

Announcing the extension of the REM to East Montreal:

The Société de développement Angus celebrates a historic decision made by the Government of Quebec

MONTREAL, December 15, 2020 – The SDA (Société de développement Angus) is pleased to announce that Quebec Premier François Legault has made the historic decision to extend the REM (*Réseau express métropolitain*) into East Montreal. The Quebec Premier confirmed the REM extension - a major structuring public transit project for communities in Eastern Montreal - in the company of the Minister of Transport, François Bonnardel, the Minister Responsible for the Metropolis, Chantal Rouleau, Montreal Mayor Valérie Plante, and the President and CEO of the *Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec*, Charles Émond.

“This announcement regarding the REM in East Montreal is historic. It is undoubtedly a major investment project that will help better position the East in terms of sustainable development. We commend Premier François Legault, as well as the exceptional leadership of Chantal Rouleau, Minister Responsible for the Metropolis, and Montreal Mayor, Valérie Plante. The REM de l’Est will contribute significantly to developing the area in a manner that promotes a social and green transition,” said Christian Yaccarini, President and CEO of the SDA.

The REM extension to East Montreal will provide the impetus required to speed up revitalization and development of the area. The SDA shares this vision to make the REM de l’Est a signature architectural project. This extension is the most sensible decision in terms of sustainable development and will contribute to promoting a social and green transition in the face of economic, climate and public health crises.

In 2018, Mr. Yaccarini launched the first public appeal on behalf of the East Montreal business community to add an eastern extension to the REM. Christine Fréchette, CEO of the East Montreal Chamber of Commerce (CCEM), played an equally important role in this initiative, uniting support from the main project stakeholders.

“The determination shown by Christine Fréchette and the business community factored into the successful advancement of the project and this development of the East. I would also like to highlight the leadership of Montreal Mayor Valérie Plante and the Minister for the Metropolis, Chantal Rouleau. In December 2018, they signed an important declaration for the East and we can now see how fruitful that partnership has been,” concluded Yaccarini.

About the SDA – sda-angus.com

The SDA is a social economy company that has been helping revitalize Montreal for the past 25 years. Its main priorities include communities, the environment and economic development. The organization has several well-known revitalization projects, including the Technopôle Angus and the Carré Saint-Laurent. This past September, the SDA announced a project aimed at revitalizing rue Notre-Dame and developing Old Pointe-aux-Trembles. For more information, visit coeurduvillage.com.

-30-

Source:

Société de développement Angus

Contact: Pierre Choquette, Vice President of Communications and Public Affairs,
SDA pchoquette@sda-angus.com
514-349-5560

Jeremy Ghio, TACT
Director
jghio@tactconseil.ca
438-407-3029