

Opposition to the closure of the Lachine Marina

NO to improvisation. **YES** to an inclusive marina-park project.
Let's take the time to do it right!

The surprise announcement to close the Lachine Marina
WITHOUT STUDY OR CONSULTATION is unacceptable.



CITIZENS OF LACHINE

Let's sign the petition!
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Let's join together!

Peaceful demonstration at the Lachine Marina
for a walk to the Lachine City Hall :

September 14, 2020 - 5:00 pm

IMPROVISATION & INJUSTICE

Democratic deficit

Do you believe that a citizens and stakeholders consultation¹ should have taken place before the categorical announcement of the Marina's closure, and not the other way around?
Have you seen this Marina closure project in the electoral platform?
Did you know that the City's Great Parks Department's concept of a waterfront park is only at the draft stage?

Human aspect, diversity and inclusion

Do you believe that we can share the space better, that there are many parks in Lachine, and that **an inclusive marina-park coexistence is feasible²?**
450 families of boaters - including residents of Lachine - are expelled without consideration. 89% of boaters have nowhere to go: the surrounding marinas are full with long waiting lists³.
90% of the shores of Lachine are already accessible⁴ to citizens and these shores extend over 7km. Future real estate developments in Lachine East are already providing for many parks.

The Montreal Metropolitan Community (CMM) injected nearly \$1.4M into the Marina in 2004. Today, the City deplores the use of the Marina by the CMM citizens. 91% of marina users live in Greater Montreal; 80% are Montrealers: either residents (58%) or native of Montreal; 70% work in Montreal and 30% have a business there⁵.

History & heritage: Along the water

The Lachine Marina is an important part of Lachine's heritage and identity; keeping the Marina is a visionary gesture to continue the growth of Lachine and Montreal.

Environment, beach and swimming

Bank erosion is a natural phenomenon and boats are not responsible for it⁶. The Marina is compatible with a sustainable restoration of the banks which includes revegetation.



Photo: Éloïse Drouin

No environmental study confirms that the environmental assessment of the destruction of the Marina to make a riparian park will be conclusive⁷. Moreover, is it justified to want to naturalize a peninsula made up of embankment, since its original port vocation? Will it be necessary to decontaminate? Will the quality of the water be suitable for swimming? **There is no beach in the concept presented by the City⁸, and the depth of the water in this area makes swimming highly unlikely.**

