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A New Aquatic Complex in Longueuil: A Capital Infrastructure for Citizens!

Longueuil, June 3, 2021 — Jean-Marc Léveillé, candidate for Mayor of Longueuil, reacts to the announcement made by the City on May 31 of the postponement of the aquatic complex project in Saint-Hubert because of the price considered too high for the only compliant bid received. The City's estimated cost of the project was \$32 million while the bid received was \$55 million. This is 70% over budget. The City explains this gap by the economic context marked by price inflation and the shortage of materials, as well as the situation of the construction market in the Greater Montreal area.

“Why do we have the impression that it is always difficult to carry out big projects in Longueuil? Yet other cities are succeeding with the same constraints as us. In the current context, I above all wonder how we can explain that we end up with a single compliant bidder. We will have to look at what aspects we can intervene to obtain more offers at the best possible prices: delivery dates, conditions and risk management, types of technologies, purpose of the equipment, term of payments, justifications for contractual constraints. The financing structure of the project paid at 100% by Longueuil must also be examined. We have questions to ask”, said Jean-Marc Léveillé.

In the eyes of the mayoral candidate, this situation illustrates the importance for Longueuil to have a medium-term and long-term vision and leadership to see projects come to fruition. He talks about the importance of setting equipment acquisition goals and planning large-scale projects to take maximum advantage of opportunities.

“We have an economic recovery to position, we have to be on the starting line and we have to be on the right line otherwise we will be overtaken. This is the main issue for the next election. I have the experience to negotiate with governments and provide services to our citizens”, concluded Jean-Marc Léveillé.

In April 2019, the Courrier du Sud revealed that in Longueuil there is 1 swimming pool for 49,300 inhabitants and 1.3 swimming entrances per inhabitant, while the Quebec average is 1 swimming pool for 27,000 inhabitants and between 2 and 4 entries-swims per inhabitant.