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A very successful Second Edition for the Community Forum

Vaudreuil-Dorion, Novembre 22, 2022 – The second edition of the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion's Community Forum took place at the Centre multisport André-Chagnon today, where this year's theme, *Vivre ensemble* (Learning to live together), was self-evident given the work already underway towards the future policy. The event brought together about sixty persons from organizations in the community, health, education, public safety and Senior Home sectors as well as some of the City's employees and elected officials. The Forum's objective is to promote discussion among local organizations and partners who operate in the Vaudreuil-Dorion area.

Earlier in the day, Bob White, titular professor at l'Université de Montréal in the Anthropology Department and Director of the *Laboratoire de recherche en relations interculturelles* (LABRRI), set the scene with his lecture entitled *Apprendre à vivre ensemble*. Mobilizing projects such as those of Liliane Carvalho, Coordinator - *La Semaine sherbrookoise des rencontres interculturelles*, Veronica Islas, Executive Director of the Carrefour des ressources en interculturel, and Francine St-Denis, Executive Director of Réseaux, were later introduced to the public during a discussion panel. Chloé Marcil - Division Head of Culture and Community Life, and Pascale Lauzon – Section Head of Social Development and Diversity for the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion, followed up by presenting the policy approach to Learning to live together. Célia Corriveau, Coordinator of Le laboratoire d'émergence ÉLABOR, concluded the day with action-oriented workshops serving as a basis for reflection to meet the objectives of the City's future Learning to live together policy. For the second year, Natalie Poirier served as facilitator for the day and Meals on Wheels Vaudreuil-Soulanges provided meals for the participants.

"The creation of this Forum was the result of consultations surrounding the Family and Seniors Policy. The number of participants having doubled for its second edition, we can clearly conclude that this event responds to a real need in the community. The mission has been accomplished! " said Chloé Marcil.

La zone inspirante – Stories to inspire

A new addition this year. La zone inspirante was created to learn from the success stories of organizations, five of whom agreed to step up and present the projects they had carried out during the year. This was a great way to share best practices, encourage peer exchange and gain inspiration from community achievements!

Artist Tina Struthers was on hand to create a work inspired by the Forum, which will serve to illustrate the future policy for Learning to live together.

Intergenerational Think Tank

The idea of an Intergenerational Think Tank was born as a result of the recommendations shared by participants of the 2021 Community Forum. The now formed group brings together community stakeholders who share the concern to promote intergenerational relations on an every-day basis. The Intergenerational Think Tank's mandate is to implement a new method for naturally integrating intergenerational relations in plans related to municipal and community development. As a first goal, the group focused on developing a concrete visual tool to feature the promising practices and suggestions aimed at promoting intergenerational relations in Vaudreuil-Dorion. Both Intergénération Québec and artist Philippe Corriveau joined the group to assist in the development of this tool, which was presented at the Forum.

This tool can be downloaded from the City's website at ville.vaudreuil-dorion.qc.ca, under the Community Life section.

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