Resolution 2017 – 02 Regarding processes of consultation and upstream planning to improve real estate development projects

Considering the consultation and planning initiatives undertaken in 2016 by the federal government and Canada Lands on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the consultations on the Old Port of Montreal, to establish a vision and master plan for the Old Port and Pointe-du-Moulin territory, which includes the Silo No. 5 site;

Considering the consultation efforts and ideational processes initiated by the City of Montreal following its agreement with the Religious Hospitaliers of Saint Joseph to acquire their convent and orchards on the Hôtel-Dieu de Montréal site, the grassroots initiative around the Communauté Saint-Urbain community project for repurposing of the hospital portion the Hôtel-Dieu, and the consultative planning approaches taken by McGill University to evaluate the feasibility of a project for academic repurposing of the former Royal Victoria Hospital site;

Considering the value of the initiative by the Quebec Minister of Culture and Communications, Luc Fortin, to establish constructive dialogue between the owner/investor, Heritage Montreal, the Chamber of Commerce of Metropolitan Montreal, the City of Montreal, and the borough of Ville-Marie to pave the way for classification of Maison Alcan and recognition of its heritage value as a factor to consider in developing a relevant revitalization project;

The Annual General Meeting of the members of Heritage Montreal:

1. Acknowledges the interest of such consultation and planning initiatives, which demonstrate willingness to work together and the importance of better documenting and sharing such initiatives so as to strengthen a made-in-Montreal model for development of real estate projects that incorporate, enhance and enrich the city’s heritage;

2. Requests that such experiences serve to develop, jointly with economic, academic and professional stakeholders, a made-in-Montreal framework for upstream rather than reactive consultation, in a spirit of collaboration, openness and transparency;

3. Proposes that a joint working group be created to define the terms and modus operandi for said made-in-Montreal framework for upstream consultation and project development for sites comprising heritage dimensions or issues; and

4. To those ends, offers the full collaboration of Heritage Montreal.