

CONSERVATION OF THE MICHEL-CHARTRAND PARK

Reaction from Councillor Colette Éthier

Longueuil, March 24, 2021 — For LeMoyne-de Jacques-Cartier District Councillor Colette Éthier, the announcement of the creation by the City of Longueuil of a round table for the conservation of the Michel-Chartrand Park is good news. The latter hopes that the work of the round table will make it possible to find a lasting solution to maintaining the ecological balance of the Park and managing the population of white-tailed deer.

“We have to find innovative solutions that take into account the concerns and interests of stakeholders, and beforehand sufficiently involve all the stakeholders in this issue, citizens, local organizations and elected officials. Let’s take the necessary steps now to make things work this time around”, said Colette Éthier.

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The City’s announcement of the creation of the round table still raises many questions. The councillor of the LeMoyne-de Jacques-Cartier District wonders in particular about the impact that the work of this body will have on the process underway for the relocation of white-tailed deer with the organization Sauvetage Animal Rescue. The organization is currently in the approval process of a protocol for the relocation of 15 white-tailed deer from Michel-Chartrand Park with the *Comité d’éthique de l’utilisation des animaux de l’Université de Montréal*, in addition to proposing other alternatives.

Councillor Colette Éthier also observes that the City's press release remains silent on selecting process of the members who will make up the round table and wonders if animal protection organizations will also be part of it. “Like all citizens and all elected officials of the City Council, I want the City of Longueuil to shine through its exemplary practices; that we are talking about Longueuil for the right reasons. Citizens can be assured of my continued interest in the white-tailed deer issue in the Michel-Chartrand Park and of my desire to find the most innovative solutions on this issue”, said Colette Éthier.