

# Synchronize Van Horne first, Berku urges

Traffic lights should be synchronized and stop signs removed on Van Horne between Clanranald and Decarie before any project proceeds on Fleet Road in Hampstead, says CôteSt.HampWest councillor Dida Berku.

Berku is the only member of CôteSt.HampWest who opposes a proposed plan to first replace stop signs with traffic lights on Fleet in Hampstead

Instead, she supports the installation of a new traffic light at Van Horne and McLynn, currently being negotiated with Montreal.

The first phase of the project saw traffic lights installed between Cavendish Boulevard in Côte St. Luc and Netherwood in Hampstead.

Berku said congestion already exists at the border of Hampstead and Côte des Neiges/N.D.G., at Clanranald, Macdonald and McLynn, when Fleet narrows as it becomes Van Horne.

"Let them start with [the Van Horne light], work out that arrangement and see if you can connect the two," she said. "Start out by spreading the [back-to-back] lights at Finchley, Macdonald and Clanranald over six streets. Then see how the traffic flows better."

But Côte St. Luc council candidates Glenn Nashen and Steve Erdelyi, who also attended last week's information meeting, support the Fleet lights project, saying it will offer a better flow of traffic and help the environment. —JG ■