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Participatory budget : A Library of objects to see the day in 2023

Vaudreuil-Dorion, December , 2022 – Over the past three weeks, citizens were called to vote for the project they most wanted the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion to carry out in 2023. The results are in and 40.4% of participating citizens voted in favour of the Library of objects, which will be located at the municipal library. The projects involving Training modules at *Parc Paul-Gérin-Lajoie* and a Disc golf course at Harwood Nature Park followed close behind with 31.7% and 28.9% of the votes respectively. In total, 1,542 Vaudreuil-Dorion residents submitted their vote on the online survey platform.

The Library of objects project, designed by citizens Karine La Flèche and Stéphanie Dornenberg, will benefit from a maximum amount of \$100,000 for its implementation within the walls of the library. Citizens will be able to borrow a wide range of tools and equipment that tend to be used only rarely, are difficult to store or expensive to buy. Examples include a sewing machine, an electric drill, an axe, a slow cooker, camping equipment, bird watching equipment, etc. The goal is to provide access to as many resources as possible while reducing overconsumption and cutting down on single-use purchases.

«Offering this type of service to our members was already an idea we wanted to develop for the future library and we are delighted to have the opportunity to make it a reality within the framework of the participatory budget! It is a wonderful initiative that aims not only to fight waste by promoting the sharing of resources among citizens, but also to bring the library even closer to the community.” - Annick Lemay, Head of the Library Division.

The City of Vaudreuil-Dorion received nine proposals for citizen projects. Among these, three were selected to be voted upon by the public. The process took place from November 22nd to December 5th, during which more than 1,500 citizens submitted their vote.

This participatory budgeting initiative corresponds to the goal *Susciter la participation de tous au mieux-être collectif* and is part of the Strategic Plan 2020-2025 entitled *Habité par ma ville*.