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## The City of Vaudreuil-Dorion Invites Citizens to Speak out on Issues Related to Family and Seniors

**Vaudreuil-Dorion, August 19, 2020** – As part of the framework for its first-ever Family Policy, which includes obtaining recognition as an Age-Friendly Municipality (MADA), the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion is interested in knowing what challenges are being faced by families and seniors in the community. As a means to gain access to this information, the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion is asking citizens of all ages to complete an online survey, currently available on the City's website in French and English, at [ville.vaudreuil-dorion.qc.ca](http://ville.vaudreuil-dorion.qc.ca).

Work surrounding the development of the first-ever Family Policy for the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion began in January. A Steering Committee was established made up of elected officials and municipal employees, citizens, and professionals from the health, education, and community sectors to engage in this wide-ranging reflection exercise. Throughout this process, the City is also being assisted by Carrefour action municipale et famille, a non-profit organization committed to the promotion, implementation, support and monitoring of municipal family policies. It also receives financial support from the Quebec government.

"As Chair of the Family Policy Steering Committee, I invite you to complete the online survey to let us know what your issues are regarding matters related to family and seniors in our community. Your contribution is essential and will help us produce a policy that reflects your concerns and the reality of the citizens living in Vaudreuil-Dorion," said Councillor Diane Morin.

### Age-friendly Municipality (MADA)

In parallel with the development of the Family Policy, the City is working to obtain recognition as an Age-friendly Municipality (MADA). The goal of such a municipality is to:

- Stop ageism
- Adapt its policies, services and structures
- Act in a comprehensive and integrated manner
- Encourage the participation of seniors
- Rely on the collaboration and support of the entire community.

In addition to the online survey, teams will be sent out to meet with people from different backgrounds to learn about their issues and concerns. "It's important for us to have an overall picture of the situation. We are going to make sure we reach the whole population, that is, our young

families as well as our teenagers, our seniors and our newcomers," commented Chloé Marcil, Head of the Culture and Community Life Department.

In concrete terms, the Family Policy will serve to guide the City's actions in a spirit of cooperation with organizations to promote the well-being of the population. The goal is to launch this new policy to coincide with Quebec Family Week next year.