



Consensus reached regarding the use of Parc Jean-Drapeau's Circuit Gilles-Villeneuve

Montreal, June 17, 2009 – The Société du parc Jean-Drapeau will be implementing a pilot project over the next few days aimed at facilitating the co-existence of all users on Circuit Gilles-Villeneuve.

The pilot-project is the result of a consensus reached by all participants at a meeting held on Tuesday. The meeting included representatives of the *Association québécoise des sports en fauteuil roulant*, *Fédération québécoise des sports cyclistes*, *Triathlon Québec*, *Vélo Québec*, *Société du parc Jean-Drapeau*, and paralympic medalist Chantal Petitclerc. The goal of the meeting was to find a common solution that would make the use of the circuit safer for everyone utilizing it.

The pilot-project has five components:

- Circuit Gilles-Villeneuve will now be one-way for all users, including the cycling part of the circuit, from April 15 to October 30
- Circuit Gilles-Villeneuve will still have two lanes, the right lane for vehicles and the left lane for all other users (bike path).
- The bike path will be virtually separated in two. The right lane will be for all users (cycloSPORTing, bike enthusiasts, in-line skating, walking, running, etc.) The left lane will be for passing.
- New signs will be installed to guide all users.
- The speed bumps installed last week on the lane for vehicles will be maintained.

The representatives of the sports associations and federations that attended the meeting pledged to make their respective members aware of these new measures, and assure their collaboration in the overall success of the project. They will also oversee that their members safely share Circuit Gilles-Villeneuve. «All of these solutions require the collaboration of the users,» stated Serge Rémillard, Chairman of the Board of Société du parc Jean-Drapeau. "Circuit Gilles-Villeneuve is a multi-use public road and everyone has to show vigilance when using it. »

The meeting also led to the setting up of an advisory committee that will be kept up to date on the implementing of these new measures.

The mandate of La Société du parc Jean-Drapeau is to manage, administrate, develop, preserve and oversee activities at Parc Jean-Drapeau. For details on the park's activities, please visit the website at: www.parcjeandrapeau.com.