

## **ADM construction at Golf Dorval must stop**

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The construction being done at Golf Dorval by Aéroports de Montréal must be halted until such time as a comprehensive and transparent environmental assessment with proper public consultations can be done, as mandated in the lease between Transport Canada and ADM.

Contrary to what has been claimed by ADM, it is abundantly clear that the City of Dorval never considered designing the infrastructure around Golf Dorval to handle any industrial development on that parcel of land. This is evident because it was zoned park only (not park and industrial), and because there was already a major drainage and potable water supply problem in the area.

Both Ruisseau Bertrand and Ruisseau Denis drainage basins had to be kept strictly separate because both were beyond their limits, which would explain why the city had to build a major storage facility for the storm water in the Denis basin and direct all surface drainage from Golf Dorval toward the ponds which, in turn, must drain toward Ruisseau Bertrand.

We are extremely concerned that ADM, in order to bypass these constraints, could decide to connect all storm water, domestic sewage and industrial wastewater into the large combined collector sewer that was built by the Montreal Urban Community nearby.

If ADM does not ask for authorization from the agglomeration council, it will bring a new source of pollution to Lac St. Louis and unexpected effluence into the Rivière des Prairies treatment plant.

We mention the scarcity of potable water in this area because the city had to build an underground storage reservoir to handle the peak water demand by the neighbouring industries. We believe that ADM is making a big mistake by not submitting its industrial development master plan to the city.

We are at a loss to comprehend how ADM has been allowed to destroy a city zoned green space - with thousands of trees, wetlands, ponds, migratory birds, fauna, and two beautiful golf courses - in addition to compromising the area's hydrological integrity, all for a questionable project, the majority of which is not required for airport use.

The City of Dorval has done nothing to enforce its own zoning bylaws, nor its own urban plan, one which was adopted by Dorval in 2005 and which specifically called for the preservation of Golf Dorval as a green space. Why? This is particularly disconcerting when one considers that Dorval's total green space and parkland would drop to less than 2.5 per cent, the lowest on the West Island.

Incredibly, Dorval has recently allowed ADM's construction company to connect to the municipal water system, without so much as ever having been given copies of ADM's master plans or drawings. Why?

The Quebec environment department has not given its approval to this project. Certification would only be conferred if there were to be a zoning change by the City of Dorval (from green space to industrial) and following full public consultations.

ADM has not even requested a zoning change and the City of Dorval is on record as saying that it has no intention of changing its zoning for Golf Dorval. In 15 years, ADM has never held any documented public consultations.

Transport Canada has been misled and misinformed about Golf Dorval and the importance of our environmental concerns. How else could it conclude that there were no wetlands and no migratory birds in Golf Dorval?

Transport Canada has given ADM the responsibility for managing the environment in Golf Dorval and we must certainly question the integrity of this entire process.

We believe that it is a travesty that ADM decided to destroy Golf Dorval, because the Graham Cooke layout was a marvellous feat of engineering and construction, one which brought pleasure to tens of thousands of golfers every year, for 25 years.

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