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## A first community forum in Vaudreuil-Dorion

**Vaudreuil-Dorion, November 17, 2021** – The very first community forum organized by the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion was held today at Opticentre St-Jean-Baptiste under the theme *Les relations intergénérationnelles : ce qui nous rassemble!* (Intergenerational Relations: What Brings Us Together!). A group of around fifty people attended the event, including members of community organizations, municipal employees and partners in the health, education, public safety and retirement home sectors. Diane Morin - Municipal Councillor and Chair of the Steering Committee for the Family and Seniors policy, and Marie-Claude Nichols - Member of the National Assembly for Vaudreuil, also took part in the community forum.

The objective of such a forum is to encourage contacts between local organizations and members of the municipal administration in order to better serve the various clienteles of Vaudreuil-Dorion. "The public consultations, along with the work carried out by the Steering Committee for the Family and Seniors policy highlighted the importance of supporting the community by creating networking opportunities. This initiative will make it possible for us to develop concrete tools to promote motivation, commitment and social cohesion in a multigenerational environment," said Chloé Marcil, Head of the Culture and Community Life Division at the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion.

In her opening statement to the forum, Speaker Josée Garceau set the table by addressing the characteristics of the different generations and the ways we can facilitate their coexistence within society while promoting citizen participation. Following the networking events and the sharing of good practices, Célia Corriveau, from the social innovation laboratory at the Pôle d'économie sociale de la Vallée-du-Haut-Saint-Laurent, led a thought-to-action workshop entitled *La ville parfaite pour nous* (The Perfect City for us), during which participants were invited to reflect on actions to promote the development of intergenerational relations. Throughout the day, artist Madeleine Turgeon played the role of graphic facilitator by using her art to express the concerns, discussions and new ideas that emerged from the conferences and workshops. The resulting participatory artwork will serve as a reminder of this very first edition of the community forum.

It should be noted that this event was made possible thanks to the active involvement of the members of the programming committee: Karine Daigle and Marie-Chantal Vigneault Hamel - community organizers at the Centre intégré de santé et de services sociaux de la Montérégie-Ouest, Marie-Christine Floch - Executive Director of the Grand rassemblement des Aînés de Vaudreuil et Soulanges, Judith Girouard - Executive Director of the Comité Jeunesse La Presqu'île, Pascale Lauzon - Coordinator of Socio-Community Development at the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion, and France Pomminville, Executive Director of the Maison de la Famille Vaudreuil-Soulanges.