



Technoparc Oiseaux outraged
by government response

Description

Minister of Transport and Canadian Government reject calls to protect lands north of Pierre-Elliott-Trudeau Airport

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The group **Technoparc Oiseaux** is outraged by the government's response to **Federal Petition No. 441-00769** in the House of Commons on December 5, 2022. The petition called for the **protection of federal lands north of the PET-YUL airport**, which are of significant and rare ecological value in an urban environment.

Transport Minister **Omar Alghabra** contends that the lease with **Aéroports de Montréal (ADM)** cannot be unilaterally modified, and goes so far as to say that ADM "has demonstrated its environmental commitment by implementing measures protecting the ecosystem and its biodiversity at the Montreal-Trudeau Airport." It should be noted that ADM razed 20 hectares – 2 million square feet – of common milkweed and other flowering plants crucial to the site's pollinators in June 2022, during the protected nesting season for birds, and is being investigated by **Environment and Climate Change Canada** on this account.

On the eve of COP-15, when the Canadian government is considering officially registering the **Monarch butterfly** as endangered, such a decision to not protect the site goes against the will of Greater Montreal, representing 4 million Quebec residents, 25 of whose municipalities have passed **unanimous resolutions** to protect the area. If the federal government cannot protect its own lands and the at-risk species that frequent them, including the Monarch butterfly and numerous species of birds, who will?

- The [full text of the petition](#) and the Canadian government's official response
- The public is invited to listen to [experts talk](#) about the biodiversity of the site on **Wednesday, December 7** from 1:30 to 3pm at UQAM (Coeur des Sciences, Salle Chaufferie)



• [Technoparc Oiseaux's open letter](#)

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