

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### **Security risks**

On Dec. 12, the Urban Advisory Committee (CCU) unveiled their latest building project for Cheval Blanc west.

The original plan was for 650 units, but this fell through when the Agence de transport métropolitain (AMT) did not approve a second transit line with train station running parallel to the present one.

The present plan calls for 251 units. Putting aside the fact that the construction will be destroying this rich ecosystem forever just for tax dollars, the issue concerning most of the people in this area is security. We live in an area somewhat similar to a peninsula — we have Rivière des Prairies on three sides with one entrance/exit, plus a train level-crossing onto Sources Boulevard.

Since the construction of Domaine des brises on the east side of Riviera Street, traffic is at a premium; Roxboro station is also at full capacity.

With the additional 251 units which will add approximately 500 more cars to the area, it will put a traffic noose around our neck. Remember, we still have one entrance/exit with a train crossing onto des Sources Boulevard and on Gouin Boulevard.

At the CCU meeting, one my neighbours, who is 82 years old and has a heart condition, asked Pierrefonds/Roxboro borough mayor Monique Worth: what would happen if there is a catastrophe that would require an ambulance or a fire truck and the way out is blocked. Will we have to jump in the river? The urbanist, Pierre Rochon, replied something to the effect; the ambulance or the fire truck would use the bicycle path on the east side of Domaine des brises.

How can a responsible urbanist reply in this manner? Have all their heads gone around the bend in anticipation of tax dollars ? Has any security study been made? All the residents of this area want to be assured that our safety has been taken into consideration. We demand an answer.

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