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- PL61: for a governance favoring public transportation

September 12, 2024

Memo presented as part of the special consultations and public hearings on Bill No. 61.

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- Quebec Housing Strategy: Quebec recognizes the crisis, but underutilizes the tools at its disposal

August 22, 2024

Quebec, August 22, 2024 - Vivre en Ville welcomes with interest the Quebec Housing Strategy unveiled this afternoon by Minister France-Élaine Duranceau. By deploying interministerial action, the Quebec government acknowledges for the first time the scale of the problem and the importance of considering a diversity of factors at the origin of the housing crisis. That being said, the national target for housing starts and the announced means show surprising timidity.

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- Back to School Event 2024

August 13, 2024

Montreal and Quebec, September 5, 2024 - Vivre en Ville invites you to a festive 5 à 7 to celebrate back to school and unveil our annual program! Whether to reconnect with your professional network or to meet members of our team, join us for a drink and some appetizers.

We look forward to seeing you (again)!

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- Leger Study on the Rental Residential Market: Unprecedented in Montreal - 2024 data highlights the urgent need for transparency for the proper functioning of the residential market

July 10, 2024

Montreal, July 10, 2024 - For the second consecutive year, Vivre en Ville has commissioned Leger to conduct a major study on the state of the rental market across Quebec. This, together with the 2023 edition, is the largest study of its kind to be carried out on the rental market in Quebec. The first results specific to the Montreal area are now made public in partnership with the City of Montreal and show the deterioration of the housing situation, as well as the relevance of precise and annualized data to monitor the evolution of the residential market.

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- Federal Support for the Gatineau Tramway Project: Quebec and Canadian environmental organizations rejoice in the improvement of public transportation in the region

June 27, 2024

Quebec, June 27, 2024 - Environmental Defence, Équiterre, the David Suzuki Foundation, Trajectoire Québec and Vivre en Ville rejoice in the federal government's decision to support the tramway project between western Gatineau and downtown Ottawa by investing in project planning. While the development of public transportation has been slowed down due to the pandemic, the organizations now call for an efficient implementation of the project.

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- Future Hospital in Outaouais: The choice of an outlying site is deplorable

June 20, 2024

Quebec, June 20, 2024 - As the various levels of government announced the details of the hospital center project in Outaouais this morning, Vivre en Ville deplores the choice of the chosen site, the Asticou Center. Like the vast regional coalition of various backgrounds (social, economic and citizen), Vivre en Ville calls on the government to review its decision and opt for a more accessible site, in accordance with the principles outlined in the National Policy on Architecture and Territorial Planning (PNAAT).

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- Update of the Plan for a Green Economy: Energy efficiency will require a review of living environments

June 19, 2024

Quebec, June 19, 2024 - While Minister Benoit Charette publicly announced yesterday the update of the Plan for a Green Economy, Vivre en Ville welcomes the introduction of a project and a series of measures on energy efficiency, as well as the new orientations resulting from the recommendations of the group

of experts on adaptation to climate change. Since both climate resilience and energy consumption in the buildings and transportation sectors are largely determined by the layout of living environments, this new Implementation Plan (PMO) means that municipalities will have their work cut out for them.

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- Green light for the Quebec tramway: the biggest legacy of the Legault government for the National Capital

June 13, 2024

Quebec, June 13, 2024 - Following the submission of the CDPQ Infra report on the future of mobility in the Quebec region, Vivre en Ville wishes to commend the government's formal commitment to move forward with the first phase of the Quebec tramway.

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- Mobility in Quebec: a historic day for public transport in the National Capital

June 13, 2024

Quebec, June 13, 2024 - Following the submission of the CDPQ Infra report on the future of the structured public transport network in Quebec, Accessible Sustainable Transport, the Regional Environmental Council of the National Capital, Équiterre, the David Suzuki Foundation, Quebec wants its tramway, Trajectory Quebec, and Vivre en Ville join their voices to applaud the government's swift decision to approve the first phase of the Quebec tramway, a significant legacy that will greatly improve the quality of life for the capital's population.

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- The Non au troisième lien coalition reacts to the "resurrection" of the 3rd highway link

June 13, 2024

Quebec, Thursday, June 13, 2024 - The national coalition Non au troisième lien is saddened by the Prime Minister's commitments regarding the idea of reviving, planning, and building the third highway link project between Quebec and Lévis.

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- Mobility in Quebec: Vivre en Ville reacts enthusiastically to the CDPQ Infra report

June 12, 2024

Quebec, June 12, 2024 - Vivre en Ville warmly welcomes the CDPQ Infra report on the future of the structured public transport network in Quebec, submitted this morning. In this highly anticipated report, CDPQ Infra proposes to put on track a structured network with the tramway as its backbone to serve, initially,

the busiest axis in the greater Quebec region.
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September 12, 2024

Quebec, September 12, 2024 - Vivre en Ville welcomes the government's willingness to reduce the costs and timelines of public transport projects with Bill 61 creating Mobility Infra Quebec. While the bill is part of the solution to accelerate the implementation of major public transport projects, its lack of clarity raises many questions. That is why Vivre en Ville calls on the government, in the brief presented yesterday in parliamentary commission, to clarify the mission and better define the responsibilities that will be entrusted to Mobility Infra Quebec, so that the bill achieves its objectives.

