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A second edition for the Ecoprojects Community Fund

Vaudreuil-Dorion, January 9, 2023 – The City of Vaudreuil-Dorion is pleased to launch the second edition of the Ecoprojects Community Fund. Until February 28, citizens, non-profit organizations and public institutions of Vaudreuil-Dorion are invited to submit an environmental project that they wish to implement and that could benefit the community. The selected initiatives will be granted an amount of up to \$5000 for their realization.

The Ecoprojects Community Fund is part of the City's Strategic Plan 2020 > 2025 entitled *Habité par ma ville*, which promotes citizen participation. It aims at encouraging initiatives that promote the environment and the importance of protecting it through actions that support the issues included in the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion's Environmental Policy, namely the protection of water resources, urban agriculture, residual materials, adapting to climate change, biodiversity and natural environments.

In 2022, three organizations were granted financial assistance for the realization of their projects thanks to this fund: the Centre des Belles-Rives (*Jardin de l'avenir*), the Zèbre rouge (Electric Bikes) and L'Atelier paysan (*Transport-T - Halte Vélo*).

"The City of Vaudreuil-Dorion has chosen to encourage citizen participation. The participatory budget is a good example. A few months ago, it aroused great interest among the population. The Ecoprojects Community Fund specifically targets environmental initiatives. We invite citizens or groups of citizens to submit their projects," said Mayor Guy Pilon.

Following are some examples of projects that could be submitted for consideration under the Ecoprojects Community Fund:

- Creating pollinator-friendly gardens, urban and nutrient-rich forests and tree planting across properties that are connected
- Workshops on environmental topics (e.g. residual materials, zero waste, etc.)
- Community clean-up projects
- Funding of an environmental education program (e.g. Safe Cycling, Carbone Scol'ERE)
- Planning and presentation of a lecture or event on environmental topics
- Purchase of a collective compost bin
- Planning and presentation of workshops to learn how to repair broken devices and promote zero waste in the community
- Purchase of zero waste equipment for a public institution or non-profit organization

- Creating a bicycle-sharing system
- Installations to reduce environmental pollution (e.g. rain gardens)

Full details related to the EcoProjects Community Fund, as well as corresponding forms, are available on the City's website in the Environment section.