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Recreational and Sports Infrastructure Financial Assistance Program : City of Vaudreuil-Dorion ready to submit a request for the Aquatics Complex project

Vaudreuil-Dorion, November 25, 2019 – On November 8th, the Quebec government announced the launch of the call for projects under the Recreational and Sports Infrastructure Financial Assistance Program (PAFIRS). The City of Vaudreuil-Dorion is very pleased with this announcement and is looking forward to submitting an application for financial support by February 2020, towards the construction of its Aquatics Complex project.

The PAFIRS aims to ensure the availability of well-kept recreational and sports infrastructures in all regions of Quebec and increase public access to these infrastructures by funding projects in the areas of construction, development, renovation, refurbishment, expansion or redevelopment. The plan to build an Aquatics Complex in the future Municipal Hub meets the requirements of this program.

At the regular meeting held on November 18th, City Council passed a resolution stating that "the City agrees to carry out the work outlined in the request, to assume its share of eligible costs associated to the project as well as any related ongoing operating costs, to bear the cost of any increase in the operating budget generated by the project and avoid awarding any contracts related to direct costs prior to receiving a written announcement from the Minister".

"We are aware that the Aquatics Complex is highly anticipated by the population. Knowing this, in 2018, we began meeting with the associations involved in aquatics in order to learn more about their needs. The City is working with experts specialized in the design of Aquatic Centers in terms of the functional and technical plan, which will be submitted to the Municipal Council in the coming weeks. We wanted to be ready to apply for a grant as soon as a government program became available," said Mayor Guy Pilon.

The Aquatics Complex, which has been planned for in the Municipal Hub project on Émile-Bouchard Street, and which carries an estimated budget of $30 million, could be eligible for a $20 million grant. This funding includes contributions from the governments of Quebec and Canada.