

of property now prevents this from being completed as at first designed. This structure is primarily a skating and hockey rink, which, as is well known, must have a standard length on its major axis, and this length cannot be obtained between the Stadium and Pine Avenue as at present bounded.

It has been pointed out that the concession of a comparatively small area by the City would enable the proposed buildings to be laid out as shown in red on the attached plan.

We should explain that the rink building referred to is intended also to serve as a convocation hall for this University, and is being designed by our architects for that purpose, and the purposes of a concert hall with a seating capacity of not less than 7,000 - and attention is called to the additional development of a gymnasium building to be built westward from the rink and hall building as far as Oxenden Avenue.

These buildings are but a part of the very important development of the Molson Stadium and Macdonald Park property of McGill University. The existing football and athletic stadium is one of the most important in Canada, past events having drawn as many as 16,000 spectators. The stadium is laid out for a future extension to seat 25,000 spectators and, if demands require, up to 50,000 spectators. The existing "bowl" cannot, of course, be changed, and unless we can obtain the additional space requested herein, it can be readily seen that the seating space will be very seriously interfered with.

For many years there have existed pleasant and conciliatory relations between the City and McGill University. An illustration of this attitude on the part of the University is the concession which the University made when a portion of the southwest corner of Pine Avenue and University Street was given to the City in order that this dangerous traffic intersection could be widened with an increase of safety to vehicles making a turn at that point.

In view of the foregoing we respectfully request your administration to cede to the University the property, about 12,000 sq. ft. in area, shown in green on the proposed *enclosed* plan. Knowing that it is the policy of successive City administrations to encourage and assist the educational institutions of the community, and more particularly the University of Montreal and McGill University, and having in view that the present request does not involve an expenditure of funds, we feel confident that our request can be granted.