Mouvement Lavallois’ 2017 Platform Review

Transparency has always been a cardinal value of the Mouvement Lavallois. In 2017, a complete assessment report was published to follow up on the electoral commitments made during the 2013 election campaign.

The purpose of this document is to perform the same exercise and report on the accomplishments of the Mouvement Lavallois’ 2017 electoral platform. Several actions carried out by the Boyer-Demers administration do not appear in the document as they were not included in the platform itself. To consult them, as well as a map showing their exact location, interested parties can visit the mouvementlavallois.org/bilan.

In 2017, the party’s platform included 40 commitments concerning municipal services, the environment, the economy and solidarity. Of this total, 24 have been fully achieved, 13 are underway with strong actions currently being taken towards their completion, and three could not be fulfilled. This shows that 92.5% of the commitments have already been or are in the process of being fulfilled. Readers will find detailed explanations for each commitment below.

In 2021, our experienced team has the knowledge and skills needed to accelerate the movement initiated in 2013 and continue to carry Laval into the future. We will be putting forward a new platform for the people of Laval that they will relate to, and they will be able to trust our political party with the implementation of its proposals.
Improving the Safety and Quality of Our Road Network

- Accelerating road repairs.
  - **FULFILLED** – Investments for the refurbishment of our roads have been increased, reaching $175 million for the 2018-2021 period.

- Maintaining traffic calming measures.
  - **FULFILLED** – The traffic calming program was maintained with investments of over $6 million, including the addition of 700 speed bumps around parks and schools.

- Building more sidewalks and expanding the cycling network.
  - **FULFILLED** – In July 2019, we adopted a Pedestrian Network Master Plan that will allow Laval residents to walk on nearly 55 additional kilometers of safe and comfortable pathways by 2022. Since 2017, we have added more than 80 km of bicycle paths.
Implementing Smart City Technologies

- Enabling online step-by-step tracking of citizen requests.
  - FULFILLED – We have introduced the Citizen Requests project, which enables this type of follow-up. The project has won many awards and we are now assisting the City of Lévis with the implementation of the same solution for its own citizens.
- Facilitating the use of available data.
  - FULFILLED – Since the beginning of our second mandate, we have introduced or updated 119 new data sets on Données Québec.
- Promoting communication with the citizens.
  - FULFILLED – The Citizen Requests project mentioned above has been a major step forward in improving the communication between the City and local citizens. We have also continued to increase the number of citizen consultations, 35 of which were held during this mandate.

Building and Renovating More Sports and Community Facilities

- Building four new community centres.
  - ONGOING – The community centres at Lausanne Park and Sainte-Dorothée have been built and inaugurated. Construction work is beginning on the CSPE (Eastern Proximity Service Center) and the Simone-Monet-Chartrand Community Centre is underway.
- Implementing a YMCA.
  - UNFULFILLED – The organization that wanted to develop a YMCA in Laval has withdrawn. A reflection will be initiated with the community to improve community spaces in the sector.
- Building a new athletics track and renovating the tennis courts.
  - FULFILLED – A new athletics track at l’Odysée-des-Jeunes Park was inaugurated in 2020. Tennis courts at more than a dozen parks were completely revamped between 2018 and 2021.
Moving towards a green and blue city

Improving the Health of Our Large Rivers

- Reducing wastewater discharges.
  - ONGOING – Recorders have been deployed to provide better knowledge of the number of overspills at each overflow structure and an overspill management project aiming to separate combined networks at different locations on the territory is underway. A retention tank and force main were installed at the new Sainte-Dorothée pumping station to reduce the number of overspills at the overflow structures. Combined sewer networks separation projects are underway on several streets in Saint-François to reduce the amount of stormwater in the sanitary sewer system in order to reduce overflows and allow for development in equal proportion.

- Opening a whitewater pool in the Rivière-des-Prairies.
  - UNFULFILLED – The project faced concretization issues and could not be moved forward.

