



Vaudreuil-Dorion

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Le 405 a finalist for the *Mérite Ovation Municipale* award

Vaudreuil-Dorion, February 22, 2022 – The City of Vaudreuil-Dorion is pleased to announce that Le 405 project has been selected as a finalist for the UMQ's (*Union des municipalités du Québec*) *Mérite Ovation municipale* award, in the COVID-19 category.

26 projects were selected among the 82 submitted and were grouped into 9 separate categories. The projects were evaluated according to the following criteria: Innovative nature of the project in terms of approach and results, potential/sustainability in terms of transfer or adaptability of the project, impact of the project on the community, level of optimization and mobilization of resources, impacts with regard to the fight against climate change (if applicable).

The City of Vaudreuil-Dorion gave life to Le 405 urban park in the summer of 2021 in response to the cancellation of the Festival de Cirque and part of the City's normal summer programming, for the second year. The goal was to break isolation and give hope to citizens by creating a destination where they could relax, have fun and meet with other people while complying with the sanitary measures in force at the time. Le 405 was an immediate hit with the public, which led to the summer programming being extended until October. In a certain way, this venue has become the 2021 version of the official meeting place for many people, all generations considered.

Mayor Guy Pilon would like to congratulate all the City teams who contributed to the project in one way or another: "Since March 2020, our employees have demonstrated a significant level of adaptation and creativity, and Le 405, which has been a huge success with our citizens, is solid proof of that. Only a few months elapsed between the conception of the project and the opening of the park to the public. Well done! I am proud that this project is being recognized by our UMQ peers and I look forward to them having the opportunity to visit our booth to learn more during the annual UMQ event."

Le 405 will be presented at the *Pavillon de l'innovation municipale québécoise* on the occasion of the 100th edition of *Les Assises de l'UMQ*, which will be held on May 12th and 13th at the Centre des congrès de Québec.