

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)**

### **Pointe-Claire Village Special Planning Program (SPP)**

#### **1. What does the City intend to do with the convent?**

The Fabrique (Parish Corporation) of Saint-Joachim Parish owns the convent.

Following the departure of the Sisters of the Congregation of Notre Dame in 2014, the Pointe-Claire Village SPP proposes to find a new use that is in keeping with the heritage character of this place. The convent's new use should preferably be focused on the community, culture, or tourism while respecting its religious context. Various options that would give the public access to La pointe, the windmill and the shores are possible.

#### **Progress:**

The City is currently amending the planning by-laws to ensure they are consistent with the objectives of the SPP:

- The Zoning By-Law will be amended with the goal of merging the area of La pointe where the former convent and the windmill are located with the area where the Parish, Saint-Joachim Church, and Marguerite-Bourgeoys Elementary School buildings are located.
- The Conditional Uses By-Law will be amended to allow the following community-oriented commercial uses:
  - establishment offering products and services of a cultural, artistic, or recreational nature, or food products;
  - artists' or artisans' studio, art or handicraft shop, art gallery, or bookstore;
  - private, music, or dance school;
  - health or wellness studio;
  - establishment whose use complements the following public uses: parks, playgrounds, and institutions;
  - restaurant, café, or reception hall;
  - cultural facility, performance venue, or theatre;
  - inn, bed and breakfast, or short-term accommodations;
  - commercial building used by or for a public, community, or non-profit organization.

However, applications for conditional uses must be assessed depending on certain criteria and objectives, such as sharing knowledge related to the history and characteristics of the heritage site and ensuring the public has access to the site, the windmill and the shores, while preserving and respecting the general, religious, educational, and contemplative nature and history of La pointe and its surroundings.

## 2. What are your plans for Alexandre-Bourgeau Park?

One of the objectives of the SPP is to reorganize the sports facilities in Alexandre-Bourgeau Park, to build a new chalet with public restrooms, and to develop a multi-purpose path and a cyclist rest stop near the shores of Lake Saint-Louis that will be connected to the bicycle path and pedestrian network.

### **Progress:**

- The City is currently amending the Conditional Uses By-Law to allow some commercial uses in Alexandre-Bourgeau Park, including establishments offering sports, artistic, cultural and recreational products and services, and food products, such as a public market.
- The City is currently drafting a conceptual plan for Alexandre-Bourgeau Park, including new playgrounds, a new location for the parking lot, and a new chalet.

## 3. Do you intend to install public restrooms in the village to meet this demand?

The SPP proposes that public restrooms be installed in the new Alexandre-Bourgeau Park chalet and in the cyclist rest stop facilities that will be developed nearby. The public restrooms already available at the Noël-Legault Centre can still be used.

## 4. Will you add trash cans and planters and improve signage for municipal parking lots?

One of the goals of the SPP is to provide the village with a distinctive visual signature, which includes new street furniture (street lights, benches, trash cans, and other facilities). This plan, which was started in 2017, will be presented to City Council for approval in 2018. Planting in various areas is also planned in 2018, specifically as part of the reconstruction of Cartier Avenue.

Regarding signage for municipal parking lots, the SPP proposes to provide public parking areas with distinctive signage, thereby making it easier to access and identify the village's parking lots as part of the parking policy drafted in 2018. The City also plans to add signage directing pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists to various points of interest.

## 5. How is road work on Cartier Avenue progressing?

According to the schedule, road work on Cartier Avenue will be completed by the end of June 2018. Landscaping between Du Bord-du-Lac – Lakeshore Road and Lanthier Avenue is expected to begin in the spring of 2018. North of Lanthier Avenue, landscaping will be

completed and street furniture will be installed in the fall of 2018.

## 6. What work is planned regarding future shared streets?

The goal of shared streets is to improve coexistence between motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians in a specific area. Shared streets can include developments such as identical treatment throughout the width of the street and bollards to separate the pedestrian area from the vehicle zone.

Preliminary studies on future shared streets located near Du Bord-du-Lac – Lakeshore Road and Saint-Joachim, Sainte-Anne, Demers, and Saint-Jean-Baptiste Avenues will take place in 2018. The next phases are below:

### Spring – summer 2018

- Survey work (3-4 weeks)
- Drilling (2 weeks)

### Summer – fall 2018

- Filmed inspections of sewer mains (3 weeks)

## 7. Will signage for the La pointe Claire heritage site be installed on Highway 20?

The Ministère des Transports, de la Mobilité durable et de l'Électrification des transports du Québec is responsible for signage along Highway 20. The City filed a request with the Ministère in 2016, but the services offered in the village and the heritage site do not meet the current eligibility criteria according to section 58 of the Cultural Heritage Act:

[http://www.tourisme.gouv.qc.ca/programmes-services/signalisation/panneaux/arr\\_histo.html](http://www.tourisme.gouv.qc.ca/programmes-services/signalisation/panneaux/arr_histo.html).

## 8. Is it possible to transform the vacant lot in the northwest corner of Cartier Avenue and Du Bord-du-Lac – Lakeshore Road into a park or public place?

This is private land. Given the variety and substantial number of available public spaces in this area, especially along Lake Saint-Louis, it is preferable to encourage private development for this area located in the heart of the village. However, the SPP will favour the harmonious integration of any future project that may be developed on this vacant lot.