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**ELECTORAL PROGRAM** 



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# Our team



### **Foreword**

Launched in 2016 to offer Laval residents a true alternative, Parti Laval quickly established itself as a credible and positive voice, recognized for its rigor in Laval's political landscape. From the very beginning, we chose to prioritize the collective over individualism. Our vision is clear: a safe city, clean neighborhoods, well-maintained infrastructure, and accessible local services across the territory. We want rigorous and responsible management of municipal finances. In short, a city that takes care, first and foremost, of real priorities! In Laval, the same political party has held the mayor's office for 12 years. It's time for a change. You deserve a responsible and effective administration. Starting now.

#### Our leader and candidate for mayor: Claude Larochelle.

Graduated in civil engineering, with over 30 years of experience in business management for large corporations in Eastern Canada, he has proudly called Laval home for nearly 35 years. A father of three, he fully understands the realities of Laval families.

City councillor and leader of the opposition since 2017, he is recognized for his rigor and his closeness to citizens. Known for his effectiveness in solving problems, he embodies solid and credible leadership.

« Laval needs strong, reassuring, and credible leadership to build a sustainable, safe, and well-managed city.»

#### **Our Key Themes**

- A) A city that serves its citizens and their well-being
- B) Safe, clean, and welcoming neighborhoods
- C) Responsible finances and an efficient city
- D) Sustainable infrastructures to protect Laval
- E) Smooth and accessible mobility for all
- F) A city that values its culture, heritage, and language



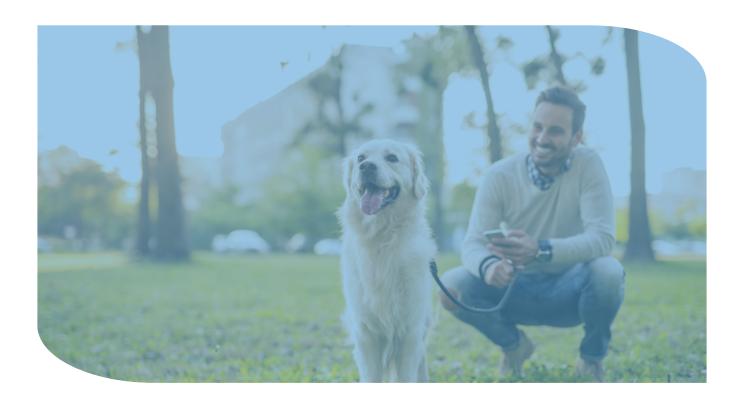
# **Our Commitments**

#### A city that serves its citizens and their well-being

- 1. We will equip parks and public spaces in each neighborhood with covered, multipurpose, all-season structures. These spaces will host sports, recreational, and cultural activities for all ages: skating, pickleball, free play, dance, community events, etc. Between 8 and 10 covered structures will be built across the city, to encourage neighborhood life, fight isolation, and promote an active lifestyle year-round.
- 2. We will strengthen neighborhood life by providing accessible facilities that meet community needs: three indoor swimming pools, three community and cultural centers, two arenas, and three libraries. We will also deploy a mobile cultural and recreational offer specifically designed to reach seniors where they live, to foster inclusion and well-being.
- 3. We will install 1000 new public benches in parks, along streets, and on trails, while improving access to public restrooms to better serve all citizens. This concrete action aims to make neighborhoods friendlier, more comfortable, and more inclusive, especially for seniors, families, and people with reduced mobility—because a welcoming city is one where people can stop, meet, and fully enjoy public space.
- 4. We will encourage citizen participation by creating an independent Public Consultation Office, allowing all Laval residents to express themselves constructively on major projects, important regulations, and strategic orientations of the City.
- 5. We will continue and improve existing initiatives to fight exclusion and support people experiencing homelessness, by supporting housing and frontline service organizations, and by pursuing ongoing actions in mental health and prevention in collaboration with all community stakeholders.

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- 6. We will actively advocate and firmly support any project aimed at building a new hospital in Laval, to meet the growing health needs of the population, improve access to care, and reduce wait times. We will enthusiastically support any Birth Center project.
- 7. We will add 34 dog parks to the 10 already existing, to reach two per district, meeting the strong demand of citizens and offering safe, adapted spaces for dogs and their owners. We will also implement a Trap-Neuter-Return-Maintain (TNRM) program to control the stray cat population. Finally, we will build a modern animal center to ensure adapted, ethical, and sustainable animal welfare services.



