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## Launch of the carrés verts (green patch) campaign Mont-Royal, Avenue Verte

Beginning on International Car-Free Day, 22 September 2005, the Comité de citoyens Mont-Royal Avenue Verte launched its **carrés verts (green patch)** campaign.

It was in June 2002 that the Comité, better known as, Avenue Verte began its petition for a car-free avenue du Mont-Royal. The petition asks, 'to transform avenue du Mont-Royal into a pedestrian street between rue Frontenac and avenue du Parc with space for efficient and ecological public transit, as well as room for cyclists, rollerbladers, skateboarders, and pedestrians. Vehicle crossings would be limited to the major North-South arteries.' **The petition concludes by asking the City of Montréal to hold public hearings on this project.**

Six months later, the petition's results were impressive! On 2 December 2005, 18 500 signatures were submitted to the Borough council of the Plateau Mont-Royal. We had expected that this petition would have a major impact on the Borough's elected officials; however, the four councillors decided not to listen.

In 2004, la Commission d'aménagement urbain et de développement durable du Plateau (CAUDD) was created in order to hold public hearings on the Plateau Chapter of the Montréal Urban Plan. In November 2004, the CAUDD submitted its synthesized report from the public hearings and recommends that the Borough make avenue du Mont-Royal a zone of detailed planning in order to create a demonstration project with the aim of 'favouring alternatives to cars'. The application of the Kyoto protocol and the improvement of our neighbourhood's quality of life naturally lead to a reduction of the negative impacts brought on by the thousands of cars that circulate on the Plateau Mont-Royal every day.

With the approach of the municipal elections on 6 November, Avenue Verte has launched its carrés verts (green patch) campaign. The visibility of these green patches, asks the collective question of our candidates whether or not they are ready to listen to the spirit of the Plateau's residents who are asking that public hearings be held based on the proposals of Avenue Verte!

You can obtain your green patch from (voluntary contribution of \$1):

- Café Toast-Thé, 2129 avenue du Mont-Royal Est
- The Urban Ecology Centre, 3516 avenue du Parc
- Members and friends of the Comité Avenue Verte

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