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5th Edition of the International Award UCLG – Mexico City – Culture 21: Vaudreuil-Dorion crosses the first stage of selection

Vaudreuil-Dorion, May 13, 2022 – The City of Vaudreuil-Dorion is pleased to announce that it has been selected as one of the 50 cities around the world who will be part of the remaining process towards obtaining an award in connection with the 5th Edition of the International Award UCLG - Mexico City – Culture 21. A total of 101 cities, local or regional governments submitted their applications last April. The winners will be announced in June, following the second stage of the selection process.

This 5th edition of the International Award UCLG – Mexico City – Culture 21 recognizes cities and personalities who have excelled in promoting cultural rights in the context of the Covid-19 crisis and the post-pandemic recovery, or who have promoted culture as an important part of the caring system.

"It is truly a source of pride for us that Vaudreuil-Dorion is once again recognized by UCLG for its contribution to culture. In the context of the pandemic, the teams have shown great creativity in providing high level cultural offerings to our citizens: Broadcasting the *Rythmes d'été* series of Summer concerts live via the Réseau Mozaïk network, creative projects to do from home, outdoor art exhibitions... Our seniors were even able to attend singing performances from the balconies in their Homes," commented Mayor Guy Pilon.

In 2010, the Je suis... project made its first appearance. The goal: to rely on culture to create a sense of belonging and foster the emergence of a close community, a community proud of its environment where diversity is considered an asset. The project was awarded the International Award UCLG – Mexico City – Culture 21 in 2016. The City of Vaudreuil-Dorion was also named a Pilot City for Agenda 21 for Culture - United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) in 2014, followed by the nomination as a Model City in 2015.

Since 2019, the Je suis... project has quietly given way to the Réseau Mozaïk project, the cultural news broadcaster of Vaudreuil-Dorion, which collects and disseminates the entire territory's cultural offerings through a common cultural agenda while also making available to citizens a newspaper, podcasts, videos and soon, even a caravan.