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A message from Stéphane Boyer

In the face of two world crises – the fight against climate change and a global pandemic - Laval is showing admirable resilience now more than ever. The challenges we face are great, and it is with confidence rooted in a strong balance sheet and an experienced team that the Mouvement lavallois party intends to meet them with ambition, courage and determination.



The November 7 elections will be an opportunity not only to choose a rigorous and efficient administration, but also to lay the groundwork for a true society transformation, rooted in a unifying and bold vision. The time has come to choose not only efficient solutions for the post-pandemic period, but also, decide what kind of city we want to leave to the next generations, asking ourselves the question: "How can we be better ancestors?".

The vision that underlies in our program and frames our ambitious commitments into a coherent whole lays the foundation for a community we can all be proud of.

For the Mouvement lavallois, Laval of the future is:

- Quality services in our neighbourhoods
- Ambitious action for the environment
- A supportive and secure city
- A prosperous and attractive city

We are convinced that Laval residents will be able to recognize themselves in this vision for their city and will want to continue to lead Laval in the right direction.

On November 7, let us continue the movement together!

Unprecedented Consultation

From the beginning, the Mouvement lavallois has been a political organization focused on the needs and aspirations of the population of Laval. One can think of the years following the 2013 election when our administration recovered tens of millions of dollars of stolen funds, effectively turning the page on the Vaillancourt years. We can also think of the present mandate when we have, among many other things, carried the voice of citizens to demand solutions to transportation issues in the region. Being close to our citizens has always been part of our DNA.

It was therefore only natural for us, when the time came to develop our platform, on the eve of an important election for Laval and for our party, to do so in close collaboration with the population. We conducted an online consultation on the priorities of Lavallers, knocked on nearly 20,000 doors and held dozens of meetings with organizations and businesses in our region and in our neighbourhoods.

As with every other occasion we have had to go out and meet the public, this round of consultations did not fail to bring us enthusiasm, inspiration, and determination.

On the strength of this contribution, today we are proposing an electoral platform ahead of the important meeting with the population that the November 7th election represents.

Do not hesitate to reach out to us with your comments, as we always love hearing from you. And if you are interested in this program, join us to keep driving the Laval movement!

Our Main Priorities

Quality Services in our Neighbourhoods

At Mouvement Lavallois, we believe that quality of life begins with quality services. In concrete terms, this means that we want to have well-maintained streets and parks, a sense of security in our neighbourhoods and quick and easy access to information and services from the municipality. In short, we need to strengthen the foundations upon which we want to build the home and neighbourhoods of our dreams.

Ambitious Action for the Environment

Although the pandemic has received tremendous attention in recent months, we still believe that climate change remains the major challenge of the 21st century. Our parks, shorelines and wooded areas have been host to unprecedented levels of visitors. The COVID-19 crisis and resulting lockdowns have accentuated the need of our citizens to be more and more connected with nature. In the years to come, we wish to continue acquiring natural areas in order to protect them, to continue reducing our greenhouse gas emissions, to increase the urban canopy and to enhance our natural environments so that the population can fully enjoy them.

A supportive and Secure City

We want to continue to build a Laval where everyone can find their place and feel that they can contribute to their community. With the pandemic, the last few months have allowed many different groups and social movements to open up and show us all what collective efforts can be made to support this inclusion. In order for Laval to thrive, it is important to build a strong social fabric. At Mouvement Lavallois, we strive to live in a united city where everyone's strengths are recognized and valued.

A Prosperous and Attractive City

In recent years, the population of Laval has regained pride in its city and community. We have been one of the most economically dynamic cities in Quebec and have been resilient to the shock of the pandemic. We want to build upon this movement and continue to make Laval a city where people want to come to work, study, raise their families, play, grow old, get involved in their community or start a business. This entails sound governance of our public institutions along with the continued economic vitality of our region, including by improving communications in Laval to strengthen the feeling of community.

