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Mobile cameras: the municipal council confirms that the project will be maintained and applied to municipal inspectors

Vaudreuil-Dorion, September 5, 2018 – Given the extremely positive results of the pilot project targeting the wearing of video and sound recording devices by municipal patrol workers during the latter's interventions, the municipal council of the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion recently confirmed that the project will be maintained and extended to municipal inspectors.

The use of mobile cameras over the last six months has shown that interventions are carried out in a respectful manner, both on the part of municipal officers and citizens. Use of cameras also helps ensure control over the quality of the services provided to the population.

During more sensitive interventions, municipal inspectors or municipal patrol officers can turn on their mobile cameras, while ensuring that they inform the citizens involved of the video and audio recording taking place, indicated by a flashing light. Mobile cameras are used in a manner that respects individual privacy and the protection of personal information. No images or sound are recorded inside private homes. The camera is, however, authorized in common areas of buildings or on private property that officers and inspectors are authorized to visit based on existing by-laws. Special software is used to blur out faces or identifying elements that are unrelated to the intervention in question.

Recordings will be kept on a server and made accessible to authorized personnel only. Citizens can request access to recordings that directly concern them. Although cameras were not initially intended to gather evidence, recordings can be transmitted to judicial or police authorities who request them.