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“Vivre ma culture ici” recognized as good practice by Agenda 21 for culture

Vaudreuil-Dorion, October 23, 2023 – The jury of the 5th edition of the UCLG – Mexico City – Culture 21 International Award has once again recognized the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion’s rich cultural life by ranking the project *Vivre ma culture ici* among the good practices of Agenda 21 for culture.

This project, submitted to the UCLG – Mexico City – Culture 21 International Award in 2022, brings together all of the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion’s cultural initiatives carried out during the COVID-19 pandemic, initiatives which made it possible for the population to exercise their cultural rights despite strict health measures. During lockdown, the City showed an enormous amount of creativity in providing citizens with a diversified cultural life, including mobile outdoor musical performances to reach residents who were isolated, free access to the Réseau Mozaïk cultural platform, outdoor exhibition circuits including digital art and poetry, as well as shows at the brand new Parc Le 405.

"It is an honour for the City council and City employees, but also for the entire population, to see Vaudreuil-Dorion once again recognized internationally by Agenda 21 for culture. I would like to thank all those who contribute, in one way or another, to the vitality of our cultural life. I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate the cities of Dublin and Buenos Aires, who received the UCLG – Mexico City – Culture 21 International Award this year," said Mayor Guy Pilon.

Chloé Marcil, Head of the Culture and Community Life division, also added: "The success of the actions we implemented within the context of the pandemic confirms how much our citizens have benefitted from the City’s cultural offer. Even though culture was presented and experienced differently, it continued to bring the community together, to do good, and to bring some sense of normalcy to everyday life."

This 5th edition of the UCLG – Mexico City – Culture 21 International Award recognizes cities and personalities who have excelled in promoting cultural rights in the context of the Covid-19 crisis and post-pandemic recovery or who have promoted culture as an important aspect of the healthcare system.

The Je suis... project, launched in 2010, won the UCLG – Mexico City – Culture 21 International Award in 2016. The City of Vaudreuil-Dorion was also named a Pilot City of Agenda 21 for Culture – United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) in 2014, and a Model City in 2015.