Quality Services in our Neighbourhoods

Enhancing Our Parks

1. Improving the accessibility, quality and diversity of amenities and facilities in our parks

Public parks are among the main places where our population gathers. Everyone needs to have access to them, regardless of whether they use a stroller, walker, or are in a wheelchair. We want to offer alternatives for children with certain physical or intellectual limitations and we want to offer the population quality amenities that are representative of the population's diversity, for example by building skate parks for teenagers. We also want our parks to gradually be animated in a way that is inclusive and adapted to the realities of each neighbourhood.

2. Improving the maintenance of our parks and adding 3-way waste collection

Due to the pandemic, the number of people visiting our parks has increased, creating maintenance issues that did not exist before. We are pleased to see this increase of visitors and as a result, we will take action to adequately improve maintenance. We also want to make sure that we are able to properly collect and reuse recyclable and compostable materials in our parks.

3. Adding a new dog park to each sector

A significant portion of Laval's families share their lives with a canine companion. We want to progressively improve and enhance existing dog facilities and build a new dog park in each sector of Laval.

4. Enhancing natural spaces under the Hydro-Québec power lines

Some residential areas such as Vimont, Fabreville and Chomedey are crossed by Hydro-Québec power lines. Underneath these are large spaces that can be developed and made accessible in different ways according to the season. In collaboration with Hydro-Quebec, we wish to make them places of entertainment, outdoor activities and contemplation for the benefit of the population.

Investing in Our Roads

5. Increasing investments in pavement maintenance and better communicate information about upcoming work

Over the past years, we have accelerated our investments to improve the condition of our roads. We want to continue to increase our investments in road repairs. We also want to make more information available on upcoming work sites so that the affected population can be more aware of upcoming interventions.

6. Continuing the work to improve the quality of snow removal

In recent years, we have made significant efforts to improve the quality of snow removal as well as the ability of our teams to adapt to new situations in the context of climate change. This has been achieved through the acquisition of new equipment, efforts to restructure operations and technological investments. We intend to keep moving in this direction.

7. Moving forward with the alternative parking reform project

The recently initiated alternative parking reform will enable faster snow removal from the streets, avoid the need for citizens to move their cars when there are no snow plowing operations and increase the supply of on-street parking. We recently outlined the principles of this reform, and we are determined to implement it fully.

8. Proceeding with the MAC (Traffic Calming Measures) program

Traffic in our neighbourhoods is a major concern for residents. A few years ago, we launched a program to reduce speeding and improve safety with targeted interventions on our streets (speed bumps near parks and schools, signage modifications, lane markings, street configuration, green curb extensions, etc.). We look forward to continuing to work towards safer and more user-friendly streets.

Enhancing Mobility

9. Implementing bus routes that provide service every 10, 15, 20 and 30 minutes or less

In order to encourage the use of public transit, it is important that our buses have a rapid transit frequency during off-peak hours, evenings and weekends. To achieve this, we will introduce guaranteed minimum service frequency on several routes.

10. Planning the extension of Saint-Martin boulevard towards Saint-François, including a public transit mode

There is not enough road links and public transit access to Laval's east end because of the way in which the city has historically been developed. The extension of Saint-Martin Boulevard will provide a new link and efficient, rapid transit services to the residents of Saint-François, Duvernay East and Saint-Vincent-de-Paul, improving connectivity between the east end and the rest of the island.

11. Improving the safety and the quality of the cycling and pedestrian network

In the past few years, several dozen kilometres of new bike paths have been built. It is important to ensure that these paths are safe, user-friendly and connected to each other. In order to reduce the number of vehicles on our roads and to promote healthy and environmentally friendly modes of transportation, we must also promote concrete actions that encourage active transportation.

12. Implementing a pilot project using shuttles to connect our neighbourhoods to major public transit access points

Every Laval resident should have easy access to the public transit system. To this end, we will implement a pilot project for free, on-demand shuttles to solve the "last mile" problem. This way, residents who do not live within walking distance of a metro, train station or bus route will be able to access it without having to use their car. This solution could also be used to better connect industrial parks to the public transit network's main access points.

