

WITHOUT PREJUDICE

December 6, 2016

The Mayor's Office
City of Beaconsfield
303, Beaconsfield Boulevard
Beaconsfield, (Québec), H9W 4A7

Subject: Progress of Sound Wall Study

Mayor Georges Bourelle:

At the 7:30 pm December 19 Budget meeting Council will adopt the three-year program of capital expenditures 2017-2018-2019. Will the Beaconsfield three-year program of capital expenditures presented on December 19 include \$5 million for the much needed Sound Wall?

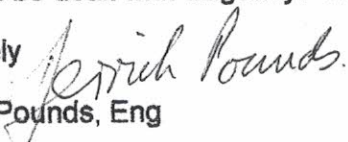
A letter from Director Fadi Moubayed, ing, dated November 25, 2015, confirms the MTMDET's commitment to building a Sound Wall along the south side of A-20 between Pointe Claire and Baie d'Urfé including target dates for actions starting March 2019 with completion by the end of 2019. We see no signs that the city is working in concert with the MTMDET to ensure these target dates are met.

The politique sur le bruit routier clearly states the MTMDET works in consultation with municipalities to mitigate noise pollution by implementing corrective measures in areas where noise levels are equal to or greater than 65 dBA Leq, 24 h. During the September 3, 2015 meeting with former MTQ Minister Poëti he reminded you, Mayor Bourelle, that Beaconsfield had been remiss in its obligations to its citizens, and gave you photographs as proof. Daytime noise levels greater than 65 dBA are common in Beaconsfield with many residents continuously exposed to noise levels exceeding 70 dBA.

We are troubled by the delays in the crucial sound wall study noting that hundreds of households are patiently waiting for action. As the City of Beaconsfield is a partner in the engineering study to be undertaken regarding the sound wall (and will in fact be paying 25% of it), why does the City of Beaconsfield appear not to have more of an interest in and information regarding its progress? Do you know why in the MTMDET's tender request, the estimated contract duration for the sound wall study is 1-3 years instead of the 1-3 months that the city envisaged?

Given the City's stance on environmental issues, the health of your constituents should be a top priority. We hear from residents of Beaconsfield weekly, and for many of those constituents, their patience is running thin. The noise level from A-20 is intensifying. This is an urgent matter. It should be dealt with diligently. It concerns the health of your citizens.

Sincerely


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On behalf of the Citizens for a Sound Wall (CSWC) Beaconsfield

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