- Making Plage aux Quatre-vents the first beach suitable for swimming in Laval.
  - ONGOING – Studies are underway to determine the best way to make the beach swimmable. In the meantime, a project for a visitor centre has been presented to the population and the site has been adapted to manage visitor traffic.
Improving the Ecological Disposal of Household Waste

- Expanding organic waste collection to 100,000 new addresses.
  - FULFILLED – The collection of organic materials has been extended to all residences in the territory.
- Building two ecocentres for the recovery of residual materials.
  - ONGOING – Laval’s first permanent ecocentre will soon open on Dagenais Boulevard. The funds needed for the construction of a second ecocentre in the East have already been earmarked in the PTI (Three-Year Capital Investment Program).

Expanding Forest Cover and Enhancing Woodlands

- Planting 25,000 trees.
  - FULFILLED – For the year 2020 alone, 34,000 trees and 16,000 shrubs have been planted in Laval. From 2013 to 2020, 68,600 trees and seedlings were planted as well as 30,150 shrubs.
- Investing in woodlands, including Bois Du Souvenir, Bois Édimbourg, Bois de la Source, Bois du Trait-Carré and Sentier du Totem.
  - FULFILLED – Several measures have been set up: tree planting and restoration of trails in the Bois du Souvenir woodland, public acquisition of 80% of the Bois d’Édimbourg woodland, public consultations on a master plan for the development of the Bois de la Source woodland, investment of $28 million to protect the Bois du Trait-Carré woodland, etc.
- Continuing the public acquisition of natural areas for conservation purposes.
  - FULFILLED. In the current mandate, we are approaching $40 million spent on natural areas acquisitions, and we continue to make acquisitions as opportunities arise.

Accelerating the Electrification of Transport

- Electrifying the municipal vehicle fleet.
  - ONGOING – Adoption of the Sustainable Fleet Management Policy. Pilot projects are also underway to electrify the police department fleet.
- Electrifying the Société de transport de Laval bus fleet.
  - ONGOING – In July 2019, we were the first in Quebec to receive the first full length, 100% electric bus. Following road tests and the delivery of 9 more buses, we are moving forward with the acquisition of electric buses.
Moving Towards Prosperity

Fostering Entrepreneurship and Business Creativity

- Stimulating the growth of projects developed at the CIAMIL (Laval Smart Mobility Incubator and Accelerator).
  - FULFILLED – The CIAMIL (Laval Smart Mobility Incubator and Accelerator) has completed its mandate and its functions have been internalized within the City administration through the BMD (Sustainable Mobility Office).
- Establishing an innovation hub to ensure the future of retail.
  - FULFILLED – In 2018, the CQIC (Quebec Business Innovation Center) was created in partnership with Techno Montreal with funding from the Quebec government.
- Launching an agricultural incubator program to support start-ups.
  - FULFILLED – The PIAL (Laval Agricultural Innovation Park), a 38-hectare park in Saint-François, is currently home to seven companies, including four innovative ones. An acquisition has been made to expand the park.

Stimulating Laval's Commercial Arteries

- Supporting the initiatives of local businesses in a spirit of revitalization, particularly on Curé-Labelle, des Laurentides and Saint-Martin boulevards.
  - ONGOING – Economic studies and inventories have been completed for sections of the three arteries and a study is underway to evaluate the market and commercial optimization potential. We have also implemented the API (Buy More Here) program to stimulate local purchasing in our proximity stores and regional businesses.

Improving Public Transportation

- Designing the extension of Highway 19 around public transit.
  - FULFILLED – The construction work for the highway extension is now underway.
- Planning the network’s growth by including rapid transit (Metropolitan Express Network (REM) and metro).
  - ONGOING – The Caisse de dépôt et placement Québec (CDPQ) is currently analyzing the project to extend the REM (Metropolitan Express Network) to Laval. This is in keeping with the achievements of the Forum on Mobility and Public Transit where Laval brought together 19 mayors from the northern crown to make demands to the Quebec government. Dedicated lanes on Highways 13, 15, 25 and 440 are also included in the Quebec government’s PQI (Quebec Infrastructure Plan). Our credibility with higher levels of government has allowed us to attract unprecedented amounts of funding and subsidies.
Moving Towards a More Humane Community

Increasing Home-Support Allocations for Seniors

- Increasing the amount of support by 50 per cent to bring it up to $150 or to $300 for Guaranteed Income Supplement recipients.
  - **FULFILLED** – The subsidy has been increased as part of the 2018 budget.