Building New Infrastructure

13. Installing refrigerated and covered skating rinks in our parks

The Bleue Blanc Bouge skating rink at Émile Park is currently the only refrigerated rink in Laval. It alone draws half the traffic of all the outdoor rinks in the territory. Based on this success, we are going to initiate the work required to have infrastructure similar to this in all six sectors of the city, allowing for a better quality of ice and the possibility of using our rinks longer. We also want to extend the opening hours when possible and encourage the loan of equipment.

14. Increasing the number of public pools and splash pads in Laval and keep moving forward with the aquatic complex project

In the last few years, we have invested considerably in the renovation of existing indoor and outdoor pools on our territory, in addition to carrying out the aquatic complex project for which we recently obtained an important grant from the governments of Quebec and Canada. We are now working to increase their number throughout the whole area.

15. Improving our supply of community centres and visitor facilities

During our first two terms in office, we have invested in the renovation of our community centres and visitor facilities. We have also invested in the construction of new buildings in Lausanne Park, in Sainte-Rose and in Sainte-Dorothée. Others are currently under construction in the 22e-Régiment and Berthiaume-Du Tremblay parks and others are planned as well. We want to continue the work we have started and continue to increase the supply for all Laval residents.

16. Moving forward with the cultural infrastructure project in the Montmorency sector

This major cultural infrastructure project combines a central library and an artistic creation centre that will benefit some fifteen organizations in the Montmorency metro area. This infrastructure will thus become a venue for creation and exhibition open to all. We hope to see the construction of this project begin shortly and to explore the possibilities of partnerships with other organizations in this sector.

17. Providing new infrastructure for indoor sports

Despite the substantial progress made in recent years, there is still a lack of sports infrastructure in Laval. We want to increase the supply of such infrastructure, from the island's east to west, for example by collaborating with institutional partners, particularly for indoor sports such as soccer, basketball, badminton, gymnastics, combat sports, etc.

Ambitious Action for the Environment

Protecting and Enhancing Our Natural Areas

18. Investing \$100M for the acquisition and protection of natural areas in Laval

In recent years, we have acquired more than 720 hectares of natural areas and we want to go even further! To give ourselves the means to achieve our ambitions, we are committed to investing \$100 million in the acquisition of natural areas in Laval. Relevant partners and community stakeholders will be asked to contribute for the prioritization of the areas to be acquired. We will also continue our representations to the Québec government to establish a new charter for the city that will give us the right of first refusal on selected properties.

19. Establishing a 17% land protection target

Between 2013 and 2021, we have increased our level of protected areas from 3% to 12% of Laval's territory. As part of our *Trame verte et bleue* (Green and Blue Framework), we have increased our objective to 14%. It is now time to go even further: we are committed to setting a new target of 17% of Laval's territory to continue to link our protected areas together.

20. Improving the access to our shorelines and woodlands

In recent decades, the population of Laval has had relatively little access to its shorelines. We have made significant efforts to restore public access to them. We plan to work on projects such as the public beach at Berge aux Quatre-Vents, the shoreline of the Arthur-Sauvé bridge, the Des Baigneurs shoreline, the Commodore shoreline at Pont-Viau, and many more. We are also committed to improving the access to and the protection of our woodlands, including the Équerre, Souvenir, Trait-Carré, Totem and other woodlands.

21. Working on the development of a large-scale natural park on the Mille-Îles River

The Mille-Îles River is a jewel of biodiversity. It is home to 59% of species composing the wildlife of Quebec. The Éco-Nature organization is currently overseeing the preservation of a site covering 26 hectares. Together with this organization, the government of Quebec and other municipalities of the North Shore, we aim to expand the area to more than 500 hectares in order to make it a large natural park for the protection of the fauna and flora, while making these magnificent sites accessible.

