



Vaudreuil-Dorion

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International Award UCLG – Mexico City – Culture 21 Vaudreuil-Dorion passes the torch on to Lyon and Seong!

Vaudreuil-Dorion, October 17, 2018 – Mayor Guy Pilon and Director of Vaudreuil-Dorion's Recreation and Culture Department, Michel Vallée, were invited to attend the ceremony for the 3rd edition of the International Award UCLG – Mexico City – Culture 21 on October 18 during which their successors—the City of Lyon (France) and the Seongbuk District (Seoul, Republic of Korea)—will have the honour of being officially named the 2018 recipients of the prize.

In addition to attending the awards ceremony, Mayor Guy Pilon and Director Michel Vallée were also invited by the Director of the Committee on Culture of the UCLG, Mr. Jordi Pascual, to be speakers during the Cultural Rights in Cities seminar alongside representatives from Rome, Lyon, Seongbuk (Seoul), Bilbao, Buenos Aires and Cuenca (Mexico). They will present their work in the area of culture.

It has already been two years since the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion took home the prestigious award bestowed upon a local or regional city or government whose policy significantly contributed to building a bridge between the values of the culture (heritage, diversity, creativity and the transfer of knowledge) and demographic governance, citizen participation and sustainable development.

“Winning a prize such as this is truly inspiring and incredibly motivating. Vaudreuil-Dorion will forever remain a part of this award's history. We are proof that smaller cities are able to implement initiatives, even if they have more limited budgets. Our community's involvement has made all the difference. I am truly proud of my city,” stated Mayor Guy Pilon.

Michel Vallée, Director of the Recreation and Culture Department and initiator of the Je suis... project added: “It is wonderful to see the quality of cultural projects around the world. These projects are a source of inspiration for us and allow us to realize the essential role that culture plays in the sustainable development of our communities.”

Mayor Guy Pilon and Michel Vallée will be back in Vaudreuil-Dorion on October 21.