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Dear residents of Laval,

It is with great enthusiasm that my team and I are seeking a new term in office. We want to continue working to improve your quality of life through efficient administration and enhanced service to citizen.

We are operating in an uncertain socioeconomic context. Tariff tensions with our neighbours to the south and the rapid increase in the cost of living in recent years have had an impact on our lives and on the management of our city. Construction costs are skyrocketing, wages are rising, and the needs of the population continue to evolve with demographic growth.



In short, our economic vitality and purchasing power are under pressure. We must find pragmatic and innovative solutions to these challenges. The people of Laval deserve a strong city that is capable to provide quality public services to the population and be prepared to face the future.

That is why my team and I quickly announced our political priority. For the next term, we propose to focus on the essentials. After delivering long-awaited projects in Laval while maintaining good financial health, we are committed to prioritizing the maintenance and upgrading of our public infrastructures over the next four years: **better-maintained streets, safer neighbourhoods, a stronger flood prevention measures**, and **tax rates that remain among the lowest** in Quebec.

This is the commitment we make to you.

Every day, the Mouvement lavallois team rolls up its sleeves to make you proud of our city. We hope we can count on your support for the next four years.

We wish everyone a great election campaign.

Stéphane BOYER,
Your mayor



WE KEPT OUR WORD, A BUSTLING CITY

In four years, Mayor Stéphane Boyer's team has shown that a municipal government can be efficient, responsible, and ambitious. With **94% of its commitments fulfilled or in progress**, Laval is well on its way to becoming an even prouder and more dynamic city.

Healthy public finances

The City of Laval maintains the highest municipal credit rating in Quebec. True to its word, the Boyer administration has kept tax rates below inflation, despite the difficult economic climate, and among the lowest of any major city.

Culture of efficiency

Laval has become the first city to publish the processing times for citizen requests (potholes, lighting, etc.). As a result, 81% of requests are now resolved on time, an improvement of 11 points in one year.

Enhanced security

Nearly 100 new police resources have been added and 20,000 additional investigation hours have been made available thanks to a new collective agreement at the Laval Police Service.

Major projects delivered

Long-awaited projects have been completed: the aquatic complex is open and the new cultural infrastructure will open its doors in 2027.

Construction is booming in Laval

In five years, more than 1,000 social and affordable housing units have been completed or started, representing 20% of the city's total social housing stock. Laval is also experiencing a record pace of construction starts.



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1. AN EFFICIENT AND WELL-MANAGED CITY

We are committed to making Laval a well-managed and efficient city, where every decision is made in the collective interest and in the spirit of continuous improvement. Our priority is to provide high-quality, accessible and efficient public services while keeping property taxes as low as possible for residents.

1.1. Maintain one of the lowest tax rates among Quebec's 10 largest cities

Thanks to our rigorous management of public finances, municipal taxes have risen 30% slower than inflation since 2021. Laval currently has one of the lowest tax rates among Quebec's major cities, and we will maintain this enviable position in order to respect the ability of Laval residents to pay their taxes in a difficult economic climate.

1.2. Simplify interactions between citizens and the municipal administration

At the beginning of 2025, the average wait time for 311 had fallen to 63 seconds, a significant improvement of 87% from the peak of 496 seconds reached in 2021. We will continue to simplify and facilitate communication between the city and its citizens, including through the use of new technologies and the streamlining of city processes, among others.

1.3. Reduce resolution times to citizen requests

Because citizens are entitled to efficient services, we have established standard resolution times to resolve everyday irritants more quickly. After setting up a dashboard accessible to citizens, we will continue our efforts to reduce delays, particularly for repairing potholes, delivering missing trash bins, repairing streetlights, and modifying traffic signs.

1.4. Reduce permit delivery times for citizens and businesses

The issuance of permits is a critical process for housing development, economic growth, and citizens' quality of life. After reducing our processing times by approximately 50% since 2021 and inspiring several other cities to follow suit, we will continue our innovative approach and accelerate the processing of applications.

1.5. Using new technologies and artificial intelligence to automate repetitive processes and tasks that do not add value

We are taking action to modernize municipal administration with the goal of using new technologies to deliver services more quickly and at lower cost, including through automatic invoice processing, pothole detection using artificial intelligence, and the 311 virtual assistant. We will continue to implement these new technologies to improve service performance and simplify life for Laval residents.



1.6. Implement a pilot project to manage traffic lights using artificial intelligence to reduce traffic and make it easier for Laval residents to get around

After installing hundreds of traffic appeasement measures to make sharing the road smoother and safer, we will use artificial intelligence to ease traffic flow. With this pilot project, we will continue to use new technologies to make life easier for Laval residents.