22. Ensuring a 50% minimum for the preservation of green spaces on golf course redevelopments and acquiring them if possible

Laval is host to several large golf courses with undeniable ecological potential. In the event of a change of vocation, we are committed to preserving at least 50% of their natural spaces. If certain golf courses were to be put up for sale, we would evaluate the opportunity to acquire them. We also want to explore the best ways to make the golf courses accessible to the general public in winter.

Increasing the Canopy and Fighting Heat Islands

23. Improving the protection of our trees

After making significant efforts to protect woodlands through regulation and developing a new planning code that will require tree plantings in redevelopment projects and large parking lots, we will go further and strengthen our regulations to preserve and protect existing trees, particularly in cases of new development projects.

24. Implementing a frontage tree planting program

Approximately one out of four houses in Laval do not have a tree in front of it. Yet, streets lined with mature trees are good for our health, reduce heat islands, and make our city more beautiful! During our mandate, we will offer the owners of residences without a tree in front the chance to plant one for free.

25. Promoting tree planting in new parking lots

Parking lots for shopping malls or industrial facilities have traditionally developed into huge, mineralized spaces that create considerable heat islands. We will adopt the necessary regulations to make parking lots greener and incorporate more canopy to make them cooler and more welcoming spaces.

26. Increasing the canopy within new development projects

Today, it is no longer possible to develop, or redevelop, large urban spaces without planning for green spaces in advance. In all future development projects, we will ensure that a certain percentage of the land is dedicated to green spaces.

Accelerating the Ecological Transition

27. Developing a regional ecological transition plan

The climate emergency forces us to take notice of the environmental challenges and science encourages us more than ever to take strong action to accelerate the ecological transition. We are therefore proposing the elaboration of a Regional Ecological Transition Plan, by creating a major summit where all the region's stakeholders will be gathered in order to develop a unifying vision, common objectives and the means to collectively achieve our ecological ambition for Laval.

28. Implementing a social innovation and ecological transition Office

The ecological transition is transversal and requires a comprehensive and long-term vision of our community's development. Its implementation requires thinking outside the box and developing inspiring innovations. A Social Innovation and Ecological Transition Office will ensure that the City's ecological commitments, particularly in the areas of eco-citizenship and climate action, are implemented in a transversal way.

29. Planning the development of eco-districts in large urban development areas

Laval still has a few large areas dedicated to urban development. We want these future neighbourhoods to be exemplary in terms of sustainable development. We will therefore include provisions in the urban planning regulations to promote the establishment of inspiring eco-districts in these areas.

30. Promoting and overseeing urban agriculture

Urban agriculture is now key to increasing our food autonomy and reducing our environmental footprint. We will modernize our regulations to encourage the practice of agriculture and promote the creation of common spaces in neighbourhoods where it can be practised, such as community gardens. We will also keep investing to promote our local agriculture.

Taking Action for the Climate and Reducing Greenhouse Gases (GHG)

31. Implementing measures to promote green construction and green renovation

After transportation, housing is the sector where individuals can reduce their environmental footprint the most. We will enhance our green construction and green renovation programs to accelerate the ecological transformation of homes and other buildings. Our first major action will be to accelerate the conversion from oil to electric heating.

32. Prohibiting the creation of new gas stations on our territory

The transition to the electrification of transportation is well underway. For example, the federal government has announced that fuel-powered vehicles will be banned as of 2035. We therefore believe it is essential to prohibit, within legal limits, the construction of new gas stations on our territory. This will limit the risks of land contamination while preserving these sites for innovative business projects on our territory.

33. Planning for the installation of electric vehicle charging stations in new developments

In order to facilitate and encourage the transition to electric transportation, it is important that those who purchase electric vehicles have the option of installing a charging station at their home, work and leisure locations. However, it is costly and complex to install charging stations when a building's electrical system does not provide the proper infrastructure for it. That is why we will require all new construction to include the possibility of installing charging stations for each parking space. In addition to this, we are working hard to install public charging stations on municipal property.

