was installed when work was done in Jean Brillant, Georges Saint-Pierre, Gilbert Layton and Van Horne parks, and during work on the green spaces across from the Manoir Notre-Dame-de-Grâce, at the Monkland – Décarie intersection and at the Bonavista traffic circle.
- The Direction de l'aménagement urbain prepared a master plan for repurposing the Namur/Jean-Talon sector. The plan was endorsed by the Office de consultation publique de Montréal, in particular for its contribution to reducing urban heat islands by increasing the amount of green space on public and private property.
- The borough applied the "walkability" principle (i.e. encouraging transportation on foot) for the two new ROUGE and VUE housing projects; this will help increase housing density in the Namur/Jean-Talon sector and around the Namur metro station.
- The Division de l'aménagement des parcs – actifs immobiliers made sure to add shrubs to its different park upgrading projects. The Division also removed some of the asphalt from a path in Notre-Dame-de-Grâce Park, and eliminated the use of asphalt in upgrading the bocce court in Gilbert Layton Park and the playgrounds in Jean Brillant Park.
- In addition to reducing energy consumption, the remote-controlled lighting systems installed at certain playing fields (see Goal No. 2) help reduce light pollution. Reducing light pollution in development projects is one of the actions in the *Green Plan*.

GOAL 4 – Improve waste management and borough cleanliness

- The borough continued to upgrade and install full recycling facilities in 27 municipal buildings.
- The Direction de la culture, des sports, des loisirs et du développement social

provided collection boxes at borough libraries to encourage people to drop off used batteries, cell phones and some electronic equipment.

- The borough continued its efforts to introduce large wheeled 360-litre recycling bins in buildings with *nine or more units*. All in all, 1,976 units in this category have been targeted, and 134 large wheeled bins distributed.
- The borough held two household hazardous waste (HHW) drop-offs at Doug Harvey Arena. Nearly eight tonnes of HHW were collected. Remember that the borough organizes this annual special HHW drop-off in Notre-Dame-de-Grâce so as to reach residents who find it difficult to get to the Côte-des-Neiges Ecocentre.
- The borough picked up green waste for six consecutive weeks in the spring and 10 consecutive weeks in the fall, collecting nearly 737 tonnes of green waste.
- The borough agreed to take part in the city of Montréal's bag-bin pilot project.

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

- The borough took care to move and transplant trees during the construction work on the Notre-Dame-de-Grâce Sports Centre and when upgrading the pétanque court in Jean Brillant Park.
- The borough upgraded the playgrounds and traffic areas in the northwest part of Notre-Dame-de-Grâce Park in order to better protect the trees by leaving a buffer zone between the trees and heavy traffic areas.
- 1,114 new shrubs and a new tree were planted by the Division de l'aménagement des parcs – actifs immobiliers as part of upgrading work in Roméo Charrette, Jean Brillant, Notre-Dame-de-Grâce, Georges Saint-Pierre and Gilbert Layton (bocce court) parks and during work to enhance the green spaces across from the Manoir Notre-Dame-de-Grâce, at the Monkland–Décarie intersection and the Bonavista traffic circle.
- The borough planted a total of 380 trees in 2009.
- To protect the Marie Gérin-Lajoie woods, over 60 dead and dangerous trees were cut down. The trunks were left in place to encourage biodiversity in the woods. The borough intends to plant a number of native saplings in 2010 and 2011.
- The borough continued its initiatives to enhance existing green spaces, by completely upgrading the green spaces across from the Manoir Notre-Dame-de-Grâce, at the Monkland–Décarie intersection and at the Bonavista traffic circle.
- To beautify green spaces, horticulture crews planted 7,900 bulbs, mainly tulips, and 26,000 plants and flowers.
- The borough provided administrative support for six community gardens, in addition to supporting the resumption of two projects undertaken in 2008, i.e. creating a flower garden in Georges Saint-Pierre Park and holding an outdoor fruit and vegetable market in Notre-Dame-de-Grâce.
- The Direction des travaux publics renewed eight garden plots in the Rencontres community garden.

GOAL 6 – Promote sustainable transportation

- 12.4 km of bike paths were added in CDN—NDG.
- New bike racks were added at the Walkley Community Centre and in Notre-Dame-de-Grâce Park. The borough also upgraded the bike racks in Jean Brillant Park.

- The Direction de la culture, des sports, des loisirs et du développement social rationalized cleaning operations at its premises so as to reduce the number of car trips by cleaning staff. In addition, these reduced trips are now done by taxi.

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

- The borough continued developing a green program at its cultural facilities by creating two crafts projects (*decorating a reusable bag for Earth Day* and *the environmentally friendly lunchbox*) and presenting two exhibitions (*Journée mondiale de l'environnement* and *Le vélo*), as well as summer activities relating to urban agriculture on the green roof of the Côte-des-Neiges Maison de la culture.
- The borough's two Eco-quartier offices held 506 activities and awareness sessions reaching 13,456 people concerning different issues related to the environment and cleanliness. Efforts targeted residents in buildings with nine or more units, stores and institutions, among other places.
- The borough increased residents' awareness by creating a section entitled THE GREEN PAGE in its borough newsletter, *Le Citoyen*. The borough Website (ville.montreal.qc.ca/cdn-ndg) was also used as a tool for informing residents of various collections and environmental issues.
- The borough supported and played an important part in the *Active in my neighbourhood* campaign, an initiative of Équiterre to encourage active transportation (walking, biking) and shopping at local businesses.
- Lastly, the borough published a second annual progress report on its achievements as part of the *Green Plan*.

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