1.7. Prioritize the creation of partnerships and agreements with community organizations for the provision of services to Laval residents

Because community organizations are valuable partners that enrich municipal action, we support them through funding programs and, when relevant, by entrusting them with the management of certain municipal buildings. We will expand partnerships with organizations because of their expertise in service provision and the potential financial benefits for the city and its citizens.

2. A PROSPEROUS CITY THAT TAKES ITS PLACE

We want a prosperous city that fully assumes its place and leadership role. By focusing on economic development, innovation, and attractiveness, we are working to create a dynamic environment where businesses, institutions, and citizens contribute together to the vitality and growth of our community.

A PROSPEROUS CITY

We want to attract and retain talent, support our local businesses, and create favourable conditions for innovation. To achieve this, we aim to ensure that economic growth translates into tangible benefits for citizens: good jobs, quality services, and a dynamic and inclusive living environment.

2.1. Continue to develop the Carré Laval, a new neighbourhood focused on innovation and quality of life

The first steps have been taken toward creating an exemplary eco-neighborhood on the Carré Laval site: we have unveiled a development plan, signed an agreement with a credible non-profit organization for the construction of the first phase and initiated or completed dozens of analyses and field studies. We will bring this flagship project to fruition by completing the first phase which will include 1,000 housing units, 500 of which will be affordable, and an academic building.



2.2. Revise the Société de transport de Laval bus lines to provide more direct and faster routes

Travel habits have changed significantly in recent years, and our business hubs are growing rapidly. We will review STL bus routes to make them more direct and faster, particularly between the east and the west of Laval, to better serve our business and educational hubs as well as our various neighbourhoods.

2.3. Boost the vitality and economic development of our historic village centers

Through initiatives such as a new stage in Old Sainte-Rose and the Christmas tree in Sainte-Dorothée's public square, we are leveraging Laval's unique identity and heritage to bring life to the heart of our neighbourhoods. We will strengthen the local economy while fostering pride and a sense of belonging among citizens by encouraging the establishment of local businesses, enhancing public spaces, and organizing cultural activities.

2.4. Support the development of new large-scale sporting and entertainment sites

Laval is attracting more and more major events, and our citizens no longer need to travel miles to enjoy noteworthy entertainment: shows, professional teams, festivals, and sports competitions are multiplying on our territory. We will continue to support the emergence of high-quality events that contribute to the athletic, cultural, and economic vitality of our city while fostering pride among Laval residents.

2.5. Increase the amount of cultivated farmland and ensure better maintenance of ditches

In order to better promote our agricultural zone, we have adopted the Agricultural Zone Development Plan, supported the creation of an innovation hub, imposed a fee on uncultivated land, invested more than \$2 million to consolidate fragmented farmlands, and completed a study on the condition of ditches. To continue supporting the agricultural community, we will improve the cleaning of these works, while continuing our land consolidation initiatives and studying opportunities to expand the permanent agricultural zone.

2.6. Support the redevelopment of the heritage site of the Soeurs Missionnaires de l'Immaculée-Conception in Pont-Viau to create the Maison de l'économie sociale et communautaire (Social economy and community center)

After adopting our first social economy policy, Laval is currently experiencing a boom in this sector. At a time when socio-economic issues are multiplying, we will support innovative solutions that are adapted to people's realities, including the creation of a gathering place and center of expertise where community organizations and social economy enterprises can establish themselves.



2.7. Increase the availability of community and event spaces for Laval organizations and residents

Through its activities and municipal spaces made available to the community, the City of Laval offers numerous occasions to meet, exchange ideas, collaborate, and celebrate. We will increase the number of venues accessible to all so that organizations and citizens can organize their own activities, events, and meetings, thereby enriching the cultural and social opportunities available in the area.

A CITY THAT TAKES ITS PLACE

As Quebec's third largest city, Laval must take its rightful place. To meet our major challenges and support our growth, we must make our voice heard and obtain clear commitments from the Quebec and Canadian governments. We are working tirelessly to ensure that Laval is recognized and supported in line with our demographic weight and ambitions.

2.8. Opening a second hospital or expand the Cité de la Santé to increase healthcare services for all

With Laval growing and the Cité de la Santé already being the hospital with the highest number of patients in the province, healthcare services must be improved. We want better access to emergency rooms, operating rooms, delivery rooms, and mental health services. We will also support the creation of a birthing center in our territory.

