



Vaudreuil-Dorion

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## **Participatory budget: Citizens invited to submit their projects**

**Vaudreuil-Dorion, September 20, 2022** – The City of Vaudreuil-Dorion is pleased to invite citizens to submit their project related to the participatory budget by October 17th.

In 2021, the first version of a participatory budget was launched, calling upon citizens to vote on the City's website for the project whose execution most appealed to them. This list of projects, each worth \$100,000, had raised the interest of the Municipal Council during the fall budget preparation process. However, since monetary constraints would have made it impossible to carry out all the projects, the Council decided to leave it up to the citizens to choose.

For 2022, the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion wishes to continue its plan to promote a culture of public participation, described in aspiration 5 of the 2020-2025 Strategic Plan entitled *Habité par ma ville*, which reads as follows: «Encourage the participation of all to the well-being of all». The second edition of the participatory budget challenges citizens beyond the simple action of voting by inviting them to also submit projects with a capital expenditure or equipment-related expense of up to a maximum of \$100,000.

"Through this initiative, we wish to allow citizens to be project initiators and help them become familiar with the budget process. We feel this is a very concrete and democratic way to allow citizens to get involved in the budgetary choices of their City, and we have opted for a formula that will not be excessively complex for citizens," said Mayor Guy Pilon.

Any citizen of Vaudreuil-Dorion aged 18 and over can submit a project individually or as part of a team. This participation is on a personal and not professional basis. Associations and corporations are not invited to submit a project since they have access to the City's subsidy programs. On the other hand, a citizen may submit a project and receive the support of an organization or institution.

The eligibility requirements, rules and entry form are available on the City's website in the Information / Citizen Participation / Participatory Budget section. The period for submitting projects will run from September 20th to October 17th. The projects selected will be submitted for voting by the public from November 7th to 23rd.

### **Coordination Committee**

The Coordination Committee is made up of representatives from the Communications Department, the Finance and Treasury Department, the Recreation and Culture Department, the Land Use Planning Department, the Engineering and Environment Department and one elected municipal official. This committee will perform an admissibility analysis of the projects based on

the eligibility requirements as well as carry out the review and selection process of the projects that will be submitted for voting by the public.

For any questions, please send your email to [budgetparticipatif@ville.vaudreuil-dorion.qc.ca](mailto:budgetparticipatif@ville.vaudreuil-dorion.qc.ca).