

RE: "New train line for Mascouche is wrong track to take; The line would drain people from Montreal and contribute

to urban sprawl", Henry Aubin, **The Gazette**, Sat., Oct. 4, 2008, P.B7.

Dear Editor,

In the past few years Henry Aubin has written about the need to curb urban sprawl and to green the city.

He has also spoken about reviving Canada's railway system. Nonetheless, he continues to rail against the virtues of Light Rail Transit, (LRT), and commuter trains.

LRT is more energy efficient than BRT or Bus Rapid Transit. It is also less expensive to operate in the longer term as fewer drivers are needed. As for heavy rail, particulate emissions of dieselized commuter train operations are not as significant as road based motor vehicles.

Granted the Train de l'Est as currently conceived is not the most economical or logical way to serve Mascouche or Terrebonne.

A more direct former Canadian Pacific route exists through central Laval. But one begins to wonder if Mr. Aubin is contributing to Greater Montreal's "*immobilisme*" that he wishes would end.

Yours Sincerely,

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