2.9. Increase the capacity of Collège Montmorency and the range of university courses offered in order to meet the educational needs of young people and the population as a whole

Collège Montmorency is the only CEGEP in our area and, unfortunately, has to turn away students year after year due to a lack of space. After announcing the creation of the Consortium for Knowledge and Education at Carré Laval, in collaboration with the Institut national de la recherche scientifique (INRS), the Université du Québec à Montréal (UQAM), Collège Montmorency, and Collège Lasalle, we will work actively to expand college and university education offerings in our territory in order to give our young people an opportunity to reach their full potential.

2.10. Extend the orange metro line in Chomedey to connect Côte-Vertu station, Carrefour Laval, and Montmorency station

We have stepped up our efforts to propose a well-thought-out route for densely populated areas of Laval, in addition to innovating with agreements with real estate developers to reduce the costs associated with extending the orange line and paving the way for thousands of additional housing units. We will continue to work to develop a structured public transit system in line with the development of the city center, enabling us to offer efficient and effective transportation options tailored to the growing needs of Laval residents.



2.11. Secure the long-term funding for the Maison Saint-Joseph shelter to support the fight against homelessness

Many efforts have been made to combat homelessness: among other things, the City has made one of its buildings, Maison Saint-Joseph, available for use as an emergency shelter and a street café where people can access support services. Maintaining and renovating this building requires significant investment, and we are committed to finding the solutions necessary to ensure its sustainability.

2.12. Revise the Criminal Code and penal laws to better fight crime

In recent years, we have made several investments to enhance the sense of security among Laval residents, in addition to taking action to improve our police service's ability to solve investigations. As today's crime is more organized and technological and our laws need to be modernized, we will support legislative initiatives aimed at being tougher on those who use minors to commit crimes.

2.13. Continue efforts to bring the high-speed rail project between Quebec City and Toronto to Laval

The high-speed rail project between Quebec City and Toronto was announced by the federal government and according to projections, Laval will have a station along the planned route. We will continue to work with the federal government to ensure that this major project is properly integrated into Laval in order to facilitate travel and accelerate job creation.

2.14. Ensure the redevelopment and heritage protection of the old Saint-Vincent-de-Paul Penitentiary site

Thanks to the mobilization of the City and various partners, the federal government's redevelopment of the old penitentiary is more tangible than ever. As a leading collaborator, we will ensure that this project meets the needs of the population, including social and affordable housing, local services and green and public spaces, while preserving the site's exceptional heritage value.

3. CLEAN AND SAFE NEIGHBOURHOODS

We are committed to making Laval a city where every neighbourhood is clean, safe, and welcoming. By focusing on the maintenance of our public spaces, prevention, and our presence in the field, we want to offer everyone an environment where they can enjoy living in peace while taking pride in their community.



FLOOD-RESILIENT NEIGHBOURHOODS

3.1. Establish a subsidy program for the installation of protective measures in homes at risk of flooding

We are investing heavily in improving underground pipes and water retention measures on public land. But better protection of the population against climate change also requires adapting homes. We will help the most at-risk citizens by offering them expert advice on the most important actions to take and by financing up to 50% of the repair costs.

3.2. Invest an additional \$440 million to better maintain our streets and build infrastructure to better protect us from flooding

Over the past four years, we have implemented measures and invested heavily to improve our road infrastructure, repair our streets, parks, and sewers, and reduce the risk of flooding. In addition to the \$350 million over three years included in the current investment program, we will invest an additional \$440 million to accelerate these improvements, maintenance, and repair works for a modernized, resilient, and beautiful city.

CLEAN NEIGHBOURHOODS

3.3. Double the road maintenance budgets to repair roads and sidewalks in poor condition more quickly

From 2022 to 2025, we invested more than \$70 million in resurfacing work, in addition to developing technological tools that allow us to identify roads and sidewalks in poor condition more quickly. With this new capacity for action, we aim to invest \$140 million during our term in office in road maintenance to maintain the quality of our roads.

3.4. Ensuring rapid snow removal in high-traffic areas, particularly schools and subway stations, within a maximum of 12 hours

In recent years, we have implemented several measures to improve the quality and efficiency of snow removal, such as dynamic signage in central neighborhoods and the addition of machinery, including nine salt spreaders and sixteen tractors for sidewalks. In addition to continuing to improve our operations, we will implement a rapid and reliable snow removal strategy, particularly near schools and metro stations, to further ensure the safety of pedestrians, families, and children.



