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THE HON. ARTHUR T. PORTER RECOGNIZED IN A VERY SPECIAL WAY – A MONTRÉAL ROAD NAMED FOR HIM

On January 17, 2012, nearly 300 people gathered at a celebratory farewell reception in Montreal to pay tribute to and thank the Honourable Arthur T. Porter, PC MD, for his remarkable accomplishments as the former director general and chief executive officer of the McGill University Health Centre (MUHC).

Senator W. David Angus, Q.C., chairman of the MUHC Board of Directors and master of ceremonies, began by welcoming dignitaries, including four ministers from the Quebec government and its former health and social services minister; academic, scientific and business leaders; and pillars of the Montreal community. The senator expressed his satisfaction at being able to help recognize Arthur Porter for, among other achievements, driving the MUHC's multi-billion-dollar redevelopment project to the state where the institution's dream of world-class healthcare facilities at the Glen Site has become an inspiring reality.

Dr. Yves Bolduc, the Quebec government's current minister of health and social services; Mr. David Culver, the distinguished Canadian businessman and former MUHC Board chairman; Professor Heather Munroe-Blum, the highly-regarded principal and vice-chancellor of renowned McGill University; and Mr. John A. Rae, an esteemed senior executive and chairman of the MUHC's *The Best Care for Life* capital campaign, then praised Porter for his leadership and invaluable contributions to the academic health centre, to Montreal and to the broader healthcare and scientific environment.

Angus returned to the podium thereafter, where he highlighted how Porter had arrived in Montreal in 2004 and quickly set about transforming the negative into positive, filling the organization with hope and excitement. In his speech, Angus declared that Porter was decisive, determined, refused to take no for an answer and moved boldly forward with his goal-oriented approach. Humbly referring to his own age, the senator acknowledged he had learned a lot working side by side with Arthur Thomas Porter on a daily basis for nearly five years, singling out his vision, strategic make-up, out-of-the-box thinking, toughness, determination, positive outlook, sense of humour and intellectual capacity.

After citing that a debt of gratitude was owed to Porter for his amazing legacy, particularly the public-private partnership project on the Glen Site, Angus concluded by announcing that on December 5, 2011, the MUHC Board of Directors, with the full support of the fundraising team and key constituencies of the institution, had decided to designate the road on the Glen Site running along the plaza from Décarie Boulevard to the railway road *Chemin Arthur T. Porter/Arthur T. Porter Way*. The news was welcomed with enthusiastic applause.



Chemin Arthur T. Porter/Arthur T. Porter Way is seen above in yellow on an artist's rendering of the MUHC's Glen Site under construction since June 17, 2010.



L. to R.: John A. Rae, Arthur T. Porter, Minister Yves Bolduc, Senator W. David Angus, David Culver, Heather Munroe-Blum stand with a picture of *Chemin Arthur T. Porter/Arthur T. Porter Way*, presented as a gift to Dr. Porter at the January 17, 2012 farewell reception.