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The City of Vaudreuil-Dorion establishes the Harwood Boulevard revitalization committee

Vaudreuil-Dorion, July 11, 2018 – In an effort to pursue the work started in 2014 when the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion launched a largescale public consultation process targeting the revitalization of Harwood Boulevard, the Harwood Boulevard Revitalization Committee was officially launched in the summer of 2018.

The committee is chaired by the Municipal Councillor of District 1, Ms. Josée Clément. Municipal councillors Paul Dumoulin (District 8) and François Séguin (District 2) also sit on the committee along with the Director of Land Use and Development, Olivier Van Neste, Urban Planner and Land Use Planning Consultant, Chantal St-Laurent, Municipal Inspector, Yves-Olivier Palardy, Head of the Maintenance of Green Spaces and Recreational Areas Division of the Public Works Department, Christian Janelle, Director of the Communications Department, France Lavoie, and representatives from Développement Vaudreuil-Soulanges (DEV-VS).

“This committee was created to ensure that the revitalization of Harwood Boulevard is carried out smoothly and consistently. Our role is to make recommendations to the municipal council in order to meet the objectives outlined in the Harwood-De Lotbinière PPU (Plan particulier d’urbanisme - Special Urban Planning Program). Since 2015, many concrete measures have been implemented—for example, the renovations done on the facades and buildings at Place Dumont, the launch of the Fête Urbaine (also at Place Dumont), the construction of a regional civic hub, the redevelopment of Fabrique Street, the development of a municipal parking lot on Chicoine Street and, soon, the addition of a multi-function bike path on Harwood Boulevard, between the Taschereau Bridge and Saint-Jean-Baptiste Avenue, which will help ensure the safety of its users. At the end of July, the Artefact Festival will join the Fête Urbaine just steps away Harwood Boulevard. These projects were carried out in the spirit of the Harwood-De Lotbinière PPU,” stated Committee President Josée Clément.

This committee which, for the time being, is constituted of elected officials whose districts are directly affected by the revitalization of Harwood Boulevard and the City’s employees and partners, also intends to include citizens as members. “We have only had a few meetings so far and are still in the process of clearly establishing how we will operate as a committee. We would very much like to have citizens join us. In fact, anyone who is interested in doing so is asked to contact me directly. My contact information is provided on the City’s Web site,” added Josée Clément.

Overview of the Sur Harwood project

Between October 2014 and October 2015, a major public consultation process was carried out by the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion as part of the project aimed at revitalizing Harwood

Boulevard and the surrounding areas. The Harwood-De Lotbinière PPU was adopted by the municipal council on June 19, 2017.

Five information sessions, one online survey, four participatory design workshops, the tabling of briefs by five different organizations in the region, an evening of public hearings and a health impact assessment conducted by the Direction de la santé publique de la Montérégie have provided a comprehensive picture of the territory. Involving several development stakeholders, the public consultations contributed greatly to the reflections leading to the creation of the Harwood-De Lotbinière PPU. A PPU is a component of the urban plan that allows for more precise planning of certain sectors that are of special concern and interest to the municipal council for a variety of reasons: land use and occupation density, the layout and gauge of traffic lanes, the location of municipal facilities, the nature of public spaces, identification of development partners, the framework governing planning by-laws, the creation of various programs (acquisition of buildings, grants, tax credits, etc.), construction sequence, the duration of the project, completion costs, etc.

For more information on the revitalization of Harwood Boulevard, citizens are invited to visit the City's Web site (The City/Urban Planning/Sur Harwood section).