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Montreal's gateway corridor as seen by designers

Announcement of winners of the *YUL-MTL : Moving landscapes* international ideas competition

Montréal, November 22nd 2011 – The Chair in Landscape and Environmental Design at the University of Montreal (CPEUM) has announced the winners of *YUL-MTL : Moving landscapes* international ideas competition on the Autoroute 20 gateway corridor linking the Montreal-Trudeau Airport to downtown. The unveiling was carried out as part of the public presentation of the winning proposals to local actors from the fields of education, transport, urban planning and design.

This initiative of the ministère des Transports du Québec was conducted in close partnership with the Autoroute 20 gateway corridor working group, constituted of representatives of cities and boroughs administrations, regional planning agencies and provincial departments.

The international ideas competition aimed to develop strategic visions for the development of the 17 km corridor mainly composed of transport infrastructures, residential and industrial areas and brownfields in dire need of revitalization. It is important to stress that a large number of current and future projects are opening up a window of opportunity for the emergence of collaborative planning actions.

An ideas competition that offers multiple visions for planning Montreal's gateway corridor development!

At the end of the submission period, more than 60 proposals from 22 countries were received, of which a quarter were from Quebec.

The three winning proposals selected by the jury stood out by their ability to integrate all of the planning issues involved in a territory project, such as those related with the quality of transport infrastructures, living and working environments and natural areas.

The jury has awarded three equal prizes of \$ 33 000 to the following contestants:

- **Brown and Storey Architects** (Toronto, Canada), for their development of a strategy based on the densification of neighbourhoods;
- **dlandstudio** (New York, USA), for their contextualisation of Montreal's transport infrastructure problems into the North American context and for the proposed concepts to reduce the effects of barriers between neighbourhoods;
- **Gilles Hanicot** (Montreal, Canada), for their proposal based on the uses of renewable energy structures to build new landmarks in the corridor and for the development of the mixed-use urban development program.

The jury noted the richness of the competition results by awarding 11 honourable mentions. These provide new and multiple axes of development for Montreal territory.

Development visions essential for Montreal's territorial coherence!

The competition results will enrich and illustrate the collaborative process already undertaken between the members of the working group. The ideas gathered during the competition will input the development of a joint program of actions that will focus on the quality of landscapes and living environments of the gateway corridor territory.

In this perspective, all winning proposals and honourable mentions of the international ideas competition will generate an "Atlas of possibilities" to feed the discussion of the working group which already defined the design orientations of the competition which were:

- An evolving and emblematic landscape project for the metropolitan area ;
- A scenographic composition of the corridor experiences ;
- A collaborative approach to sustainable urban development.

Proposals will be publicly available from November 23rd on the website mtlunescodesign.com.

An international jury

Chaired by the French architect and urban planner **Édouard François**, the international jury members of the ideas competition were:

- **Mr. Pierre Bélanger**, associate professor in landscape architecture, Harvard University, Graduate School of Design, Cambridge;
- **Mr. Ken Greenberg**, architect and urban designer, Greenberg consultants inc., Toronto;
- **Ms. Florence Junca-Adenot**, founder of the Forum Urba 2015, Université du Québec à Montréal;
- **Ms. Anick La Bissonnière**, architect and scenic designer, Atelier Labi, Montréal;
- **Mr. Jacques Verville**, representative of the ministère des Transports du Québec.

Chair in Landscape and Environmental Design at the University of Montreal

Created in 1996, CPEUM works at the development of knowledge and intervention skills in the areas of landscape and environment. To achieve this goal, CPEUM depends on the valuable collaboration of its main partners. The ministère des Transports du Québec has been participating in CPEUM projects since the very beginning.

For this project, CPEUM has worked in collaboration with the Bureau du design de la Ville de Montréal.

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