

The TVA Group Opposes the Official Opposition's Participation in a Debate

Longueuil, October 15, 2021 — Longueuil Citizen - Équipe Jean-Marc Léveillé, which forms the Official Opposition party for the City of Longueuil, was refused by the TVA Group to participate in a televised debate between the candidates for Mayor of Longueuil.

In addition to being the party that obtained the most votes in the last election, Longueuil Citoyen currently has 7 elected members, which is the largest group of elected officials in Longueuil. Despite several taken actions, neither the official status of the party, the role it has played over the past 4 years or its presence on the ground, has been able to convince the TVA Group to reverse its decision. It says it is relying on a poll commissioned by an opposing party and carried out in August, more than two months ago, to justify its decision.

The Leader of the Official Opposition denounces a flagrant lack of journalistic rigor.

"It's not just one individual who was denied debate, it's a whole team; the Official Opposition team. It is unprecedented that a Québec media has decided to muzzle the Official Opposition in a large city and we must be concerned. Ultimately it is the debate of ideas that will suffer the most", said Xavier Léger, Leader of the Official Opposition and candidate for Longueuil Citoyen - Équipe Jean-Marc Léveillé.

Let us recall that the party sent a complaint on October 13 to the Chief Electoral Officer of Québec concerning the unfair media treatment carried out by Québecor, of which the TVA Group is a part of.