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Drinking water and wastewater in **Domaine-en-Haut** sector: The City of Vaudreuil-Dorion obtains two grants from the MAMH to complete required work

Vaudreuil-Dorion, August 23, 2022 – The City of Vaudreuil-Dorion is pleased to announce that work will begin in the *Domaine-en-Haut* sector this fall to build a drinking water distribution pipeline and replace the wastewater treatment system, following recent confirmation by the *Ministère des Affaires municipales et de l'Habitation* (MAMH) that financial assistance will be provided for this project.

The construction of a drinking water distribution pipeline will serve to supply the *Domaine-en-Haut* sector via the water network connected to the City's filtration plant. This work is required in order to allow the removal of the artesian well that has been subject to boil water advisories since 2010. To this end, the MAMH awarded a grant in the order of \$912,350, or 50% of eligible costs.

As for wastewater, the MAMH awarded an amount of \$1,744,633, or 85% of the cost of the work eligible for financial assistance. This work involves replacing the existing system built in 1978, consisting of a disposal field and a septic tank, with a new wastewater treatment system. The new wastewater treatment system is of the moving bed biofilm reactor type (MBBR) with phosphate removal, Coco filters and ultraviolet radiation disinfection. The construction of a service building, a pumping station and other equipment necessary to ensure compliance with current environmental norms is also planned. The work is required as the current system has been subject to a non-conformity notice from the *Ministère de l'Environnement et de la Lutte contre les changements climatiques* since 2014 due to recurring issues with resurgence of the disposal field.

"It has already been eight years since the City first approached the government about resolving the drinking water and wastewater problem in the *Domaine-en-Haut* sector. We are therefore so relieved to be able to undertake this work which will have an incredible impact on the quality of life of people living in this area. Residents will finally have access to quality drinking water and be assured that the treatment of their wastewater will comply with current environmental norms, said Mayor Guy Pilon."

Construction contracts were awarded in August 2022 and work is expected to begin as early as September 2022 and continue through 2023.