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## The City of Vaudreuil-Dorion receives the *Chaise des générations* chair

**Vaudreuil-Dorion, March 3, 2023** – This afternoon, some 170 students and teachers from *École Brind'Amour* presented the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion with its own *Chaise des générations* chair which will be permanently installed in the municipal council hall, reminding elected officials that the decisions made today will have an impact on the future of children and that it is important to stay focused on the issue of climate change. This project, part of the initiative taken by “Mothers Step In”, was brought to fruition by *École Brind'Amour's* Green Committee, headed by teacher Sébastien Parent, with the help of teacher and artist Sarah Lanctôt.

In a highly symbolic gesture, the impressive group made up of students, teachers, parents and members of “Mothers Step In” walked from *École Brind'Amour* to City Hall, alongside the *Chaise des générations* chair intended for the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion's elected officials.

"Both myself and the Municipal Council are honoured to receive the *Chaise des générations* chair. The message carried by these young people and the representatives of “Mothers Step In” is powerful. This chair will be a constant reminder of our duty to future generations in our decision-making," said Mayor Guy Pilon on the occasion of the unveiling.

Bianca Paquin, a representative of “Mothers Step In”, organizer of the event and mother of three young children, added: "Our children are conscious and aware of the urgency of climate change. They want their future to be considered in political decisions. We therefore hope that this symbol will help elected officials stay the course to ensure that coming generations will have the chance to enjoy the kind of future they deserve."

Four students from *École Brind'Amour's* Green Committee, namely Émilie Fournier, Béatrice Girouard, Maria Trandafir and Magalie Archambault, also spoke up. One by one, each delivered their message to elected officials: "This chair symbolizes respect, community, mutual aid, younger and older people alike, as well as the environment. We ask that this chair be in plain view when you are making important decisions so that it may guide you in your choices. We wish to thrive in a city where people take care of each other and where the environment is not just a hot topic but a true priority. A city that not only makes decisions for today, but also for tomorrow."

The City of Vaudreuil-Dorion is the second in the region to have received the *Chaise des générations* chair. The initiative, inspired by the city of Québec, has found its way to several other municipalities in the province. The project perfectly fits in with the aspiration *Développer un environnement de vie harmonieux et durable*, part of the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion's Strategic Plan 2020-2025 entitled *Habité par ma ville*.

## **About Mothers Step In**

The Canada-wide group “Mothers Step In” brings together mothers and grandmothers committed to protecting the future of children from inaction in the face of climate change. Its actions aim to remind decision-makers that they have a duty and a responsibility to make the protection of the environment a political priority and implement ambitious actions to address the climate crisis and threat to biodiversity.