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## **Écoprojets Community Fund: the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion awards a grant to three organizations to support their project**

**Vaudreuil-Dorion, July 13, 2022** – During the public session held on July 4th, 2022, City Council awarded a grant to three organizations within the framework of the *Écoprojets* Community Fund. Projects eligible for funding include Le Jardin de l'avenir du Centre des Belles-Rives (\$5,000), Vélo électriques du Zèbre rouge (\$4,912.95) and Transport-T – Halte Vélo de L'Atelier paysan (\$5,000). These projects were reviewed by a selection committee composed of Oriana Farina - Head of the Environment Division, Pascale Lauzon – Section Leader – Social Development and Diversity, France Lavoie - Director of Communications, and Olivier Prigent - Project Manager - Engineering and Environment Division. All three projects will be implemented before the end of 2022.

The three organizations involved responded to the City's call last spring where citizens, non-profit organizations and public institutions wishing to carry out an environmental project on the territory of Vaudreuil-Dorion were invited to apply. "The projects submitted to us by these organizations each contribute in their own way to the protection of the environment. We are truly excited to participate in the implementation of these great initiatives through the *Écoprojets* Community Fund," said Mayor Guy Pilon.

### **Project descriptions**

As part of the Centre des Belles-Rives' Jardin de l'avenir, students of the socio-professional insertion program will be responsible for the entire food cycle, from planting to consumption including transformation and preparation. The project will help make students aware of the benefits of growing food while promoting good habits regarding the environment, eating and preparing food. They will also develop skills related to careers in the horticultural, agricultural and culinary sectors.

Electric bikes are becoming increasingly popular as they allow people to get active and adopt a healthy lifestyle while serving as a helpful tool. In their aim to promote active transportation, and within the framework of their project, le Zèbre rouge intend to provide the training that will help their employees learn all about electric bike mechanics so they can offer repair services to residents. The organization will also be able to recover used electric bikes, restore them and resell them to residents in the region.

In their effort to encourage active transportation and promote the discovery of urban agriculture, L'Atelier paysan plans to develop a bicycle rest stop at 785, route de Lotbinière. The rest

stop will be available for use by L'Atelier paysan's volunteers and apprentice gardeners, but also for people touring local farms and cyclists using La Route Verte.

### **About the *Écoprojets* Community Fund**

The *Écoprojets* Community Fund is part of the Strategic Plan 2020 > 2025 named *Habité par ma ville*, which promotes citizen participation. The Fund serves to encourage initiatives aimed at enhancing the environment and its protection in association with the target areas outlined in the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion's Environmental Policy, namely the protection of water resources, urban agriculture, residual materials, adaptation to climate change, as well as biodiversity and natural environments.