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**Subject:** Draft Summary of Beaconsfield Sound Wall meeting with MTQ Minister Robert Poëti September 3,2015

## **Summary of Beaconsfield Sound Wall meeting with MTQ Minister Robert Poëti**

**Held Thursday September 3, 2015, at 8:30 am in meeting room 16.01**

**500 boul. René-Lévesque Ouest, Montréal, H2Z 1W7**

### ***Successful meeting with Action being taken by MTQ Minister Poëti***

#### **Present:**

Minister Robert Poëti, Fadi Moubayed, Jean-François Helms, Minister Geoffrey Kelley, Mayor Georges Bourelle, Director General Patrice Boileau, Councillor Karen Messier, Ron Belair and Derrick Pounds.

#### **1. Introductions and presentation of CSWC brief to MTQ Minister Poëti**

After introductions, at Minister Poëti's request Mayor Georges Bourelle spoke briefly about the A. 20 noise problem for Beaconsfield residents and introduced Derrick Pounds who presented the 12 minute brief attached prepared by the Citizens Sound Wall Committee (CSWC)

Copies of the brief in French were given to the attendees together with a brochure containing:

a) The CSWC Progress report March 5, 2014 to March 18, 2015 issued March 22, 2015 (seven pages)

b) Citizens Petition dated March 06, 2010 to the City of Beaconsfield and the Gouvernement of Québec requesting a noise barrier along the south side of Highway 20 east of Boul. St-Charles from Kirkwood Avenue to Jasper Road in Beaconsfield to reduce noise pollution from the highway. (Eighteen pages that include names in the petition certified by the Beaconsfield City Clerk.)

c) Sound Level Survey of residences from 41 to 79 Beaurepaire Drive, Beaconsfield Québec May 17 to 19, 2010 (30 pages in survey report plus 3 pages March 6, 2010 French and English petition for sound wall with plan for a sound barrier)

## **2. Question period and follow-up after the CSWC brief presentation**

Minister Robert Poëti although critical of Beaconsfield issuing building permits for houses close to the highway would like to work together towards resolving the traffic noise issues. He challenged those present at the meeting to agree this morning to a course of action and avoid lawyers getting involved.

The MTQ would like to avoid any speed reduction on A-20 and do not favour photo-radar for the Beaconsfield sector. MTQ sound testing indicate a reduction in speed from 100 kms/hr to 70 kms/hr would lower the noise level 4 dBA.

After some straight talk with CSWC representative Ron Belair, Minister Poëti said the MTQ are ready to make a deal with Beaconsfield and would agree to pay 75% of a well constructed concrete wall costing no more than \$20 million based on the MTQ's latest estimates.

Mayor Bourelle thanked Minister Poëti who advised that this offer was one shot unlikely to be repeated and would be confirmed in a MTQ letter to Beaconsfield. Mayor Bourelle said he would consult with the city council and citizens.

DRAFT prepared September 3, 2015 by Derrick Pounds, Chairman CSWC.