A supportive and Secure City

Ensuring the Safety of the Population

34. Lowering the speed limit to 30 km/h on certain residential streets

Under our administration, the speed limit on residential streets has been reduced from 50 km/h to 40 km/h. Having the safety of our citizens at heart, we think it is possible to take this further and will reduce the speed to 30 km/h on streets where it is both feasible and beneficial.

35. Increasing police presence to address issues specific to each neighbourhood

We wish to pursue the reform of the police service, which will allow, with the construction of a new gendarmerie station, to have more police officers present in the neighborhoods and to set up new squads dedicated to countering criminal phenomena and conduct more prevention, notably through our Social Emergency division.

36. Diversifying the police department and bringing it closer to the community

We launched consultations, *Un nouveau regard sur le service de police de Laval* (A New Look at the Laval Police Department), with the objective of bringing the department closer to all the communities it serves. We want to develop and implement an action plan based on the results of our consultations to ensure that the composition of our department represents the diversity of our population and to ensure that relations with all communities are harmonious.

37. Implementing permanent measures to protect the population against flooding

In 2017 and 2019, Laval was hit by two major flooding episodes. We have put in place an intervention strategy for sensitive areas since. We want to go further and put in place permanent protection measures to reduce our vulnerability to flooding.

Helping the Most Vulnerable

38. Maintaining home-support allocations and enhancing services for seniors

In the context of COVID-19, our seniors are experiencing great hardship. In addition to maintaining the Home-Support Allocation, we will increase funding to organizations that help our seniors, whether it is to break social isolation or provide recreational activities or basic services such as meals on wheels.

39. Creating a subsidy for low-income families and seniors who wish to enroll in a sport, cultural or recreational activity

During the pandemic, many organizations saw a decrease in participation in their activities due to the sanitary measures. To help them recover, we want to establish a subsidy allowing low-income families and seniors to pay for subscribing to an activity. This measure will also help our fellow citizens who do not always have the means to participate in such activities.

40. Providing mission funding to organizations supporting vulnerable people

The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated many social problems that already existed before. We believe that the City of Laval can play a more active role in funding the mission of organizations that help vulnerable people. This includes organizations that help women who are victims of gender-based violence, people living with mental health issues, at-risk people, people experiencing homelessness or people with disabilities.

41. Implementing a \$500k program to support our organizations' local initiatives

The community organizations ecosystem in Laval is strong and dynamic. We are committed to supporting concrete projects that have a positive impact on the lives of our population. We will implement a new annual 500k program so that local organizations can put forward structuring projects for sponsorship.

Facilitating Access to Housing and Protecting Our Heritage

42. Investing \$25 million to fight the housing crisis

Housing is the biggest expense for most of us and, especially in recent months, the sector has entered a crisis that affects everyone. The problem of rising costs is complex, and solutions depend not only on cities, but also on a multitude of actors. In order to ensure the long-term affordability of housing, we propose to invite federal, provincial, private and civil society actors to a large forum where all the solutions can be discussed in order to agree on a concerted action plan. In order to materialize and perpetuate the benefits of this forum on access to housing, we are committed to investing up to \$25M for the realization of the best ideas on our territory. At the same time, we will continue our efforts to build social and affordable housing on our territory.

43. Establishing a home ownership support program

In recent months, the real estate market has been overheating with a significant increase in property prices. We want to develop a program to support first-time buyers in becoming homeowners.

44. Helping tenants become homeowners

Housing cooperatives help to keep rents affordable over the long term. In the event that the owner of an apartment building puts his building up for sale, it would be possible for his tenants to purchase it. However, this can be difficult without professional guidance. In order to overcome this challenge, we will establish a team that can accompany tenants who wish to form cooperatives in order to ensure the affordability of their rents in the long term.

45. Protecting and promoting Laval's heritage

In recent years, we have invested and implemented regulations to protect and showcase Laval's heritage. We want to continue these efforts, particularly by accelerating negotiations with the federal government for the Old Penitentiary of Saint-Vincent-de-Paul, by supporting organizations that have projects for the redevelopment of heritage spaces and by reviewing the subsidy program for renovations.

