



News Release for immediate release

Press Conference – Green Coalition

Members and supporters look forward to meeting journalists.

Wednesday, September 8, 2004 at 11:30 a.m.
Front Steps - Montreal City Hall
275 Notre-Dame St. East

Green Coalition delivers Open Letter to Mayor Tremblay

Greens to Tremblay: “We want action, not promises!”

Ordinary citizens are upset and angry; they feel deceived and betrayed. At the August Council meeting Mayor Tremblay reassured a long line of green space defenders who came to question period that the new Natural Spaces Policy – promised repeatedly since May 2002 – will be adopted in October. The Policy is designed to protect endangered eco-systems or écoterritoires from east to west across the Island. The Mayor also promised that before year's end \$12 million will be invested for green space acquisition. **But, other Tremblay Team officials claim the future of the Policy is in doubt;** they insist that demerging boroughs will be punished by losing their green spaces. Reliable sources say that the \$12 million budgeted for green spaces in 2004 has shrunk to just \$7 million!

Celebrity Guest!

Monsieur Frédéric Back, esteemed creator of “*L’homme qui plantait des arbres*” will attend the Press Conference as the very special guest of the Green Coalition.

Meeting Quebec Environment Minister Thomas Mulcair

Green Coalition reps are to meet the Minister in a few days. Green Coalition member-groups are excited and confident that Mr. Mulcair can play a pivotal role in settling Montreal's green space crisis before it is irreversible.

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