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Vaudreuil-Dorion launches its Family and Seniors Policy

Vaudreuil-Dorion, May 13, 2021 – In recognition of Quebec Family Week, the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion is proud to be launching its Family and Seniors Policy entitled *Habitée par ses générations*. This document, which includes 32 concrete actions to be carried out over the next five years, is the result of a colossal amount of work accomplished over a period of almost two years by a steering committee chaired by City Councillor Diane Morin.

While families have always been at the heart of the City Council and the Administration's concerns, this policy offers a way to formalize the various actions that will continue to be performed in addition to the new actions that will be implemented. The goal was to build a concerted reference framework to introduce measures designed to meet the evolving needs of a diverse population. The City felt it was important to prioritize the development of children and teenagers within their community, to provide support to parents, and to help seniors stay active and able to continue living in their own homes. The tool that was developed will also serve to foster collaboration between community partners while promoting intergenerational solidarity. It was with these goals in mind that the City undertook the task of creating a Family Policy that aligned with the MADA Age-Friendly City concept (*Municipalité amie des aînés*), since in the eyes of the municipal government, both approaches naturally tied in with each other.

"The City chose to take a participatory and collaborative approach for the development of its Family and Seniors Policy. It is thanks to all the people who took part in the various consultations, including the survey, that such a realistic picture of the needs of Vaudreuil-Dorion's citizens was able to be drawn. Thank you all for your involvement!", said Mayor Guy Pilon.

"Having worked with Early Childhood for more than 30 years in addition to being in contact on a regular basis with the community agencies of Vaudreuil-Dorion, it was important for me, as a City Councillor, to lead the project surrounding the Family and Seniors Policy. All 32 actions that make up the policy were taken from the biggest concerns expressed by the different sectors. The action plan for the next five years is therefore representative of all our citizens," added Councillor Diane Morin.

Citizens are invited to consult the Family and Seniors Policy on the City's website at ville.vaudreuil-dorion.qc.ca, in the Municipal Policies section.

Famili: A game inspired by the politycy

In an effort to promote effective communication and democratization, and the adoption of the policy by the families and seniors of Vaudreuil-Dorion, a board game was developed in collaboration with Philippe Corriveau of Tofubox. The board game, entitled *Famili*, provides players with

a fun and playful way to address the major themes included in the Family and Seniors Policy, as well as its associated action plan. The game will be included in the municipal bulletin, *Le Trait d'Union*, and distributed to all homes at the beginning of June. A deluxe edition of the game will also soon be available for borrowing at the municipal library.

The Vaudreuil-Dorion Family and Seniors Policy, as well as the MADA Accreditation Process, were made possible thanks to financial support from the Ministère de la Famille et du Secrétariat aux aînés. The municipal administration also benefited from technical support provided by l'Espace Muni. The development of this policy stems from the wish to “encourage the participation of all to the well-being of all” (*Susciter la participation de tous au mieux-être collectif*) and is part of the 2020-2025 Strategic Plan entitled *Habité par ma ville!*

