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City of Vaudreuil-Dorion Calls on Government to Speed up Connection to High-speed Internet

Vaudreuil-Dorion, March 2, 2021 – Last night, the Municipal Council of Vaudreuil-Dorion passed a resolution supporting the efforts taken by the MRC of Vaudreuil-Soulanges to call upon both levels of government to do everything possible to speed up the connection process to high-speed Internet for all citizens.

Currently, telecommunications service providers are under no obligation to serve all homes on the territory in spite of the subsidies they receive. On their side, smaller companies operating in the field encounter difficulties when attempting to carry out connection work because of the delays and costs associated with access to poles belonging to other telecommunications service providers. As a result of this impasse, more than 2,200 homes in the MRC of Vaudreuil-Soulanges are unable to connect to high-speed Internet.

"It is not normal in 2021 for citizens to be unable to have access to high-speed internet. Vaudreuil-Dorion is located less than 30 km from Quebec's largest city, yet about 50 homes do not have the ability to obtain effective telecommunications services," said Mayor Guy Pilon. "Access to high-speed internet is a necessity. Students are taking their courses remotely and people have been working from home for almost a year! Not to mention that we are multiplying initiatives to encourage local e-commerce."

The City is therefore happy to lend its support to the MRC in its request to the federal government and the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Council (CRTC) to do all they can, and act with the utmost urgency, to accelerate connection to high-speed Internet and access to poles for medium and small service providers while also encouraging competition in the telecommunications industry. The City also supports the MRC in its request to the provincial government to fund as many projects as possible geared towards providing access to high-speed internet for all residents within the territory.