



Montreal horse carriage incident a cruel reminder of why a ban is imperative

VICTORIA, April 22, 2016: Last Wednesday, an unattended carriage horse collided with a car in a busy intersection in Montreal. The horse stumbled repeatedly on his front knees before being able to stand. The car was also damaged.

Local Montreal based group Anti-calèche Defense Coalition wants Mayor Denis Coderre to ban horse carriages in their city citing regular collisions, long working hours and inhumane care.

He is considering various options including a ban.

This all comes amidst ongoing controversy over horse carriages in Victoria, B.C. The Victoria Horse Alliance recently tabled a report condemning the horse carriages, asking city council to phase out the industry by the end of 2017.

Jordan Reichert of the Victoria Horse Alliance says he is not surprised by the situation in Montreal and applauds Mayor Coderre for taking the issue seriously.

“You can regulate this industry all you want but there will still be collisions and these measures do not change the fact that horses should not be working next to cars in city streets.”

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