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Drinking water consumption: a new monitoring tool is added to the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion's website

Vaudreuil-Dorion, May 25, 2022 – A brand new interactive tool has just been made available on-line on the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion's website, on the home page, to observe how much drinking water is being consumed by homes served by the municipal water system over a period of 12 months. This tool builds on the first graph, which provides it with the quantity of water consumed in the last 24 hours, and the goal is to make the public aware of the importance of protecting water and avoiding wastage.

"Water waste is seen everywhere in Quebec. All cities are working to raise awareness about responsible consumption at this time of year. We wanted to be totally honest by showing the figures, which speak for themselves. I urge all citizens to visit the website to see for themselves the effects of watering lawns and wasting drinking water," said Mayor Guy Pilon.

This new graph clearly shows the peaks that are reached in terms of drinking water consumption during the summer season. For example, on May 14th, a total of 20,962m³ of water was distributed by the filtration plant. This is more than double the consumption in winter. Please note that the peak consumption observed on March 6th, 2022 relate to a major watermain break in the Vaudreuil sector before the leak was quickly repaired by the teams from the Public Works Department.

The City of Vaudreuil-Dorion keeps multiplying its efforts, year after year, to raise awareness about the responsible use of drinking water. On May 16th, the municipal council adopted a brand new By-law on the protection of water resources, under which, among other things, fines for abusive watering will be twice the amount of those included in the earlier regulation, and will range between \$500 to \$1,000 for an individual and \$1,000 to \$2,000 for a company.

Lawn watering accounts for up to 50% of residential drinking water consumption throughout Quebec.