

**Appalling Attitude of the Elected Officials of Action Longueuil Regarding the Glass Collection**

**Longueuil, December 10, 2020** - The elected officials of the Official Opposition are protesting against the appalling improvisation of the Mayor and the elected officials of Action Longueuil in the issue of the voluntary glass collection.

After 18 months of discussions, citizens' requests and contradictory statements, it is now said that the project must be validated with RECYC-QUÉBEC in order to confirm that it is aligned with the modernization of the deposit process that the Government of Quebec is to establish. Opposition Leader Xavier Léger sees it instead as another attempt to push back, yet again, something which was unanimous last month.

“Since January 30, 2020, the Government of Quebec has confirmed the expansion of the deposit to all ready-to-drink beverage containers from 100 milliliters to 2 liters, whether they are plastic, glass or metal. It is therefore false to claim, as Action Longueuil Councilor Éric Bouchard did at the City Council meeting on December 8, that no one can currently say what will or will not be subject to a deposit. Everyone in Quebec knows it: it is as if some people are looking for reasons to do nothing”, said Xavier Léger.

The latter adds that when we talk about “bells” for voluntary glass collection, we are referring precisely to containers that are not returnable and will not be subject to a deposit, such as glass jars.

He concluded by stressing that at the City Council meeting in October, he predicted that the year 2021 would be one marked by announcements of an electoral nature from the Mayor and the elected officials of Action Longueuil; he would not be surprised if the setting up of a pilot project of voluntary glass collection in the three (3) boroughs is part of it: “I suspect that the Mayor wants to wait until the pre-election period to color her record, which is still so pale, after three years of power ”.

Let us recall that the collection of residual materials such as glass is the responsibility of the cities, while their treatment is the responsibility of the agglomeration. On October 22, 2019, the elected officials of Longueuil Citoyen presented a notice of proposal for the Executive Committee of the City of Longueuil to study the implementation of a pilot project on the disposal of glass by voluntary deposit in the three boroughs. On February 18, 2020, the council finally authorized a mandate for the Commission de l'aménagement du territoire et du développement durable (CATDD) to study goods recovery and recycling practices. Finally, in November 2020, the elected officials of the three boroughs, including

those of Action Longueuil, unanimously voted for a resolution asking that the City of Longueuil provide the necessary funds for the installation of a container for the purpose of voluntary glass collection.