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From: Stickney, Matt
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 3:41 PM
Laporte, Anthony (SPAC/PSPC); Zimmerman, Shannon; Church, Leslie (SPAC/PSPC);
Mullan-Boudreau, Caitlin (SPAC/PSPC)
Cc: Hailé, Andrée-Lyne; Duchesneau, Olivier; Kalles, Jonathan; Duran, Anson
Subject: RE: Letter V. Plant - masks - Montréal

Here is the latest.

Adding Olivier, Jono and Anson on my end to keep everyone in the loop.

- 1) Montreal sent the letter this am asking for help procuring masks for their residents.
- 2) We understand that Quebec has offered to assist with this from a financial perspective.
- 3) PSPC officials are going to call Quebec officials to see how we can help, once we see what they say, we will regroup and go from there. It could be as simple as sending a list of suppliers, helping transport the masks or helping purchase. We will see what they want help with.

We are concerned about the precedent this will set up with other cities, but we are willing to be responsive to Quebec as always when they ask for help.

Call me if there's any questions.

Matt

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From: Laporte, Anthony (SPAC/PSPC) <anthony.laporte@canada.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, May 13, 2020 2:42 PM
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Subject: RE: Letter V. Plant - masks

Hey Shannon, do you have time for a quick chat?

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----Original Message ----

From: Zimmerman, Shannon [<mailto:Shannon.Zimmerman@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>]
Sent: May 13, 2020, 2:15 PM
To: Church, Leslie (SPAC/PSPC) <leslie.church@canada.ca>; Mullan-Boudreau, Caitlin (SPAC/PSPC) <caitlin.mullan-boudreau@canada.ca>; Laporte, Anthony (SPAC/PSPC) <anthony.laporte@canada.ca> Cc : Stickney, Matt <Matt.Stickney@pmo-cpm.gc.ca>; Hailé, Andrée-Lyne <Andree-Lyne.Halle@dpmo-cvpm.gc.ca>
Subject: Letter V. Plant - masks

Hi team Procurement,

Mayor Plante sent the attached letter asking for additional support in getting residents of Montreal masks. They've made the same request to the QC government.

We agree that we shouldn't be buying for municipalities and those requests should come through the provinces, but wonder if you could engage with your Quebec counterparts on what of Montreal needs they're going to capture in their requests and if nothing, maybe we work on connecting Montreal with a supplier.

My boss is talking to the Mayor on Friday so whatever we can get in advance to help would be great.

Thanks!

<https://ici.radio-canada.cenouvelle/1702575/masques-montreal-quebec-plante-legault-paris>

Mr. Prime Minister,

The City of Montréal is being hit hard by the COVID-19 pandemic. Many of our neighbourhoods are facing major outbreaks, and the population density in Montréal suggests a long-term fight against the coronavirus.

Faced with this situation, the City of Montréal wishes to offer all its citizens a face covering in order to limit the transmission of the virus as much as possible, but also to systematize wearing it. The City has thus placed an initial order for 50,000 face coverings for the most vulnerable people. However, we are seeking the support of the Government of Canada in order to be able to proceed with a mass distribution of face coverings on the Island of Montreal.

Unfortunately, the City of Montréal's resources are limited and the investment required to purchase hundreds of thousands of face coverings exceeds its capacity.

Many major cities around the world have implemented massive distributions of government-provided face coverings. Spain will, for example, distribute more than 14.5 million masks to the population in order to prevent contagion rebound. That government initiative is in addition to the efforts of regional governments, such as Catalonia and the region of Madrid, which will also distribute millions of masks. In Japan, the Prime Minister has promised to provide two cloth face coverings per household, representing some 100 million face coverings to be distributed. For its part, the Berlin Senate has ordered 147,000 face coverings, which will be offered free of charge to Berliners. For example, in many cities around the world affected in proportions similar to Montréal, the government is helping communities distribute free masks and face coverings in public transit systems, parks, grocery stores and pharmacies.

The City of Montréal wishes to follow the example of other large cities hard hit by COVID-19 and distribute face coverings to its population in public spaces or through the pharmacy network, as is done elsewhere in the world. However, we will not be able to do this without the support of higher levels of government. We hope that this massive distribution will be matched with the resumption of activities in the Greater Montréal area, which will help make it a success.

I am hopeful for a positive response.

Sincerely,

Valérie Plante

c.c.: The Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs The Honourable Pablo Rodriguez, Leader of the Government in the House of Commons and Lieutenant of Quebec