3.5. Improve the cleanliness of streets and public spaces by increasing the frequency of mechanical street sweeping and garbage collection in parks

Cleaning our 300 parks, riverbanks, and wooded areas is essential to the quality of life, safety, and pride of our citizens, as is cleaning the 3,200 kilometers of curbsides, which is done continuously from spring to fall. In order to improve and maintain high standards of cleanliness in our public spaces, we will enhance the resources and machinery assigned to these operations, while ensuring flexible and efficient work organization.

3.6. Beautify boulevard medians by adding vegetation

In recent years, we have planted hundreds of trees on our major thoroughfares and carried out major greening and beautification projects, such as the one on Saint-Martin Boulevard. We will continue greening initiatives wherever possible, planting more trees, flowers, and grasses to reduce heat islands and make our boulevards more welcoming.

3.7. Clean up graffiti in public spaces more quickly

Submitted in 2023, the report by the Cross-partisan commission on urban violence identifies the rapid removal of graffiti as an important preventive measure to improve citizens' sense of security. After setting a standard deadline for the removal of graffiti in public spaces, we will increase the efficiency of cleaning operations in neighbourhoods with the aim of maintaining an adequate response time and clean neighbourhoods.

SAFE NEIGHBOURHOODS

3.8. Make pedestrian crossings and intersections safer, particularly in school zones and near senior residences

Since 2021, we have installed more than 2,000 traffic appeasement measures, including 1,000 speed bumps, as part of a major campaign to make Laval's streets safer by prioritizing areas around schools, seniors residences, and parks. We will continue our efforts to make streets safer for the most vulnerable, focusing our actions on securing pedestrian crossings and intersections near schools and seniors' residences.

3.9. Install 20 new traffic lights at the busiest intersections to facilitate travel and reduce the risk of accidents

Many measures have been implemented to improve road safety in Laval, including reducing speed limits in neighbourhoods, installing speed bumps near schools and parks, and extending crossing times at traffic lights near seniors' residences. In the next term, we will add new traffic lights at the most problematic locations, in addition to increased verifications to reduce obstacles on the network, in order to facilitate travel and reduce traffic.



3.10. Hire additional police resources to increase presence in neighbourhoods and services to citizens

We have hired nearly 100 police officers in four years and completed the implementation of the new public safety service offering with the opening of the new Gendarmerie de l'Ouest police station, enabling better intervention and prevention capabilities throughout the territory. With the recent signing of the new collective agreement, we will hire additional police resources, such as cadets, to increase our presence in neighbourhoods and services to citizens.

3.11. Improve the investigation process and resolution of crimes against persons and property

In collaboration with the City's Organizational Performance Bureau and the Laval Police Service, we have identified areas for optimization, reviewed case processing procedures and transferred administrative tasks to civilian staff. We will improve the investigation and resolution of crimes against persons and property by adding 20,000 additional investigation hours.

3.12. Make better use of existing public and private cameras in the area to fight crime

This year, we opened the new Gendarmerie de l'Ouest police station and the Smart Operational Monitoring Centre, which will enable our police officers to respond more quickly in the field. Because it is necessary to gather evidence that will enable us to arrest criminals, and because more and more homes and businesses have their own cameras, we will implement a pilot project to make better use of these technological resources in order to solve a greater number of investigations.

3.13. Continue prevention initiatives targeting young people in Laval, in collaboration with schools, community organizations, and the healthcare network

We have adopted the Plan stratégique Sécurité et bien-être collectif 2024-2034 (2024-2034 Strategic Plan for Community Safety and Well-Being), developed in collaboration with the community, and identified actions to be taken to combat juvenile delinquency and urban violence and to promote prevention among young people. We will support the implementation of projects, activities, and initiatives aimed at young people, such as raising awareness of issues related to cyberspace and cyberbullying, projects such as De la Rue O Ring, opportunities for artistic expression, and other actions.



4. GREEN NEIGHBOURHOODS ON A HUMAN SCALE

We want to build green, people-friendly neighborhoods where nature plays a central role and where developments are designed with families, seniors, and young people in mind. By promoting friendly, accessible, and sustainable living environments, we are creating a city where everyone can thrive close to home.

MORE HOUSING AND SERVICES FOR FAMILIES

4.1. Build 2,000 new social and affordable housing units, twice the number built in the last five years

Since 2020, we have supported the creation of more than 1,000 social and affordable housing units for vulnerable households throughout Laval, an unprecedented leap in the city's history, but essential in times of housing crisis. By supporting new projects, offering incentives, and taking a pragmatic, results-oriented approach, we will redouble our efforts to ensure that Laval residents have access to adequate housing.

