

PUBLIC NOTICE

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS QUALIFIED TO SIGN AN APPLICATION TO TAKE PART IN A REFERENDUM WITH RESPECT TO THE SECOND DRAFT BY-LAW ENTITLED “By-law concerning the demolition, alteration, construction and occupancy of buildings on the site of the former Viger station and hotel, bounded by Rue Saint-Antoine Est, Rue Saint-Christophe, Rue Notre-Dame Est, and Rue Berri”(P-07-038)

1. Object of the draft by-law and applications to take part in a referendum

Following the consultations held by the Office de consultation publique de Montréal (OCPM) from October 23 to November 22, 2007, the second draft by-law referred to above (P-07-038) was adopted at the city council meeting of June 16, 2008. The object is to authorize, in accordance with section 89 of the Charter of Ville de Montréal, a mixed (hotel, commercial and residential) development project departing from certain provisions of urban planning by-laws of Ville-Marie borough.

The second draft by-law contains provisions which, as to part of the project within the historic district of Vieux-Montréal, may be subject to approval by way of referendum. Interested persons from the entire Ville-Marie borough may file an application to require that a by-law containing those provisions be submitted for the approval of qualified voters in Ville-Marie borough, in accordance with the Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities.

An application may be filed concerning one or more of the following provisions:

- Authorize the development of the project under the conditions and variances in articles 2 and 3 of the by-law
- In the west section of the project, prescribe uses in category C.4 and residential uses (art. 8)
- In the west section of the project, allow a maximum height of 40 m, and an extra height of 60 m over an area of no more than 8% of the surface of the west section (art. 9 and 10)
- Prescribe the development of open spaces accessible to the public (art. 12)
- Prescribe building line standards (art.18)
- Prescribe standards for loading and parking areas, including a maximum of 1300 parking units for motor vehicles, and a minimum of 250 bike units (art. 23 and 24)

2. Validity of an application

To be valid, every application must:

- clearly state the provision to which it refers
- be signed by at least 12 interested persons in Ville-Marie borough

- be received within 8 days after the publication of this notice, **no later than August 29, 2008, at 4:30 p.m.**, at the following address: Demandes de participation à un référendum, c/o M^e Yves Saindon, Direction du greffe, Ville de Montréal, 275, rue Notre-Dame Est, R-134, Montréal, QC H2Y 1C6

3. Interested persons

The following are interested persons:

Any natural person who is not disqualified from voting and who meets the following conditions on June 16, 2008:

- be domiciled in Ville-Marie borough
- have been domiciled in Québec for at least 6 months

Any sole owner of an immovable or sole occupant of a business establishment who is not disqualified from voting and who meets the following conditions on June 16, 2008:

- have owned an immovable or occupied a business establishment in Ville-Marie borough for at least 12 months

Any undivided co-owner of an immovable or co-occupant of a business establishment who is not disqualified from voting and who meets the following conditions on June 16, 2008:

- have been the undivided co-owner of an immovable or the co-occupant of a business establishment in Ville-Marie borough for at least 12 months
- have been designated, by a power of attorney signed by the majority of persons who have been co-owners or co-occupants for at least 12 months, as the person entitled to sign the application in their name and be entered on the referendum list, as the case may be. The power of attorney must have been submitted beforehand or submitted with the application.

A natural person must be of legal age, a Canadian citizen, and not under curatorship.

A legal person must:

- have designated, from among its members, directors or employees, a person who, on June 16, 2008, is of legal age, a Canadian citizen, and neither under curatorship nor disqualified from voting under the law.
- have submitted beforehand or submitted at the time of the application a resolution designating the person authorized to sign the application, and be entered on the referendum list, as the case may be.

Except for a person designated as the representative of a legal person, no person may be considered as an interested person in more than one capacity under section 531 of the Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities.

4. Absence of applications

All provisions of the second draft by-law for which no valid applications were filed may be included in a by-law that does not require the approval of qualified voters.

5. Consultation of documents

The second draft by-law may be consulted Monday through Friday, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., at the Accès Ville-Marie office, 888, boulevard De Maisonneuve Est, 5^e étage (Berri-UQAM metro station), as well as at the Accès Ville-Marie office and at the Direction du greffe, 275, rue Notre-Dame Est (Champ-de-Mars metro station).

Any person may also request a copy at no charge. For more information, call 514-872-3142.

Montréal, August 21, 2008

Yves Saindon
City Clerk