

**To Give Ourselves the Means to Act in Environmental Matters and in the Fight against Climate Change**

**Longueuil, August 9, 2021** — The mayoral candidate for Longueuil Citoyen, Jean-Marc Léveillé takes advantage of the publication of the report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) to recall the urgent need to act in the fight against climate change. Believing that cities like Longueuil can have an impact on 70% of greenhouse gas emissions, Jean-Marc Léveillé reiterates the importance of taking action when it comes to the environment and the fight against climate change. The latter notably proposes the planting of 100,000 trees by 2025.

**Quote:**

“We must now initiate in Longueuil the necessary turn against climate change, because, as it is, we will definitely miss our GHG reduction targets. More must be done and Longueuil must unite to act effectively and seek investments to reduce the number of cars on the road. Longueuil needs a structuring public transport link in the east-west axis, but currently we have no political clout to guarantee the necessary investments. People who know me know it, I say what I do, and I do what I say”, said Jean-Marc Léveillé.

**THE PROPOSED MEASURES BY LONGUEUIL CITOYEN:**

The electoral platform presented last July contains a series of measures aimed at initiating the necessary shift, taking action against climate change and adapting to its effects. All in a “One Health” approach, a public health approach where human health and animal health are interdependent and linked to the health of the ecosystems in which they coexist.

**To reduce our ecological footprint**

- Develop an action plan to become a carbon neutral city by 2050.
- Convert the City's vehicle fleet to electric and hybrid technologies.
- Increase the number of electrical terminals on the territory.
- Contribute to the fight against food waste.
- Review the active transportation plan based on the objectives of the action plan.
- Prohibition of all glyphosate-based herbicides in the urban area because of its impacts on the environment and the health of citizens.

**To improve our environment**

- Develop the most ambitious tree planting plan for municipalities in Quebec with a goal of planting 100,000 trees by 2025.
- To constitute a set of urban micro-forests on the territory.

- Promote the planting of other ground covers that are more durable and efficient than grass on municipal land.
- Reduce permeable surfaces (asphalt) in new developments or repairs to parking lots.

### **Dealing with the climate emergency**

- Create the Environment Office to support the various departments of the City and the management of projects with a view to sustainable development.
- Develop a sustainable development assessment grid to assess all projects.
- Link the various projects included in the *Plan triennial d'immobilisations (PTI)* to the objectives of the action plan in the fight against climate change.

Longueuil Citoyen's electoral platform is available on the party's website: <https://longueuilmcitoyen.com/english/notre-programme/>

### **Jean-Marc Léveillé in brief :**

Founder of several successful organizations, including *Dotemtex Recherche de Cadres*, *Elitis Pharma INC.*, *PROSYGMA Services professionnels en maintenance et fiabilité* and cofounder of *Services Animaliers de la Rive-Sud* (Proanima). He was CEO of the *Orchestre symphonique de Longueuil* (OSDL) and President of Anima-Québec until May 2021. He was also President of the organizing committee for funding of the *Carrefour pour Elle* organization.

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