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## **Sur Harwood: The City of Vaudreuil-Dorion introduces a financial incentive program to promote the regeneration of the Harwood–De Lotbinière sector**

**Vaudreuil-Dorion, March 3, 2020** – During a regular session held last night, the Municipal Council of the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion adopted Bylaw no. 1790, decreeing a financial incentive program for buildings identified in the Special Planning Program (PPU) targeting the Harwood–De Lotbinière sector. The introduction of the various measures outlined in this program is aimed at stimulating the economy, fostering development and promoting the regeneration of this sector.

The new program applies to residential buildings with six or more units, commercial buildings or mixed-use buildings. It consists of a five-year tax credit for homeowners who have carried out work related to:

- The construction of a new main building following the demolition of an existing main building;
- The construction of a new main building on a vacant lot;
- The expansion of an existing main building;
- The renovation or transformation of an existing main building.

"The vitality of the Harwood–De Lotbinière area, as well as the quality of life experienced by people living nearby, is of utmost concern to the City Council. Revitalizing an area of this size takes time. Over the years, several improvements were made, both by the City and by merchants. We must continue our efforts in this direction. That's why we've adopted this financial incentive program, which we strongly encourage homeowners to take advantage of", said Mayor Guy Pilon.

To benefit from this financial assistance, owners of buildings located on the territory included in the Harwood–De Lotbinière Special Planning Program must submit a request to the Land Use Department at the time of applying for a permit to carry out the work. Authorization for the tax credit will be recommended by the Department once inspection of the work performed shows that it complies with the original request. It should be noted that the request must be tabled and approved by December 31, 2023 and the work must allow an increase of at least \$100,000 in the value entered on the assessment roll. The basic tax credit is 60% and may be greater if the work meets with a variety of conditions, such as the integration of vertical mixed use (commercial ground floor with apartments above), obtaining LEED status, creating an underground parking lot, etc.

Merchants and owners of commercial buildings in the identified sector will soon receive an invitation to attend a follow-up meeting about the revitalization project at which time this program will be presented to them, among other things.

Bylaw no. 1790 may be found on the City's website. For more information, those interested are urged to contact the Land Use Department at 450-455-3371, Ext. 2023.

### **About the Harwood–De Lotbinière Special Planning Program**

Between October 2014 and October 2015, the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion undertook an extensive public consultation process as part of the Harwood Boulevard and surrounding area revitalization project. The Harwood–De Lotbinière Special Planning Program was adopted in the summer of 2017, along with the amendment of planning regulations in order to incorporate the vision for the area's development. Since then, many actions have been taken by the City, its partners and the merchants in the area towards its revitalization.