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## **Vaudreuil-Dorion names a new Deputy Director General**

**Vaudreuil-Dorion, July 4, 2023** – During its July 3rd meeting, City Council approved changes to the Assistant Director General position in accordance with the wishes of Mr. Marco Pilon, FCPA, OMA, who is choosing to dedicate his time exclusively to his position as Treasurer and Director of Finance and Treasury.

"Given the strategic importance associated with the position of Deputy Director General, it has become clear that this is a full-time position. I was no longer able to hold two such demanding management positions concurrently. The choice was clear to me: my first passion is the field of finance. In a city the size of Vaudreuil-Dorion, treasury and finance constitute major issues and I wish to make progress on certain matters that are important to me while continuing to be involved in the Finance and Taxation Committee of the Corporation des officiers municipaux agréés du Québec (COMAQ), and acting as an instructor for the organization", said Marco Pilon.

Marco Pilon has held the position of Deputy Director General for more than three years and Director General Olivier Van Neste has nothing but praise for him. "I would like to thank Marco for his dedication and expertise. It's important to recall that only a few months after we took office, a pandemic completely changed the way we work! We needed to adapt, and it was reassuring to be able to count on Marco's strong skills in several areas of the municipal sector," said Mr. Van Neste. After giving careful thought about who would best be able to fill the position of Deputy Director General, Mr. Van Neste's recommendation on the naming of Ms. Mélissa Côté, Notary, AMO to the position received the approval of the Municipal Council.

"On behalf of City Council, I would like to warmly thank Marco Pilon, who has served concurrently as Deputy Director General, Treasurer and Director of Finance and Treasury Services. We know that the workload has been considerable. We fully support Marco's decision to focus exclusively on his position as Director of Finance and Treasury," said Mayor Guy Pilon. "I also want to welcome Ms. Côté to her new role. The municipal council has been working with Mélissa for several years and highly value her for her expertise, thoroughness and extensive knowledge of municipal issues," continued Mayor Pilon.

### **Appointment of Ms. Mélissa Côté**

Ms. Côté has been in her position as Deputy Clerk for 9 years, is a notary by training, and will become the new Deputy Director General of the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion. Ms. Côté has been involved for several years in most of the City's major files, including the 2020-2025 Strategic Plan, the acquisition of strategic properties for the City and the negotiation of major agreements with partners, among others. As Director General Olivier Van Neste said, "Mélissa is an excellent, brilliant and skillful negotiator, as well as an outstanding communicator. She fosters collaboration within work teams, encourages the

search for solutions on a daily basis, and has also promoted the City on many occasions through her active participation in COMAQ as an administrator and member of the legislation committee. Ms. Côté is a young manager who deeply loves the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion and is well-liked by all employees."

"It is with great enthusiasm and determination that I enter my new role as Deputy Director General. I am proud to contribute to the day-to-day operations of a City as large and dynamic as Vaudreuil-Dorion together with a team that is passionate and dedicated to the population's quality of life. My experience in recent years with the Registry and Legal Matters Department has allowed me to develop an overall vision of municipal administration and I feel ready to take on this new challenge. I would like to thank the Municipal Council and the general management for the trust they have shown me by awarding me this position," said Mélissa Côté.

The general management team plans, organizes, supervises and controls all activities pertaining to the municipal organization in order to adequately meet the needs of citizens. Eleven departments make up the municipal administration, which employs approximately 375 people (more than 400 in the summer) who contribute to providing quality services to the citizens of the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion.