

Quartier Latin: looking ahead to 2017, a new dimension for Quartier des Spectacles

Montréal, June 3, 2013 – The Quartier des Spectacles Partnership is delighted that on May 29, the municipal council adopted the Special Planning Program (SPP) for the Quartier Latin node. By undertaking Phase II of Quartier des Spectacles, the municipal government has confirmed its commitment to uniting the Place des Arts and Quartier Latin nodes, which will complete Quartier des Spectacles in time for celebrations of Montreal’s 375th anniversary in 2017.

“The Special Planning Program for the Quartier Latin sector is much more than just the second phase for Quartier des Spectacles. By completing the project as a whole, it will give the Quartier a new dimension, as shown by the addition of the word ‘learning’ to the development vision, which now reads: **Life, Art, Learning and Entertainment downtown**. The planned activities will make it obvious to everyone that the Quartier Latin area is an integral part of Quartier des Spectacles. The SPP will improve the connections between the eastern and western parts of the Quartier and, by energizing the Quartier Latin sector, giving it new momentum in time for Montreal’s 375th anniversary, when visitors from all over Canada and around the world will come to celebrate,” said Jacques Primeau, chair of the Quartier des Spectacles Partnership.

The Partnership is also pleased that the SPP incorporates the results of a far-reaching reflection process covering the entire spectrum of urban life, including transportation, green space, access to new technology, culture, housing, and the revitalization of commercial streets. By considering elements not strictly related to urban planning, the SPP recognizes the diversity of the Quartier’s stakeholders (residents, students, business owners, artists, visitors) and seeks to meet their needs.

“We applaud the participatory, creative and inclusive approach adopted by the Borough before the tabling of the SPP, which will also apply to its implementation. The Partnership had the opportunity to express the issues important to its members and will continue to be a key partner with the municipal government for the implementation of this second phase,” said Pierre Fortin, executive director of the Quartier des Spectacles Partnership.

SPP details, in French, are available online: ville.montreal.qc.ca/villemarie

ABOUT QUARTIER DES SPECTACLES

Quartier des Spectacles has been Montreal's cultural heart for more than a century. Today, it is also a hub of economic, urban and cultural development, with many assets that are helping establish Montreal as a leading cultural metropolis. A vibrant creative zone, open to artistic diversity and cultural cross-pollination, the Quartier has something for everyone, from digital-arts aficionados to fans of world music. Every month of the year and every hour of the day, Montrealers and visitors converge on its 80 venues, 40 festivals and seven squares and public spaces. Part of a unique urban fabric, the boldly illuminated Quartier des Spectacles is an essential destination for anyone looking for a thrilling cultural experience. For more information, visit quartierdesspectacles.com

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