



**Chambre de commerce
du Montréal métropolitain
Board of Trade of Metropolitan Montreal**

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Ms. Claude Benoit
President and CEO
Old Port of Montreal Corporation
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Dear Ms. Benoit:

On behalf of its some 7,000 members, the Board of Trade of Metropolitan Montreal would like to express its warmest appreciation for your October 28 presentation on the Old Port's development vision at a meeting of the Board of Trade's urban development strategic analysis committee.

For the Board of Trade, the Old Port is a structuring component of Montreal's economic development and has a significant impact on the image projected by the metropolis on the international stage. Thanks to its infrastructures and the myriad of events held there year round, the Old Port has become a major attraction for Montrealers and for the many tourists that visit our city.

The Board of Trade therefore welcomes the plan proposed by the Old Port of Montreal Corporation and supports the targeted growth axes, which aim, primarily, to harmonize its infrastructures with the surrounding environment and promote the site's heritage activities. The Board of Trade nevertheless hopes that the development of the Old Port will be carried out in harmony with the orientations contained in the Vision 2025 document recently released by the Société du Havre de Montréal.

For these reasons, the Board of Trade supports the efforts and the representations made by the Old Port of Montreal Corporation to the federal authorities in favour of the most popular tourist facilities in Quebec.

Please be assured of the Board of Trade's full cooperation in this matter.

With highest regards,

Benoit Labonté
President and CEO

c.c.: The Honourable John Ferguson Godfrey, Minister of State (Infrastructure and Communities)
Mr. Gérald Tremblay, Mayor of Montreal