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## Environment: New subsidy to promote the purchase of electric vehicles

**Vaudreuil-Dorion, January 14, 2022 –** On January 1st, 2022, the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion made certain changes to its environmental subsidy plan, including an offer of reimbursement for the purchase and installation of charging stations for electric vehicles.

Residents of Vaudreuil-Dorion are now eligible to receive \$150 towards the purchase and installation of an electric vehicle charging station for home use made in 2022, for a maximum of one charging station per address. The implementation of this financial assistance aims to encourage the population to acquire an electric vehicle, which reduces the amount of greenhouse gases emitted into the atmosphere by 80% compared to a gas-powered car.

## Radon detectors and ash tree cutting

Some changes have been made to a few other subsidies including radon detectors. From now on, people who wish to obtain a detector will be asked to purchase it online on the City's website as of September 6th, 2022. The items will be available for pick-up on the following dates: October 5th, November 5th, and December 5th.

In addition, the *Verdissons Vaudreuil-Dorion* component of the tree planting project now allows for the reimbursement of three trees per address per year. Also, the list of species eligible for the tree planting subsidy has been upgraded, both for this component and the component entitled *Une naissance, un arbre*. Please note that to qualify for the subsidy involving the cutting of ash trees affected by the ash borer, citizens must agree to plant a new medium to large-growing tree which is included in the predetermined list of specific species available on the City's website.

## Review of the year 2021

Approximately 440 environmental subsidies were awarded in 2021. Added to this was the distribution of 274 radon detectors. Some of the most popular subsidies requested included bicycles and accessories, tree planting and zero-waste everyday products. Since 2016, over 2,000 subsidies including radon detectors, have been handed out to the population of Vaudreuil-Dorion.

To learn more about the environmental subsidies offered by the City, as well as the eligibility requirements, citizens are invited to consult the City's website. It is also possible to contact the Environmental department for any questions at 450 455-3371, option 1.