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RESPONSIBLE PROCUREMENT POLICY

Promoting Businesses that Are Involved in Longueuil

Longueuil, June 4, 2021 — The mayoral candidate of Longueuil Citoyen, Mr. Jean-Marc Léveillé, in the event of his election on November 7, wishes to modify the City's Responsible Procurement Policy to include the social involvement of companies and their leaders in Longueuil as additional criteria for awarding public contracts. While showing support for the recent changes to Longueuil's Procurement Policy, which already promotes an acquisition approach based on sustainable development, the mayoral candidate wishes to go further.

“As an entrepreneur and a philanthropist, I have always found it important to give back to the community, both culturally and socially. It is my way of helping to build solidarity and to fight the cynicism that unfortunately all too often fuels disengagement. Businesses can give more to the community. I know something about it. But we still have to send them a clear signal that the City intends to promote such behavior, for the benefit of all the citizens of Longueuil”, said Jean-Marc Léveillé.

In the eyes of the mayoral candidate, Jean-Marc Léveillé, Longueuil should be inspired by what is done elsewhere, by considering including in its responsible procurement policy: (1) social reintegration and/or employment of people with disabilities among its specific principles guiding responsible purchasing, a provision that would also apply to the City; and (2) that a supplier has a legally required Occupational Health and Safety Program. It could also add, among the considerations of its Policy, that a supplier contributes each year a portion of its income to an organization or a social cause in Longueuil.

“Longueuil's Responsible Procurement Policy already foresees the possibility of integrating other environmental and social considerations, according to the evolution of our knowledge, our expertise, the means of implementation, the issues and the evolution of the legislative framework. Let us have the ambition to surpass ourselves by mobilizing the wills of everyone, including the business community, to jointly face the important social issues facing Longueuil”, concluded Jean-Marc Léveillé.