Promoting Inclusiveness

- Creating the Committee for Intercultural Relations.
  - **FULFILLED** – The Consultative Committee for Intercultural Relations was created in 2019. Since then, it has submitted two notices to the executive committee. We have also set up the Laval Women’s Council, the Consultative Committee on Youth and the Consultative Committee for Seniors.

Making Laval More Attractive and Welcoming

- Investing in the improvement of city entrances.
  - **FULFILLED** – Acquisitions have been made near the Viau Bridge to create a large urban park and the furniture store has been demolished for this purpose. Funds are included in the PTI (Three-Year Capital Investment Program) for the acquisition of the former Chenoy’s near the Lachapelle Bridge. Temporary installations have also been set up at the Berge des Goélands riverfront and acquisition procedures are underway. 3D floral mosaics have been installed at the city entrances.

- Making Laval the national capital of flowers.
  - **FULFILLED** – Some fifty Laval producers generate $50 million in economic benefits each year. The City of Laval has doubled its budget for flower arrangements. It also promotes horticulture in the area: Mon quartier fleuri contest, greenhouses and horticultural showcases at the Centre de la Nature, the Laval Tulip Festival, mosaics at the city entrance, etc. Flower mosaics have been installed at the A15 exit (Concorde exit) and at the city entrances.

- Investing more in public art to make our shared spaces attractive.
  - **FULFILLED** – We have implemented the Métamorphose créative (Creative Metamorphosis) project, a design competition for the Montmorency area. Calls for projects are regularly made to embellish the city, most recently at the St. Joseph Community Centre.
Intensifying Laval's Cultural Activity

- Building a large central library.
  - ONGOING – We have issued mandates for the development of a functional and technical program that will specify the needs for the construction of a central cultural infrastructure including the large library and the artistic creation center. The site has been chosen, facing the Université de Montréal campus in Laval.

- Building and operating the artistic creation centre.
  - ONGOING – See the previous item.

- Investing in the cultural and community mission of neighbourhood libraries.
  - FULFILLED – We have adopted our Plan directeur des bibliothèques (Library Master Plan) which recognizes the importance of cultural activities for the network. In addition, all libraries are now open seven days a week.
Six Major Projects

The Mouvement lavallois - Équipe Marc Demers has initiated vast projects during its first mandate. These major projects will receive special attention in order to ensure their completion on time and within budget.

1. The Aquatic Complex.
   ◦ ONGOING – The governments of Quebec and Canada recently announced a $20 million contribution to the project. The call for tenders is underway to obtain a bid for the work.

2. The Val Martin project.
   ◦ ONGOING – Construction has begun on the Val-Martin buildings in the Chomedey sector. This project includes the construction and regeneration of 357 housing units for low-income Laval families, a community centre and several green spaces.

3. The Animal Services Center
   ◦ UNFULFILLED – The initial project had to be re-evaluated due to a cost estimate higher than the resources available for its completion.

4. The CIBAF (Armand-Frappier Bioscience Interpretation Centre).
   ◦ FULFILLED – The construction of the CIBAF (Armand-Frappier Bioscience Interpretation Centre) is now complete. The opening, planned for after the installation of the exhibits, is scheduled for the fall of 2022.

5. Special urban planning programs in the vicinity of the Cartier and Concorde metro stations and the Sainte-Rose station.
   ◦ FULFILLED – The special urban planning programs are in their final stages and will be adopted at the same time as the regulatory overhaul.

6. The Biomethanization plant.
   ◦ ONGOING – The last call for tenders was unsuccessful as no bids were received from the companies approached. In the interest of good management, we have put in place a process to re-launch the project; the next steps are to gauge the market considering the overheating and the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.
Giving the Community Its Due

Under the leadership of the Demers administration, the City of Laval has been the only city in Quebec to recover a portion of the money diverted by corruption and collusion. This is only the beginning.

The Mouvement lavallois - Équipe Marc Demers is committed to devoting all the energy necessary to continue its action to give the Laval community its due.

- FULFILLED – Laval is the city that has recovered the most money from corruption, exceeding the $50 million mark! This money was used to set up a fund to help vulnerable youth.