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## A New High School Planned for the Harwood - De Lotbinière Area

**Vaudreuil-Dorion, June 25, 2020** – The City of Vaudreuil-Dorion is pleased to confirm the start of preparatory work for the construction of a new high school in the Harwood-De Lotbinière area - an area that had been identified for upgrading purposes and for which a Special Development Program (programme particulier d'urbanisme – PPU) was adopted in 2017. The site chosen for the future school, which covers an area of 79,700 m<sup>2</sup>, is located along the extensions of Rue Chenonceau and Rue Clichy.

On June 19, 2019, the government granted approval to conduct a study of the project, which is the first step towards the construction of a new school that will create 1,260 spots for students on the territory of Vaudreuil-Dorion. Thanks to its beauty and vitality, the city of Vaudreuil-Dorion has experienced a significant rise in population over the past 25 years, increasing from 18,595 to 41,019 residents (1995 to 2020). This has been partly due to a very high birth rate. In fact, if the trend continues, by 2031 there will be an increase in population mainly in the Harwood-De Lotbinière area, which is why the City adopted a PPU in 2017 which focuses primarily on this area.

«In recent years, several elementary schools have been built in Vaudreuil-Dorion in response to the growth of the City and the high birth rate. That generation is now slowly moving towards high school, which makes this construction project a very welcome one. The choice of location in the Dorion sector fits in perfectly with the revitalization work that has been taking place there for some years now,» commented Mayor Guy Pilon.

At the moment, most of the elementary schools, as well as the Cité-des-Jeunes high school, are located in the central and northern parts of the City, resulting in difficult active transportation for the people located south of the city. Moreover, the central and northern areas of the City no longer have available and suitable land for the construction of a high school. City and School Board officials jointly determined that the Harwood-De Lotbinière area was the sensible choice for the new high school.