

DEVELOPMENT OF THE LONGUEUIL SAINT-HUBERT AIRPORT

Another vision is needed

Longueuil, April 26, 2021 - The Leader of the Opposition of the City of Longueuil, Xavier Léger, does not share the vision of the development of the airport put forward by Développement de Aéroport Saint-Hubert-Longueuil (DASH-L), on April 13.

Focused on the development of passenger transport, DASH-L's ambition is to attract up to one million travelers per year. But to achieve this, the body that manages the airport is counting on the development of international links to sunny destinations by discount carriers.

“Other versions of this vision have never come to fruition in the past and that is not about to change. The Longueuil Saint-Hubert Airport is subject to a non-compete obligation for international flights with the Montreal Airport (ADM). ADM will never agree to let go of its monopoly, especially not in the current context. Betting on this for the future is like planning to win the lottery to prepare for retirement. It's way too risky and it's unrealistic!”, said Xavier Léger.

In addition to the tens of millions of dollars that will be needed to finance new road and airport infrastructure, the Opposition Leader notes that the governance of DASH-L, according to him, is far from desirable standards of transparency and accountability. He also regrets the lack of a strategy to counter the undeniable noise impact that an increase in air traffic could have.

“We need another vision for the airport. A new vision, more respectful of the environment and the urban environment in which it is located. The next few months will certainly be auspicious to this reflection. If necessary, the municipalization of the airport should be considered once and for all », according to Xavier Léger.