46. Improving and enhancing signage to highlight our history and our neighbourhoods' landmarks

Laval's history is immensely rich, but unfortunately not well known. Formed over 55 years ago by the merger of 14 cities, its history goes back much further, from the presence of the First Nations on the island to the arrival of the first European settlers. We want to invest in signage to showcase our history as well as sites of importance to our community.

Promoting Culture and Diversity in Laval

47. Creating a funding program for arts and cultural initiatives in our neighbourhoods

Culture is an essential part of life for cities and their neighbourhoods. In the last few years, we have made efforts to increase the number of cultural initiatives in our neighbourhoods, such as the *Zones musicales* (Musical Zones). We want to perpetuate and enhance these types of initiatives in our neighbourhoods, proudly promoting our artists and cultural organizations to animate our living environments throughout the year, thanks to the creation of a new recurring cultural funding program.

48. Increasing the number of cultural venues in the neighbourhoods, both in municipal infrastructures and in atypical locations

There is a historical lack of cultural venues in Laval. We want to increase the number of places that can host artistic and cultural events (exhibitions, shows, etc.), particularly by relying on existing municipal facilities and by cultural deployment in atypical places.

49. Stimulating urban art in Laval by launching an annual call for projects

Several initiatives, such as *Métamorphoses créatives* (Creative Metamorphosis) in the Montmorency sector and the summer rest stops in all our neighbourhoods, have demonstrated Laval's potential and its residents' appetite for urban art. We want to implement an annual call for projects to beautify Laval with urban art projects.

50. Promoting living together by creating the Espace interculturel de Laval (Laval intercultural space)

Nearly half of Laval's population is now composed of first- or second-generation immigrants. With the goal of bringing people together on an intercultural level, we want to set up a place where Laval's various cultural communities can meet and exchange ideas: the *Espace interculturel de Laval* (Laval Intercultural Space), for a city united in its diversity.

51. Offering more activities to linguistic minorities in Laval to break social isolation and promote integration

Laval is Quebec's second-largest destination for immigrants. To ensure harmonious integration and intercultural bonding for all, we believe that full participation in the activities offered by the municipality must be encouraged, including in the city's libraries.

A Prosperous and Attractive City

Ensuring Responsible and Transparent Economic Administration

52. Limiting tax increases to anticipated levels of inflation

Since our administration took office, taxes in Laval have been rising at a rate lower than inflation. We want to keep this trend going and limit tax increases to anticipated levels of inflation.

53. Increasing the resources allocated for 311 and making it available 24 hours a day

Many investments have been made in the past years to improve the processing of citizens' requests. We want to increase resources and improve availability in order to improve the efficiency and speed of customer service offered to the population of Laval.

54. Continuing the work for integrity and the fight against corruption

Since the Mouvement lavallois took office, we have made integrity and the fight against corruption a priority. The creation of an ethics office (BIEL), the creation of the secretariat for governance and the recovery of stolen funds (more than \$50M to date) are just a few examples of the work accomplished. We can be proud of this, but we must keep up the movement.

55. Implementing participatory budgets for each sector

After announcing the implementation of an island-wide participatory budget pilot project, we will keep this participatory democracy movement going at the local level: we will eventually implement a participatory budget for each sector, allowing citizens to collectively propose and choose inspiring local projects for their living environment.

56. Set up a pilot project for a neighbourhood citizens' assembly

Citizen participation has been at the heart of the Mouvement lavallois' priorities. Our party's elected officials have held regular citizen meetings in their districts and the municipal administration has carried out more consultations with the population than ever before. We believe that the input of a sector's citizens is essential for the City officials' decision-making process and that is why we want to increase the opportunities to gain this kind of insight.