4.2. Protect existing affordable rents in the context of a housing crisis

We are working on all fronts when it comes to housing: it is important to increase the supply of housing, create new units for vulnerable families, and protect existing affordable housing from the speculative market. We will implement regulatory and financial measures, in collaboration with housing organizations, to ensure that affordable rents in our neighbourhoods remain affordable and that no one is left behind.

4.3. Continue to build and renovate our local sports infrastructures, including soccer fields, pickleball courts, baseball fields, basketball courts, pétanque courts, beach volleyball courts, refrigerated skating rinks and arenas

In recent years, we have improved the accessibility, quality, and diversity of amenities and facilities in our parks throughout the city, including projects at Parc du Moulin, Parc de la Capitaine-Molly-Kool, Parc Bernard-Landry, Parc Berthiaume-Du Tremblay, Parc Prévost, Parc Pie-X and Parc Sainte-Béatrice. We will continue to build and renovate our local sports infrastructures to make sports activities even more accessible to Laval residents.



4.4. Expand self-service mobility options throughout the territory, particularly bike-sharing and car-sharing services

We have exponentially increased the number of BIXI stations and self-service electric scooters to meet growing demand from the population, in addition to actively contributing to the expansion of Communauto in Laval. We will continue to improve self-service mobility options in Laval, particularly in the East and West, while promoting their expansion in line with growth in usage.

MAKE GREEN SPACES ACCESSIBLE AND PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT

4.5. Create a new nature park in Northwest Laval

We have acquired approximately 100 hectares of strategic natural environments with a goal to preserve our green spaces and making them accessible to citizens for outdoor activities. A remarkable site both for its ecological value and recreational potential, we will complete negotiations to finalize the acquisition of the Sainte-Rose golf course in order to transform it, in collaboration with the public, into a large riverside nature park accessible to all.

4.6. Expand the wildlife refuge on the Mille-Îles river to create a large protected regional park

An ambitious project along the Mille-Îles river to create the largest urban wildlife refuge in Quebec, in collaboration with a dozen cities in the North Shore region, we have integrated more than 568 hectares in recent years. With a potential total goal of 971 hectares of protected land, almost three times the size of Central Park in New York, we will continue to work with our partners to bring the wildlife refuge project to fruition.

4.7. Increase the area of protected natural and agricultural environments in our territory by 20 million square feet

In addition to strengthening regulations protecting our natural environments, our administration has acquired several sites of high ecological value, thereby protecting 18.3% of our territory and exceeding our targets 10 years ahead of schedule. We will continue our momentum and protect a minimum of an additional 20 million square feet.

4.8. Offer a free tree on a voluntary basis to Laval residents who wish to green their property

Considering the impact of heat waves on the population of Laval, the city's subsidy has made it possible to plant more than 30,000 trees on private and public land and highway ramps. Building on these successes and with the desire to increase the pace of planting, we will give a tree free of charge to citizens who request one.



4.9. Reduce heat islands through targeted greening and demineralization initiatives

Thanks to the numerous investments and programs we have implemented, we are on track to achieve the ambitious goals of the Horizon 2035 Climate Plan in terms of demineralization and tree planting to improve Laval's resilience to climate change and extreme heat events. In order to reduce the amount of water carried through our underground infrastructure, we will reduce heat islands by increasing greening and demineralization initiatives in urban areas.

4.10. Implement a project to capture, sterilize and care for stray cats

In order to promote animal welfare and motivated by the goal of finding useful solutions to the problems caused by stray cats in certain areas, we have commissioned a veterinarian to document the situation in the territory. Based on her recommendations, and in collaboration with authorized organizations to provide dignified, high-quality care to cats, we will implement a project to capture, sterilize, and care for stray cats.

BEAUTIFY OUR NEIGHBOURHOODS

4.11. Continue our riverbanks redevelopment projects to make our waterways accessible to all

In recent years, we have improved access to riverbanks throughout the city through various projects, including the Rapides-du-Cheval-Blanc, Quatre-Vents, Commodore and Baigneurs riverbanks. We will continue these development projects so that every Laval resident can enjoy these natural spaces.

4.12. Increase beautification projects in neighbourhoods with decorative lighting and public art

There are many low-cost options for making our neighbourhoods more attractive and pleasant: plantings, seasonal lights, murals, temporary furniture, and much more. After implementing such projects in several locations since 2021, such as on Sainte-Rose, Saint-Martin, and Cartier boulevards, we will continue to beautify neighbourhoods, parks, and village centers.

