

Preliminary consultation report – summer and fall 2025

Background

To meet the growing electricity needs of its customers in downtown Montréal, Hydro-Québec will build a new, fully indoor transformer substation on the former Institut des Sœurs de Miséricorde site. The project also includes restoring the heritage building and integrating other uses with a community focus.

Process

Period: Preliminary consultations were held between June and December 2025.

Our aims:

- Present the preliminary objectives of the project to build a new substation in downtown Montréal
- Gather initial feedback and community concerns

Next steps

2026-2029	2029	2034
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continued meetings and consultations with local residents, experts and the general public• Start of environmental inventories: noise, soil characterization, archaeology and heritage, landscape and visual integration, etc.• Determine the footprint required to build and operate the substation• Development of a master plan for the entire site	Start of construction and demolition	Commissioning

Key themes and concerns raised

- Preserving the site's heritage, history and memory
- Harmonizing the substation with the surrounding urban environment, considering both architectural style and size
- Potential additional uses for residual spaces, encompassing existing community projects and residential elements
- Anticipated disruptions related to construction (noise, traffic, dust) and substation operation (noise, electromagnetic fields)
- Jobsite coordination and alignment with other projects to limit impacts on the area
- Nature and scope of public participation, including the request for an independent and transparent participation mechanism
- Proactive and transparent communication with regard to any decisions made by Hydro-Québec

Main undertakings

- Operate a reliable and robust power system that can meet current and future needs.
- Refurbish certain buildings.
- Consult with the community to promote the integration of uses compatible with the living environment.
- Launch an architectural competition to ensure the substation is harmoniously integrated into its surroundings.
- Coordinate the work with other jobsites to minimize impacts.
- Ensure transparent communication regarding project progress.

Activities completed



Meetings in summer 2025:

13 virtual or in-person meetings attended by over **45** representatives from **24** organizations



Meetings with local residents:

3 meetings attended by roughly **100** participants



Comment forms:

25 forms filled out



Meeting with heritage specialists

One meeting bringing together around **ten** experts