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The City of Vaudreuil-Dorion receives recognition as an “Age-friendly municipality”

Vaudreuil-Dorion, July 12, 2022 – The City of Vaudreuil-Dorion is proud to announce it has recently obtained recognition as an “Age-Friendly Municipality” (*MADA – municipalités amies des aînés*) following the steps taken to that effect and through its work on the Family and Seniors Policy. This designation is valid for the duration of the policy’s action plan, or until 2025.

The MADA recognition highlights the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion’s commitment towards seniors and the importance of helping them thrive and stay active in their communities. It is proof of the quality of the community’s approach and efforts to meet the challenges associated with an ageing population by promoting a culture of social inclusion for seniors and by proposing sustainable and concrete solutions aimed at their well-being. It also highlights the importance of the consultation and concertation work accomplished to date, both with the goal of encouraging the participation of seniors in decisions that affect them and supporting their desire to remain active for as long as possible.

"It was essential for us that our seniors be an integral part of our family policy, and it is why we chose to include them in the name of the policy, which is called *Politique familiale et des aînés : Habitée par ses générations*. In Vaudreuil-Dorion, it is common to see generations living side by side as both daycares and retirement homes continue to multiply. We have been successful in making it possible for all generations to flourish in our city. Obtaining MADA recognition simply confirms our commitment to our senior population," said Mayor Guy Pilon.

Intergeneration is at the heart of the City’s concerns. This topic was especially on display at the first community forum held last November. An intergenerational team comprised of representatives from different organizations and community partners was also set up following this event. This team was given the mandate to implement a new method of integrating intergenerational relations as a reflex in matters related to municipal and community development.

In recent years, several initiatives have been led or supported by the City to promote the well-being of seniors in the community, including handing out greeting cards for the Holiday season, care calls and book deliveries by the library during the COVID-19 lockdown, not to mention sports, cultural and recreational activities aimed specifically at this clientele. Other projects will be launched in the coming months, including the Cultural Passport, a program whose goal is to introduce people to different artistic disciplines, and is scheduled to be offered to seniors this fall.