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Complexe Dompark and the STM win Montreal's 2012 Mercuriade

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The Société du Transport du Montréal (STM) and Complexe Dompark, were the two Montreal-area companies who won awards at the 32nd Annual Mercuriades on April 12, 2012.

The STM won for proactive workforce management in public administration.

Gestion immobilière Quo Vadis won for contributing to economic regional development in the southwest borough with its

Complexe Dompark project at 5524 St. Patrick Street.

Nominated by the local chamber of commerce for bringing some 35,000 jobs to the neighbourhood, Complexe Dompark provides custom-designed lofts for 100 different small and medium-sized businesses and includes Communoloft, a business that rents space to individual entrepreneurs for three months at a time. The building once housed the Mount Royal Spinning Factory and Dominion Textile and is led by president Natalie Voland.

This award is the most recent in a long list of honours for Complexe Dompark that began with the UNIO environmental action and sustainable economy award in 2006. The project was declared the 2009 Builder of the Year by the Regroupement économique et social du Sud-Ouest and the Quebec Building of the Year in 2009/2010 from the Building Owners and Managers Association of Québec. It was honoured with the Montreal Real Estate Award of Excellence last November. ■

Five-year plan to tackle CSL city hall brick problem



By Joel Goldenberg
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A problem regarding the structure of the Côte St. Luc city hall and library complex since it was built in 1986 will be tackled through several phases of repairs over five years, it was announced at last week's city council meeting.

Councillor Steven Erdelyi said a large-scale study had recently been done regarding the building's bricks.

"They have come up with a five-phase plan to remove the bricks and replace them with newer bricks, and replace what's behind the bricks as well," he explained. "Phase A is the tower where the ventilation unit is located, between the city hall and the library side. Phases B and C are the library outer walls. The plan is to do Phase A this year from July to September. The goal is to do Phases B and C over the next few years. The estimated cost over the five years is still to be determined."

Mayor Anthony Housefather pointed out that the building had "enormous defects that were apparent in the first few years after construction.

"Côte St. Luc sued the architects, the brick company and everybody else, and unfortunately, everyone who was involved seems to have gone bankrupt," he explained. "The cash outlay was a little bit of an insurance payment, but that was about it. The situation has deteriorated since then, and the city,

the [CôteSt.HampWest] borough and then the city had not yet done any of the repairs necessary at this point. We have to start, and

we're doing it over a lengthy period to mitigate the costs. We have no choice but to start doing these repairs at this point." ■

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