

## CHRONOLOGY OF PLACE NORMAN BETHUNE AND SCULPTURE

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**NORMAN  
 BETHUNE**  
 1890-1939

1972

The Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada recognizes Dr. Norman Bethune as a figure of national importance.

1976

Through a resolution of the Executive Committee of the City of Montreal, a triangular island at the intersection of Guy St. and De Maisonneuve Blvd. West is named Place Norman Bethune. The People's Republic of China donates the sculpture by Situ Jie to the City.

1976-1978

The sculpture is displayed at the Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, Man and His World and Complexe Desjardins.

1978

The sculpture is installed in the Place.

1998

Concordia University acquires the Guy-Concordia Metro Building just south of the Place Norman Bethune.

2004

The Quartier Concordia urban planning competition is launched. Competition winner, Groupe Cardinal Hardy, singles out the configuration and condition of Place Norman Bethune as the most critical public space to be addressed in the Project.

2005

Since a considerable proportion of the physical areas in the Quartier Concordia is public property, a joint committee is established with the University and the City to coordinate the development phases.

2006

Concordia delegates participate in the City of Montreal Urban Development Mission to Shanghai led by Mayor Gérald Tremblay. Proposals for the Place are displayed as part of an exhibition on Dr. Bethune at the Montreal Pavilion in Pudong Century Park. During discussions with City officials at the closing banquet it is determined that a concerted effort is necessary to mark a number of key Bethune anniversaries that are coming up.

Later that year, the City of Montreal includes Quartier Concordia investments in its Plan triennal d'immobilisation (PTI). Groupe Cardinal Hardy is awarded the contract for Place Bethune. The sculpture is removed for restoration.

2007

Concordia meets with the Direction du développement culturel de la Ville de Montréal to discuss a multi-institutional initiative to honour Dr. Bethune and connect it in to the Place Bethune project timeline. Numerous Montreal organizations agree to collaborate on such an homage.

2008

The City officially announces a \$22 million investment for De Maisonneuve Boulevard including \$3 million for the revitalization of the Place. Work is to take place over two years.

Press Conference (October 14). On the seventieth anniversary of his departure from Montreal to China, the City of Montreal launches an "Homage to Norman Bethune" as well as marking the completion of the restoration of the sculpture and opening of Place Norman Bethune - Phase 1 (North Side)

2009

Anticipated completion of Place Norman Bethune – Phase 2 (South Side) to coincide with the seventieth anniversary of Bethune's death.