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The City of Vaudreuil-Dorion to build a new library

Vaudreuil-Dorion, May 1, 2018 – During an extraordinary meeting last evening, the Municipal Council of the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion adopted a resolution requiring that a modification be made to the request for a grant for the municipal library; rather than an expansion, the project will now be a new construction. This third building completes the municipal hub on Émile-Bouchard Street, which will include City Hall, an aquatic centre and the library.

“We have opted for the lot on Émile-Bouchard Street since it can also accommodate City Hall and an aquatic centre, thereby creating a municipal hub with shared facilities and centralized services. Just last week, I mentioned that it would be possible to include a third building on this lot. After analyzing the costs for expanding the current library, we have decided instead to build a new one within this municipal hub,” declared Mayor Guy Pilon.

A special meeting was planned to ensure that a resolution could be quickly adopted in order to modify the request for a grant through the Small Communities component of the Building Canada Fund - Quebec.

“Our library no longer meets the needs of our population. We have had the opportunity to visit different municipal libraries constructed over the last few years, and we wish to provide our users with a more functional environment. Expanding our current building would be quite restricting in terms of space and parking. Moreover, 51% of the housing in Vaudreuil-Dorion is located less than 2 km from the site on Émile-Bouchard Street, and 95% is located less than 4 km away. This makes access to services a major factor in choosing this location,” added Mayor Guy Pilon.

The desire to build this municipal hub will guide decisions made by elected officials in the coming months. It is a long process that includes an architectural design competition and public consultations. Both the City Hall building and the library are expected to be completed in early 2022. When the new library will be operational, the municipal council nonetheless wishes to preserve a point of service in the current building where the sector’s residents can pick up books they order online or have access to computer workstations. Setting up facilities to be used by associations is also expected, as the demand for this is quite high.

Aquatic centre

In the next few months, the Land Use and Development Department and the Recreation and Culture Department of the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion will also carry out a needs analysis for the aquatic centre in order to be prepared to file a request for a government grant when the time is right. “We are aware that the current pool that we share with the Commission scolaire

des Trois-Lacs no longer meets the needs of our population, which has doubled over the last decade. People frequently mentioned this to us during the last election campaign. The aquatic centre is a project that is very important to the council and we would be interested in gathering the population's ideas and suggestions," mentioned Mayor Guy Pilon.

The municipal hub is a major project for the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion, which aims to ensure that citizens have access to the train station and bus terminal, Centre Multisports, City Hall, the aquatic centre and a library within the same area.

I wish to reassure citizens with regards to the cost of such a major undertaking. The City is in excellent financial health, and we have already set aside funds for our capital assets. Industries and businesses continue to establish themselves in Vaudreuil-Dorion, ensuring substantial revenue. All of these projects are realistic and will be carried out over a period of several years and in a manner that respects our financial means and our citizens' ability to contribute financially," added Mayor Pilon.

Between now and the end of 2018, the City's Web site will include a section dedicated to this project, allowing citizens to follow its development.