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Participatory Budget: Two citizen projects submitted for a public vote

Vaudreuil-Dorion, November 3, 2023 - From November 3rd to 17th, the citizens of Vaudreuil-Dorion are invited to vote for their favourite project as part of the 3rd edition of the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion's participatory budget. This is a unique opportunity to participate in the collective well-being of the community.

In the General category, four projects were selected from the eleven projects submitted, while in the new Youth category, only one of the four applications received met the eligibility criteria and thus became the winning project for this category. The projects were reviewed by a coordination committee made up of representatives from the Communications Department, Finance and Treasury, Recreation and Culture, Urban Development, and the Engineering and Environment Department. Please note that the City has \$65,000 at its disposal to carry out the winning project from the General category - the project with the highest number of votes – and \$10,000 for the project from the Youth category.

PROJECTS

General Category

Outdoor Fitness Modules

Install training structures equipped with fixed bars in one of the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion's parks or green spaces. Bodyweight training consists of powerful functional exercises with minimal equipment. This type of installation allows all citizens to train free of charge, regardless of age, and helps promote social interactions while developing healthy lifestyle habits.

This project corresponds to the *Être une communauté active et en santé / Bouger* segment included in the 2020-2025 Strategic Plan entitled *Habité par ma ville*.

Three proposals of the same type were received and were therefore merged into one single project.

Proposed by Marc Chalifoux, Olivier Charbonneau, Martine Desrosiers

Water Access Point – Vieux-Dorion

Build a floating dock at the end of rue de l'Hôtel-de-Ville to give residents of the area and other citizens access to Lake of Two Mountains. This dock will allow for the use of small watercraft such as canoes, kayaks, paddle boards, etc.

This project corresponds to the Développer un environnement de vie harmonieux et durable / Habiter le bord de l'eau and Être une communauté active et en santé / Bouger segments included in the 2020-2025 Strategic Plan entitled *Habité par ma ville*.

Proposed by Vanessa Côté

To submit a vote, you must:

- Be a citizen of Vaudreuil-Dorion;
- Be 16 years of age or older;
- Complete the online form;
- Only vote once;
- Provide information and an email address that are valid.

Also...

- Each person living at the same address can vote as long as they have a separate email address.
- Any duplicate votes will be eliminated.
- The City may cancel a vote that does not comply with regulations.

Citizens can now cast their vote by visiting the City's website and clicking on the information / Citizen Participation section. The winning project chosen by citizens will be unveiled on December 11th, 2023, during the extraordinary meeting for the 2024 budget, which will be webcast on the CSUR la télé website. The results will also be posted on the City's Facebook page and website.

A YOUTH PROJECT TO SHOWCASE ART AND CREATIVITY

Youth Category

This category will not be put to a popular vote, as only one proposal met the eligibility criteria. The winning project is from 12-year-old Alexandra Diardichuk-Marinakis, and is entitled *Jeunes artistes de Vaudreuil-Dorion : Paysages en fleurs*.

With this project, Alexandra wishes to call attention to the beauty of the City, its parks and its landscape, through the eyes of young artists. This work of art will be carried out either in the form of a mural or several smaller works to be displayed in public places. Through this project, Alexandra wishes to use art as a unifying agent between different cultures and hopes that this approach will allow young people to express their solidarity and pride in belonging to the Vaudreuil-Dorion community.

Alexandra will develop her project in collaboration with the Culture and Community Life Division of the Recreation and Culture Department.

This initiative corresponds to the Susciter la participation de tous au mieux-être collectif segment of the 2020-2025 Strategic Plan entitled *Habité par ma ville*.