"We agree with the government that it is necessary to reduce costs and delays in the implementation of public transportation projects in Quebec. The issue is real! But the bill lacks precision and raises many questions: how will the coordination between the activities of Mobilité Infra Québec and territorial planning be ensured, both in terms of transportation and urban planning? On what basis will the division of roles be organized between transportation companies, ARTM, and Mobilité Infra Québec? How will equity and efficiency be ensured in the selection of transportation projects?," questions Christian Savard, general director of Vivre en Ville.

Vivre en Ville's recommendations focus on three main themes:

1. Ensure integrated planning of urban development and transportation;
2. Clarify the mandate of Mobilité Infra Québec and promote efficiency by optimizing costs over the entire life cycle and minimizing risks;
3. Base decision-making on expertise rather than political choices, to ensure long-term stability and predictability.

Among its specific recommendations, Vivre en Ville requests that the mandate of the new agency focus exclusively on public transportation projects aligning with the needs of communities in terms of urban planning and development, that the agency be able to initiate projects on its own, and that real estate development powers be given to transportation companies to accelerate the construction of housing.

Without further (financial) reforms, a risk of diversion

However, it should be noted that without a reform of the financing mechanisms for public transportation services, the creation of Mobilité Infra Québec could essentially have the effect of diversion.

Indeed, while improving transportation services involves adding infrastructure, at a time when services should be growing rapidly, the current crisis facing public transportation networks mainly concerns the issue of operations funding. "The best indicator to measure the government's short-term action is the evolution of service offerings. Unfortunately, since 2018, services have stagnated, even as the population continues to grow, and the Sustainable Mobility Policy projected a 5% increase in service offerings annually," laments Christian Savard, who takes the opportunity to remind that the government has a responsibility to immediately improve public transportation services throughout the territory, especially by ensuring adequate and recurring funding for public transportation companies and enhancing the annual service development target to be included in the new Sustainable Mobility Policy Action Plan, expected by the end of the year.

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About Vivre en Ville

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Our Work

Versatile, rigorous, and committed, the team at Vivre en Ville deploys a wide range of skills. This diverse expertise makes the organization a recognized player, both for its research and publications, its training and awareness activities, its involvement in public debate, and its consulting and support

services.

Research and innovation

Explore, disseminate, and experiment with the best practices for sustainable community development.

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Publications

Tools to strengthen expertise and inspire stakeholders in Quebec in their projects. Find our publications at carrefour.vivreenville.org

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Training

A variety of conferences, workshops, symposiums, and missions on various topics related to sustainable communities.

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Consulting and support

Divided into two components, our varied offer allows municipalities, public organizations, or businesses to implement cutting-edge projects with the skills of our multidisciplinary team.

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A sharp experience in public awareness and popularization: publications, conferences, and personalized advice revolve around awareness campaigns and tours.

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Training

Vivre en Ville offers various training tools and events on various topics related to sustainable communities. These activities can be adapted to a audience of citizens, elected officials, or professionals and can be tailored. All offered in person, some can also be offered remotely.

workshops and conferences - On demand

Discover our complete training offer (PDF)

Offered on demand, Vivre en Ville's workshops and conferences introduce innovative practices in living environments and sustainable communities. Participants are invited to draw inspiration from models of cities, neighborhoods, and micro-projects, both North American and European, to improve Quebec practices.

Offered formats:

- Conference / 45 to 60 minutes followed by a question period
- Training workshop / 2 to 5 hours punctuated by questions and discussions/debates
- Implementation workshop / 3 to 7 hours on a specific project or plan under development

Learn more about workshops and conferences offered

ONLINE TRAINING - NEW!

In the fall of 2022, Vivre en Ville unveiled its first online training course Planning the sustainable transformation of urban areas exposed to flooding. Accessible from a dedicated digital platform and user-friendly, it is divided into several video capsules to watch at your own pace.

In addition to the video capsules, participants are invited to participate in one of the question-and-answer sessions organized several times a year with the people responsible for the training. A privileged moment to deepen the content of the training.

Learn more about online training

Training for elected officials - On demand

Vivre en Ville supports decision-makers and policymakers in their ambitions to transform the living environments of their community through training. Our various training formats - conferences or workshops - adapt to your needs and reality.

Learn more about training for elected officials

Conferences and Webinars

Vivre en Ville organizes conferences and webinars on current urban issues. These events are mainly aimed at decision-makers, professionals, and developers.

Discover the annual program

Missions

Vivre en Ville organizes missions aimed at inspiring and training Quebec actors in sustainable communities. In connection with a specific topic, discover and experience inspiring cities, neighborhoods, and projects, meet local stakeholders, and come back to Quebec with a head full of ideas and projects!

