

IMPACT OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S INTERVENTION ON THE CLOUT OF HULL RESIDENTS

So many structural problems have been created that the actual and daily problems of the residents of the City of Hull can no longer be dealt with. These structural problems are apparently turning into a war between the elite of the city with the result that the citizen's clout is being reduced.

There are so many people who are now running after power and showing off their sills in terms of planning, development and representation that the citizen is unable to make himself heard. Everyone claims to be mandated by the people and yet the working class finds itself more powerless than ever.

Civil servants look more like strategists trying to advance their positions. Municipal leaders and their technical services are constantly trying to thwart the projects of other levels of government. To put an end to these psychological wars between development technicians, treaties would have to be signed. Our Committee has been waiting for a tripartite treaty which would allow the development, by the city, of a park owned by the NCC.

Not only does a situation like this delay the realization of projects which might be useful to the community but it also keeps the citizens away from the decision-making process. We have often been told, when submitting our recommendations to the city, that the latter was negotiating with the NCC. In many instances, the city takes the view that it is more important to continue discussions with NCC technicians than to listen to the population, especially when the federal government owns the land, as is the case with