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Municipal hub: finalists for the multidisciplinary architecture competition unveiled

Vaudreuil-Dorion, June 12, 2019 – The municipal hub project is crossing another milestone as the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion unveiled the four finalists for the architecture competition today. The municipal hub project, which includes City Hall, the Library, a public square and the implementation of an aquatic centre, sparked a great deal of interest—as evidenced by the high number of participants. The four finalists were selected among twenty applicants by a panel of judges on June 3 and 4, 2019.

The four finalists

Listed below, in alphabetical order, the four firms that attracted the judges' attention were:

- **Architecture EVOQ Inc.**
Examples of previous work: New Maisonneuve library (in progress), West Block of Parliament
- **LMA / L'ŒUF**
Examples of previous work: Notre-Dame-de-Grace Cultural Centre, Centre sportif de Gatineau
- **Provencher Roy**
Examples of previous work: Reception Pavilion of the Québec National Assembly, Montreal Heart Institute (in progress)
- **Zaraté Lavigne + White**
Examples of previous work: Täby City Hall (Sweden), Stockholm Waterfront Congress Centre (Sweden)

Three of the finalists are Quebec based firms. The fourth listed above is a grouping of Québec and Sweden.

Panel of judges

Also presented in alphabetical order, the jury is composed of the nine following professionals:

- Ms. Marie-Chantal Croft, Architect (Coarchitecture), Jury President
- Mr. Frédéric Genest, Eng., M.Sc.A. (Natural Resources Canada / Government of Canada)
- Ms. France Lavoie, Communications Director (City of Vaudreuil-Dorion)
- Mr. Martin Lefebvre, Architect (Cormier Lefebvre, architects)
- Ms. Annick Lemay, Division Manager – Library (City of Vaudreuil-Dorion)
- Mr. Kristopher Parent – Landscape Architect and Urban Planning Director (Town of Kirkland)
- Mr. Jean Pelland, Architect (Sid Lee Architecture)
- Mr. Ron Rayside, Architect (Rayside Labossière Architects)
- Ms. Anne Vallières, Architect (STGM Architects)

According to the panel of judges, “there were several excellent applications among the 20 received. The finalists distinguished themselves through the quality and development potential of their designs for the second phase of the competition.” The competition is carried out under the supervision of professional consultant Philippe Drolet, Architect.

Next steps

The four finalists will have eight weeks to prepare their presentations which must be submitted by August 27, 2019. Following this, a citizen committee and technical committee will share their observations with the jury, who will then review the final four proposals. The competition winner will be unveiled at the end of September 2019.

Citizen committee

A citizen committee will be created during the summer in order to analyze the presentations and provide comments that will help the jury see them from the residents’ perspective. The committee will be composed of one citizen from each of the City’s districts (eight in all), a citizen between the ages of 15 and 21 and an artist/citizen.

Having an artist as part of the committee will provide a different viewpoint. To be eligible, individuals must reside or work within the territory of Vaudreuil-Dorion and must have produced works or public cultural actions that were used or appeared in professional settings (museums, municipal facilities, etc.).

Members of the committee must attend two working meetings (three hours each) held over the last week of August and the first week of September.

Those interested in joining the committee must fill out a form—available online at ville.vaudreuil-dorion.qc.ca (Section The City / Urban Planning / Municipal Hub), at City Hall or the Library—and return it no later than August 8, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. to one of these locations or email it to polemunicipal@ville.vaudreuil-dorion.qc.ca. A random draw will be held the week of August 9 to determine who, among all of the applicants, will be part of the committee.

About the municipal hub

In August 2018, the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion acquired Lot 4 559 873, located next to the Vaudreuil Train Station on Émile-Bouchard Street. This will be the location of the municipal hub—a largescale project that combines City Hall, the Library, a public square and the aquatic complex.

The governments of Quebec and Canada will invest over 4.8 million dollars in the construction of the new library. This financial assistance is provided under the new Building Canada Fund – Provincial-Territorial Infrastructure Component – Small Communities Fund.

The architecture competition was launched April 8, 2019 in an effort to foster the quality and development of the future municipal hub.