Discover past missions

Tour

Vivre en Ville is organizing a major tour throughout Quebec until March 2019 to meet with Quebec municipalities. The main objective is to better identify the challenges and opportunities they face in implementing transformative projects, in order to better equip them and promote their actions.

Discover the Vivre en Ville 2018 Tour

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Can't find what you're looking for? Vivre en Ville can develop new training tools, on request and based on its expertise.
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His versatile, rigorous, and committed team makes Vivre en Ville a recognized player in sustainable communities in Quebec.

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MISSION

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Through its actions, Vivre en Ville stimulates innovation and accompanies decision-makers, professionals, and citizens in the development of quality, prosperous living environments that promote the well-being of everyone, while striving for the common good and respecting the capacity of ecosystems.

Versatile, rigorous, and committed, the team at Vivre en Ville deploys a range of skills in urban planning, mobility, greening, urban design, public policy, energy efficiency, etc. This diversified expertise makes the organization a recognized player, both for its research, training, and awareness activities, and for its involvement in public debate and its advisory and support services.

Our approach

Vivre en Ville aims for a profound change in the development of communities. In its projects, interventions, and collaborations, the organization adopts an approach that is:

- anchored in the territory, particularly focused on urban form, land use planning, and urban planning;
- cross-cutting, seeking to align practices and multidisciplinarity;
- structured, applied at several scales, from buildings to streets, neighborhoods, and metropolitan areas;
- inspiring, stimulating innovation through research, training, demonstration, advice, and support;
- ambitious, advocating for radical change in urban development;
- accessible, addressing both citizens and specialists;
- involved, involving participation in public debate on laws, policies, and practices affecting the quality of living environments;
- realistic, adapting to the type of community and the context of the environment;

- mobilizing, relying on alliances and partnerships;
- rigorous, combining perseverance, quality work, and professionalism.

History

A little bit of history

The origin of Vivre en Ville dates back to early February 1993. It was on the eve of public hearings of the Working Group on Montreal and its region that the idea emerged to form a group aimed at promoting innovative ideas in urban planning, metropolitan management, housing, transportation, environment, taxation, and sustainable development.

In April 1995, Vivre en Ville was officially founded with a first general assembly that set out its major directions. Since 1996, the team at Vivre en Ville has structured itself by developing diversified expertise that allows the organization to intervene in all areas related to sustainable communities.

What is a sustainable community?

It is a living environment that meets the basic needs of its residents, promotes their health, and ensures their quality of life. Its mode of development promotes equity, respects the capacity of ecosystems, and allows for the conservation of natural, energy, and financial resources: it can be sustained in the long term. A sustainable community ensures the protection of its natural, cultural, and built heritage. Designed on a human scale, it is characterized by the compactness of its urban form, the mixing of functions, a diverse transportation offer, and a good location of activities. It thus makes quality public spaces and abundant green spaces accessible to everyone, a variety of services, and an environment rich in economic, social, recreational, and cultural activities.

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Our positions

Vivre en Ville regularly takes a stance on key issues in Quebec, in partnership with other stakeholders. By participating in public consultations, engaging decision-makers, and publishing briefs and press releases, the organization contributes to advancing practices, public policies, and budget choices towards a more favorable framework for the development of sustainable communities.

Our main issues

Vivre en Ville is currently focusing its efforts on the following themes, without reflecting the relative importance:

- Financing of public and active transportation

As a founding member, Vivre en Ville guides the activities of TRANSIT, the Alliance for the financing of public transportation in Quebec, since the formation of the alliance in August 2011. TRANSIT promotes the development and improvement of public transportation services in Quebec, ensuring that they receive the necessary funding to benefit as many citizens as possible.

- Revision of land use planning legislation

Vivre en Ville aims to establish a legal framework favorable to the development of sustainable communities. This framework includes the Land Use and Urbanism Law, currently under review, metropolitan plans and development schemes, as well as government guidelines on land use planning.

- Protection and enhancement of agricultural land

Vivre en Ville works towards the protection of agricultural land both by vigilance towards individual requests for exclusion from agricultural zones and through a comprehensive approach aimed at strengthening the protection of all agricultural land against urbanization pressures.

- Urban planning favorable to health

For several decades, the way cities are built has become a major determinant of the most important public health issues. Vivre en Ville aims to instill a health reflex in urban and transportation planners, in order to promote active transportation, reduce exposure to pollutants, and develop common spaces that promote health, universal accessibility, and quality of life.

- Government action on climate change

In order to set an example in the fight against climate change, Vivre en Ville promotes the integration of measures in land use planning and in the management of supply and demand in transportation in government actions such as the Climate Change Action Plan.

- Location of activities

A crucial element in the movement of people and goods, the location of activities receives special attention from Vivre en Ville in order to promote compact cities and short distances.

- Municipal and territorial taxation

Vivre en Ville analyzes the budget framework of municipalities and transportation in order to propose fiscal solutions that favor the best urban planning practices.

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