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Appointment of first citizen members for the environment committee

Vaudreuil-Dorion, June 19, 2018 – During its public meeting last evening, the municipal council confirmed by resolution the appointment of the first citizen members to sit on Vaudreuil-Dorion's environment committee—Ms. Éline Steinberg and Ms. Bianca Blais-Fortin.

Integrating two citizen members into the environment committee, which previously consisted solely of municipal councillors and City employees, is the first concrete step taken as part of the new environmental policy adopted last April. The call for applications to fill these positions with the committee was officially launched by Municipal Councillor Jasmine Sharma during the unveiling of the policy.

A resident of Vaudreuil-Dorion for close to 30 years, Ms. Steinberg is passionate about horticulture and ecology. She owns a three-hectare garden called Gannaiden: Garden of Possibilities, opened to the public in 2017. A teacher by profession, she also brings her extensive experience in the field of agriculture to the committee. Bianca Blais-Fortin, 16 years old, will join the committee as a junior member. Bianca is a member of Cité-des-Jeunes High School's Green Committee, whose mission is to help ensure the environmental protection of the campus and make the surroundings greener and more vibrant. These two members of the environment committee took part in the public consultation process for the environmental policy in 2017 and were appointed for a two-year term.

"I am happy to welcome the environment committee's two first citizen members. Protecting the environment is a community affair, and by getting everyone involved, we will be better equipped to meet the community's overall needs. Involving two citizens in the City's decision-making process is a concrete way of fostering participatory democracy—a value that is near and dear to my heart. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome them and I look forward to working together," commented Ms. Sharma, President of the Environment Committee.

Another position on the committee will be open in 2019, this one specifically intended for a business owner within the territory.