Promoting Local Businesses

57. Implementing initiatives to revitalize and improve the territory's commercial arteries

Commercial arteries are the heart of our neighbourhoods. We gather there, we shop there, we contribute to local vitality by shopping local at our favorite businesses. This is why we will initiate participatory approaches to revitalize, improve, energize and bring our commercial arteries to life, notably with calls for structuring and inspiring projects, while supporting the local economy and the resilience of our neighbourhoods.

58. Continuing the revitalization and beautification of areas surrounding metro and city entrances

Several projects to revitalize our city's entrances are currently underway (the revitalization of the Cartier and Concorde sectors, the *Métamorphoses créatives* (Creative Metamorphosis) project in the Montmorency sector, planting contests and flower mosaics, etc.). We will expand these projects and make greater use of urban art, landscaping and flower arrangements to beautify the city's entrances.

59. Beautify our neighbourhoods' commercial arteries

Commercial streets are real living environments, right in the heart of our neighbourhoods. We will make significant efforts to make our commercial streets more welcoming, lively, safe and inspiring for Laval residents and visitors alike, both through direct intervention and by supporting local initiatives, while respecting each neighbourhood's unique identity.

Maintaining, Protecting and Supporting the Agricultural Sector

60. Promote farm stands and accelerate shop local programs

In Laval, we are privileged to have a large agricultural area and many farm stands offering a unique experience. We want to protect and enhance these spaces. We also want to work to increase the accessibility of Laval's products, especially for neighbourhoods located further away from our agricultural areas. After having introduced programs to promote Laval products and to stimulate local shopping (such as *Saveurs de Laval*), we will increase our efforts to allow as many Laval residents as possible to proudly buy local products.

61. Accelerating agricultural land consolidation and improving ditch maintenance and cleaning

In recent years, we have spent millions of dollars acquiring farmland for consolidation so that it can be brought back into production. We are getting close to our goal on this issue and we want to accelerate efforts to bring land back to the market. We also want Laval to assume its responsibility to maintain agricultural ditches so that flooding problems do not reduce the amount of land available for exploitation.

62. Creating an agrotourism itinerary accessible by public transit

Agricultural kiosks are a distinctive pride for Laval. For obvious logistical reasons, these kiosks are often far from higher density residential areas. We want to implement an STL route that will allow these kiosks to be accessible for discovery by public transit from the residential neighbourhoods.

Stimulating Laval's Economic Vitality

63. Reducing permit granting delays by half and simplifying processes

Whether it is for a citizen, a farmer, a business or a real estate developer, many projects depend on receiving a permit from the city in a timely manner. While maintaining high standards to ensure the aesthetics and quality of projects developed on our territory, we want to significantly reduce the analysis time and simplify the application process for all types of permits. We also want to make information on the progress of permit applications and construction projects more easily accessible and available.

64. Creating a program promoting Laval to attract new talent

For several years now, the labour shortage has been the main challenge facing our businesses. To support them, we want to set up an ambitious program to attract new talent to Laval by offering them a range of services to help them settle in and discover the territory's work opportunities. The resources to support companies in recruiting workers from abroad will be improved. We will also work to increase the training offer on our territory.

65. Developing Laval's industrial zone to attract new businesses

In Laval, there is almost no industrial land left to develop. To enable us to seize national and international economic opportunities, the City will adopt a proactive industrial zone development strategy (for example, by extending municipal services to industrial zones where they are not available as of yet).

66. Developing the Biotech City's second phase and the Carré Laval innovation area

The biotech sector is one of our industrial gems, thanks to which Laval stands out on a global level. It is such a dynamic and growing sector that companies are facing a lack of space. To further boost this flagship sector, we will unfold Biotech City's second phase, allowing us to welcome more quality jobs and cutting-edge companies on our territory. Furthermore, we will continue to pursue actions to make the Carré Laval a mixed-use carless carbon neutral innovation area.

67. Continuing our efforts to support the social economy by developing a policy for Laval

After having significantly increased our investments in the region's social economy enterprises, we will move into high gear by setting up the first-ever Laval social economy policy.