4.13. Optimize the use of rooftops of major construction projects by installing green roofs, terraces or sports facilities

By adopting the Urban Planning Code in 2022, we have made Laval a leader in sustainable urban planning and innovation, for example by requiring minimum green space or green roof areas in development projects. As we wish to continue this momentum and ensure smart densification and development of the territory, we will allow more rooftop developments on new projects, both public and private.



SUPPORT OUR SENIORS

4.14. Improve urban amenities around seniors' residences and places they frequent

Aware that as we age, some trips can become more difficult, we have been adapting public spaces for several years to ensure that everyone feels safe, through concrete actions to appease traffic and make our living environments safer. We will improve urban amenities around places frequented by seniors to encourage mobility and make them suitable for active aging and social life, for example by installing benches, bus shelters, or other relevant equipment.

4.15. Develop new accessible and safe trails in our woodlands

Active aging is essential to the physical and mental well-being of seniors, and we are proud to have created an accessible and safe trail in the Bois de l'Équerre. We will develop new trails that meet universal accessibility principles in our territory to provide safe and inclusive spaces that will benefit seniors, families, and people with reduced mobility alike.

4.16. Continue our efforts to promote seniors' sense of security and combat isolation

Seniors deserve to remain active and fulfilled: that is why we have stepped up our initiatives to break isolation and increase their sense of security, whether through cultural activities directly in residences, improvements in road safety, or support for community organizations dedicated to seniors. We will continue along this path by supporting projects that bring generations together, while implementing measures to strengthen seniors' confidence in their living environment.

4.17. Support community organizations that fight fraud against seniors

Our city benefits from the presence of many organizations, that work for seniors, that are supported through various municipal programs, such as the one in our Age Friendly Municipality Action Plan and in our program to support the consolidation of social development organizations. Aware of fraud attempts that specifically target seniors and wishing to reinforce the efforts already undertaken by our police service, we will support local expertise to better protect our seniors from this type of crime.

PROMOTE LAVAL CULTURE AND THE FRENCH LANGUAGE

4.18. Adopt and implement an action plan to promote the French language and launch a campaign to promote French

As French is the common language of Laval's population, it is important to protect and promote it, both in everyday life and in the services provided by the City. Based on the report of the Advisory Committee on the French Language, we will ensure that the city sets an example while identifying the most promising actions to promote and enhance French in Laval.



4.19. Establish collaborative cultural governance to strengthen cultural vitality in Laval

We have increased subsidies for cultural organizations and intensified our efforts to support the development of Laval's cultural community. Convinced that culture is the foundation of a strong identity and collective enrichment, we will pursue this vision by working with community members to identify the best ways to support cultural activities in our city, including the possibility of creating a Conseil des arts de Laval.

4.20. Create new spaces for cultural and artistic expression in Laval neighbourhoods

We are proud of the vitality of our neighbourhoods and have been increasing artistic and cultural activities there for several years, notably by building venues such as the Espace citoyen des Confluents performance hall in Saint-François, offering outdoor entertainment such as the well-established music zones throughout the city and the upcoming outdoor stage at the Berges des Baigneurs. Driven by public interest, we will enhance this offering of cultural and artistic venues in our neighbourhoods so that everyone can benefit.

4.21. Promote Laval artists in the city's cultural programming and our municipal libraries

The last few years have been marked by a cultural boom that has put Laval in the spotlight and highlighted the richness of our region by offering Laval residents many opportunities to get together for exciting activities such as concerts, heritage tours, and open-air theater. A source of pride that strengthens our sense of belonging, we will continue to support the talent of local artists in the city's cultural and artistic program.

4.22. Facilitate local cultural events to celebrate Francophone culture and diversity

As a diverse, French-speaking city, Laval hosts many gatherings that promote interaction, sharing, and celebration of the cultural characteristics of its population. To ensure that all citizens can enjoy our spaces, we will implement a policy dedicated to promoting and supporting these activities, thereby enhancing the support provided to groups involved in intercultural sharing and promoting our common language, French.

4.23. Continue to protect Laval's built heritage

Under our administration, Laval has made monumental progress in protecting and promoting its ancient and modern heritage: we have doubled the number of buildings listed in the inventory, increased subsidies, strengthened zoning in village centers, and invested in major projects such as the museum in the André-Benjamin-Papineau House. We will continue this momentum by completing projects and inventories, improving our regulations, and enhancing our programs and initiatives to support building owners.



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