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Construction of the Vaudreuil-Dorion Municipal Hub to Begin this Fall

Vaudreuil-Dorion, September 19, 2022 – The Vaudreuil-Dorion Municipal Council has awarded the construction contract for Phase 1 of the Municipal Hub – which will accommodate the library, City Hall and a public square - to the lowest bidder, Groupe Geysler, from Laval. The contract amount is \$67.2M including taxes, which is consistent with the estimates made in 2022. It should be noted that a portion of the taxes (100% GST and 50% QST), approximately \$6M, is reimbursed by the government. Moreover, the loan by-law revised in the spring is already approved and is sufficient to cover the expense. The decision was issued on September 19th during a regular session of The City Council.

Following the second tendering process, which was launched on May 30th and ended on September 1st, five bids were received. Recall that in June 2021, the first call for tenders was cancelled due to market conditions and the fact that only one bid had been submitted.

"We were relieved to see that several bidders had come forward. Admittedly, the price is higher than our 2020 estimates, but the latter had been made well before the price hikes. The market is completely different, and we cannot afford to delay any longer. As I have said a few times before, our city is in excellent financial health and the many investments to come, including the hospital, will generate significant revenues. We will respect our commitment to limit the impact on the tax bills of our citizens," said Mayor Guy Pilon.

A grant of more than \$4.8 million has already been announced by the governments of Quebec and Canada for the construction of the new library. This funding comes from the New Building Canada Fund-Quebec, Provincial-Territorial Infrastructure Component — Small Communities Fund. Construction work on the Municipal Hub is expected to begin this fall and be completed by the end of 2024.

Project Description

The Municipal Hub project was designed by the multidisciplinary team of professionals led by Lapointe Magne et associés / L'Œuf and aims to eventually bring together, in one single location, the library, City Hall, a public square and an aquatic complex. City Hall and the Library will be housed within the same building. The aquatic complex will be built in a later phase of the project based on the government grant programs that will be available at that time.

Citizens will be able to follow the evolution of the work undertaken on the City's website at ville.vaudreuil-dorion.qc.ca, under The City / Urban Planning / Municipal Hub.