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The cities of Montreal and Saint-Lambert and the Société du parc Jean-Drapeau give a positive assessment of their collaboration

Montreal, December 13, 2018 – Following a first collaboration, the City of Saint-Lambert, the Société du parc Jean-Drapeau and the Ville de Montréal are giving a positive [assessment of the pilot project for the management of noise during events held in Parc Jean-Drapeau](#) last summer.

Representatives of each of the bodies—Jean-François Parenteau, member of Montréal's executive committee, responsible for citizen services, procurement, rolling stock and workshops, environment and sustainable development and mayor of the Verdun borough, Pierre Brodeur, mayor of Saint-Lambert, and Ronald Cyr, general manager of the Société du parc Jean-Drapeau—expressed their satisfaction with the work accomplished:

“This first collaboration was a success, to our great delight,” they unanimously concluded. “The results of the pilot project allowed us to see the reinstatement of noise limits in orders for events presented in the park, among other things. In addition to the Parc Jean-Drapeau development and enhancement project, in 2019 we will continue our joint efforts to improve the quality of life of our residents on both sides of the river.”

Recommendations for the 2019 season

In conclusion to the pilot project, the recommendations for the 2019 season made by the cities of Montréal and Saint-Lambert and the Société du parc Jean-Drapeau are to:

- Continue the tripartite collaboration and keep the steering and technical committees active;
- Adopt more detailed orders for amplified events at Parc Jean-Drapeau, which include rules on noise limits and any other relevant matters, such as the duration of events, and adapt them according to the seasons;
- Get event promoters to measure noise on and off site and take the necessary measures to correct any non-compliant situations as soon as possible;
- Take regular noise measurements on and off site, both on the site governed by the Société du parc Jean-Drapeau and in the municipalities;
- Find a better balance in the event programming at Parc Jean-Drapeau;
- Continue efforts with partners, event promoters and the university health and research community to mitigate the impact of low frequencies;
- Consider the work of the Office de consultation publique de Montréal (OCPM) in preparing the draft master plan for the planning and development of Parc Jean-Drapeau;

- Collaborate in the process initiated by the Quartier des Spectacles Partnership (PQDS) to develop sound indicators and 3D modelling;
- Collaborate with ETS researchers mandated by an interdepartmental committee to develop a guide for municipalities to plan and manage outdoor recreational activities identified as noisy;
- Comply with the Government of Québec's legislative framework that will be developed to govern noise management in municipalities.

Recap of the pilot project

During the 2018 summer season, representatives of the three parties worked together on a steering committee and a technical committee to come up with shared solutions to better control the noise coming from events at Parc Jean-Drapeau.

From mid-July to the end of September, the noise from shows in Parc Jean-Drapeau was measured using sound level meters at three locations: Parc Jean-Drapeau, in the area where the shows were being held, near Habitat 67 and in the vicinity of residential properties in Saint-Lambert.

The results list the sound data for four different events along with two other days for comparison purposes. The average sound levels recorded during these events thus varied between 75 dBA and 86 dBA at Parc Jean-Drapeau and between 51 dBA and 54 dBA in Saint-Lambert.

Consult the assessment (in French): <http://bit.ly/2QQCyHZ>

Towards 2019

The Parc Jean-Drapeau development and enhancement project will include the implementation of sound attenuation measures to better manage the sound impacts of musical events. Among these measures will be the installation of delay towers on the site of the new amphitheatre, which will make it possible to better calibrate sound according to events and weather conditions.

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