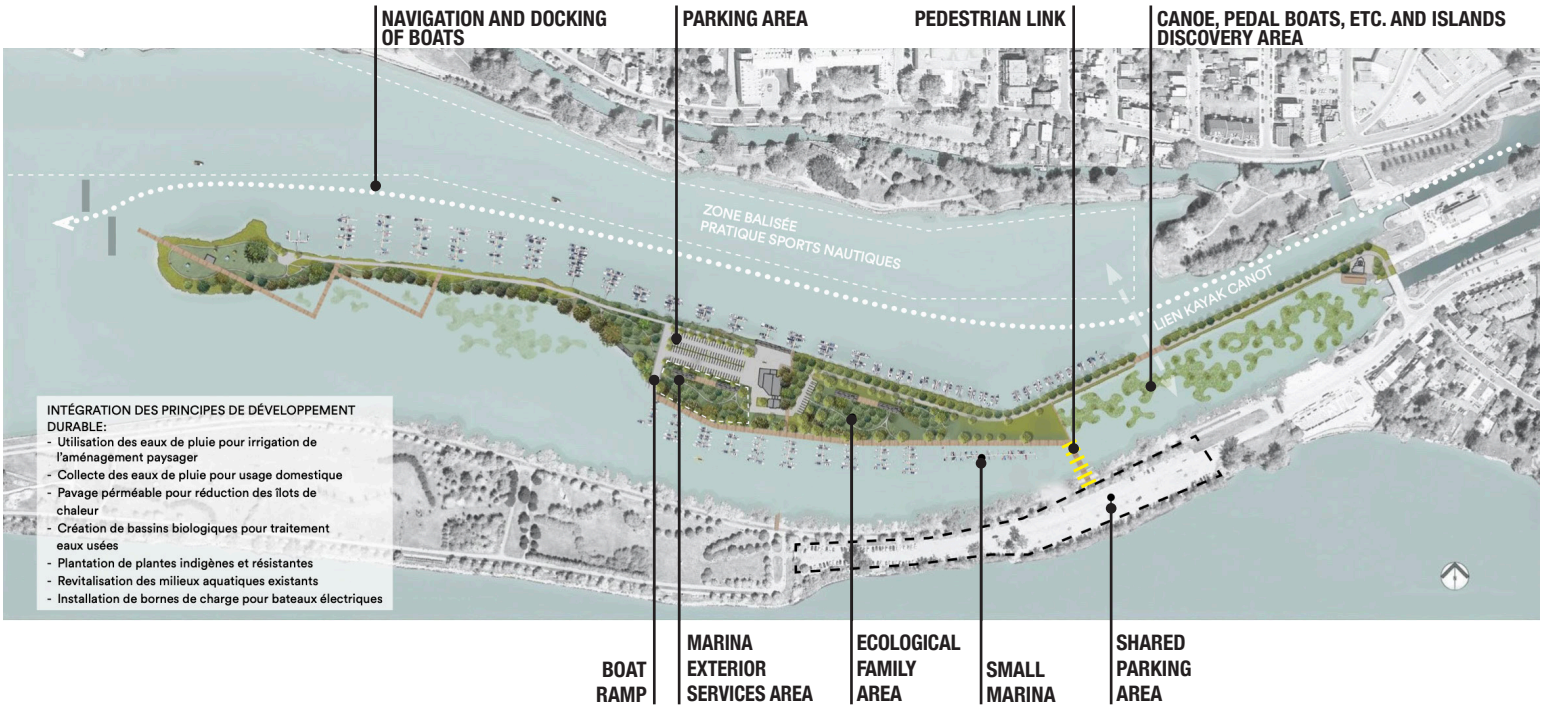


Photo: Serge Harnois

FOR ALL OF US TO SEE

Municipal governance must unite and not divide.
An inclusive marina-park project is possible towards
a better future together.

An inclusive project²



Public funds

While Lachine has nearly 50 parks, how can the city of Montreal **justify \$ 25M for a “sketch” of a park between two parks** in times of pandemic and financial deficits?

The Marina is financed by the rental fees that boaters pay for their docks annually as well as from incidentals income. The Marina generates a surplus amount of \$100,000 per year on average, totaling revenues of \$1.2M against the City’s expenses of \$ 1.1M⁹.

Also, a second opinion from a counter-expertise firm estimates the cost of upgrading the Marina’s infrastructure at \$ 5.3M¹⁰ versus the \$16.5M estimated by the City. And Boaters are ready to contribute more¹¹!

Economy

Did you know ...

... that the local economy benefits from an estimated \$ 10M¹², from the Marina users and visitors annually

... that the current administration has not carried out a socio-economic impact study for the closure of the Marina nor the concept of a waterfront park¹³?

For many years, the importance of touristic activiyy and the presence of the Marina as an urban, tourist and economic center is valued by the CMM and it underlines its “nautical spectacle”¹⁴.



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¹ Citoyens, plaisanciers, École de voile de Lachine, Club de canoë, Club d’aviron, organismes locaux, commerçants, paliers gouvernementaux, Héritage Montréal, Nautisme Québec, etc.
² Consulter la proposition d’intégration de la marina à la vision environnementale de la Ville de Montréal. LemayMichaud Architecture Design 4 août 2020 www.plaisancierslachine.com/documentations.
³ Nautisme Québec
^{4, 14} Appel d’offres public 18-17218 – Gestion du port de plaisance de Lachine 2018-2021.
^{5, 11, 12} Sondage APPPL, août 2020.
^{6, 7, 8, 9, 13} Présentation de la Ville de Montréal, 13 août 2020.
¹⁰ www.plaisancierslachine.com/documentations