

**C A N A D A**  
**PROVINCE OF QUEBEC**  
**CITY OF CÔTE SAINT-LUC**

**EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 11, 2022 AT 8:00 P.M. AT 5801 CAVENDISH BOULEVARD, CÔTE SAINT-LUC, AT 8:00 P.M.**

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**RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT COLLABORATE WITH THE CITIES OF MONTREAL AND DORVAL TO PRESERVE AND PROTECT FEDERAL LANDS NORTH OF PIERRE-ELLIOTT-TRUDEAU INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, IN THE AREAS KNOWN AS THE TECHNOPARC AND GOLF DORVAL**

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WHEREAS north of Montreal's Pierre-Elliott-Trudeau International airport there is an invaluable integrated 215-hectare wetland ecosystem consisting of fields, forests, and marshes which are the property of the Government of Canada and which are leased to the *Aéroport de Montréal* (ADM) (« the Federal lands »). These lands are situated in part in the borough of Saint-Laurent, City of Montreal and in part in the City of Dorval, as they appear on the attached map from the City of Montreal dated May 11, 2022, entitled: "*Technoparc consolidation des milieux naturels*";

WHEREAS this integrated wetland ecosystem includes the ecologically important Monarch Butterfly Fields used by the Monarchs to feed and reproduce during their migration to and from Montreal, a city that has been named a MONARCH GOLD metropolis;

WHEREAS these butterfly fields have been gravely damaged in the last weeks, and the whole 215-hectare ecosystem is itself threatened by fragmentation, and ultimately, destruction;

WHEREAS, in September 2020, the City of Cote Saint-Luc became the 75th city in Quebec to be certified as a "Monarch-Friendly City";

WHEREAS this certification with a silver designation engages the City to implement at least 15 actions to save the monarch butterfly habitat;

WHEREAS on August 9, 2021, the City adopted a resolution confirming its commitment to protect the Monarch butterfly habitats and adopt measures to protect the species;

WHEREAS more than 200 species of birds have been sited in the above-mentioned Federal lands, as well as great numbers of other animals that make the 215 hectares a hub of biodiversity;

WHEREAS the Cities and Towns on the island of Montreal are all striving to redress the deficit in protected natural spaces compared to other Canadian cities, and this last large marshland and riverine ecosystem, composed of 215 hectares of rare wildlife habitats, is the size of Mount Royal Park;

WHEREAS in December 2021, the Minister of Environment and Climate Change was mandated by the Prime Minister to ensure that all Canadians have access to green space, and in particular to establish at least one new national urban park in every province and territory, with a target of 15 new urban parks by 2030;

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WHEREAS the entire Federal lands including the 215-hectare ecosystem is the last of its kind still existing on the Island of Montreal, and hence a part of the natural patrimony which merits being protected for all residents of the island of Montreal;

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DIDA BERKU  
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR STEVEN ERDELYI

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT the Government of Canada recognize and acknowledge the ecological value and biodiversity of the lands owned by the Federal government (« the Federal lands ») north of Pierre-Elliott-Trudeau International Airport, that is, lots 3, 4, and 5 located in the borough of Saint-Laurent, Montreal as well as the lands commonly known as Golf Dorval including the *Champ des Monarques*, located in the City of Dorval, all of which are under lease to Aéroport de Montréal (ADM);

THAT the Government of Canada, by way of Transport Canada, advise and require ADM to halt all and any development on such lands with immediate effect;

THAT the Government of Canada, in line with its stated objective to create or contribute to the creation of an urban park in Québec by 2030, provide for the preservation and the conservation of these Federal lands in perpetuity for future generations;

THAT the Government of Canada work with the borough of Saint-Laurent, Ville de Montreal and the City of Dorval to create a legacy for future generations by creating an urban park on the island of Montreal, similar to the Rouge National Urban Park in Ontario;

THAT this resolution be transmitted to the Federal Minister of Transport, Omar Alghabara, the Federal Minister of the Environment, Steven Guilbeault, all Federal Members of Parliament representing ridings on the island of Montreal, and to all mayors and councillors elected to all Cities of the Agglomeration of the island of Montreal.”

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