#### Safe, clean, and well-maintained neighborhoods

- 8. We will increase by 50% the police patrols dedicated to road safety to better enforce speed limits, stop signs, and the Highway Safety Code, particularly near schools and in residential areas. We will demand municipal control over photo radar to ensure its strategic and efficient use. Finally, we will deploy a "Zero Accident" plan focused on prevention, safe planning, and strict enforcement of traffic rules.
- 9. We will double the number of kilometers of streets equipped with sidewalks or safe pedestrian lanes, to provide safe, accessible, and comfortable routes for all.
- 10. We will set up at least 100 clearly marked pedestrian crossings with signage and proper lighting, especially near schools, parks, seniors' residences, and in accident-prone areas.
- 11. We will improve lighting across the entire territory by installing lampposts that are both efficient and well integrated into neighborhoods. Good lighting contributes to safety, friendliness of public spaces, and quality of life in every district.
- 12. We will create dedicated teams: a pothole squad and a cleanliness squad, to ensure faster repairs and cleaning of streets, sidewalks, and parks.
- 13. We will protect Laval's agricultural zone, recognizing its essential role in food autonomy and environmental preservation. We will install clear signage to make it better known and valued within the territory. We will also promote urban agriculture initiatives in neighborhoods, such as community gardens, educational or community projects, and local food production.



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#### Responsible finances and an efficient city

- 14. We will allow citizens to pay their property tax bill in six equal installments, interest-free. This measure will provide more budget flexibility and help ease financial pressure on households.
- 15. We will allow Laval residents aged 65 and over to defer payment of 50% of their municipal tax bill until the sale of their property. This measure is designed to support seniors who wish to stay in their homes longer, while respecting their financial capacity.
- 16. We will limit the average annual increase in residential property taxes to a maximum of 1.75% during the mandate. This rate will be maintained as long as inflation remains below 3%, in order to protect the purchasing power of Laval homeowners.
- 17. We will help citizens access homeownership by allowing the "welcome tax" (transfer duties) to be paid in four equal, interest-free installments over one year.
- 18. We will put an end to oversized and overly expensive projects that increase Laval's debt—which will reach \$1.3 billion by 2026—and undermine the city's financial health. We will ensure rigorous management of public funds by prioritizing responsible investments focused on citizens' real needs. We will closely monitor commitments already made by the current administration.
- 19. We will simplify municipal regulations to make them clearer and more accessible to all. At the same time, we will produce rigorous and transparent accountability reports, clearly explaining how the City uses your taxes, to restore trust and foster a better understanding of public spending.
- 20. We will bring municipal administration closer to citizens by making public the expenses of councillors, the recordings of the executive committee, as well as the minutes of City committees and commissions. We will reinstate the publication of public notices in local media to better inform the population and ensure equitable access to municipal information.



#### Sustainable infrastructures to protect Laval

- 21. We will invest a minimum of \$800 million in the massive modernization of essential infrastructures: sewers, aqueducts, and stormwater systems. We will also add "sponge parks" to reduce flood risks while beautifying our neighborhoods. These projects will strengthen our city's capacity to withstand extreme climate events.
- 22. We will establish the Laval Blue Fund (LBF) to support citizens through a subsidy program. This program will help households protect their homes against flooding, notably through the installation of backwater valves, sump pumps, or other protective devices.
- 23. We will commit to reducing untreated wastewater discharges (overflows) into our rivers by modernizing infrastructures and increasing wastewater treatment capacity, to protect water quality and preserve the environment.
- 24. We will actively support developers by ensuring a quick and efficient permit process, in order to encourage the construction of housing of all categories and respond to the growing needs of the population.
- 25. We will commit to accelerating the start of construction of social and affordable housing to meet the urgent needs of Laval's population. A bylaw will be adopted requiring private developers to contribute concretely to the supply of affordable housing. In addition, we will facilitate the conversion of vacant buildings: offices, commercial spaces, motels, into affordable rental housing through incentive measures. We will also offer renovation support for property owners who commit to keeping their rents below market prices.
- 26. We will actively defend, with both Quebec and Ottawa, all social and affordable housing projects in order to concretely meet the needs of Laval residents while ensuring a mixed urban fabric.
- 27. We will protect our parks, woodlands, riverbanks, and natural areas while improving access to them. We will encourage tree planting and urban greening to fight heat islands and strengthen Laval's ecological resilience.

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28. We will plan and develop a Grand parc de l'Ouest to make accessible and protect natural areas composed of woodlands, wetlands, farmland, and other ecosystems. The construction and enhancement of this large park will allow access to interpretation, observation, education, and outdoor recreational activities, benefiting our population while protecting our environment.

29. We will develop accessible eco-centers across the territory to facilitate sorting and recycling of waste. These facilities will allow citizens to responsibly dispose of household waste, bulky items, and construction materials. We will support sustainable waste management and fight against illegal dumping.

30. We will invest in the health of our city by planting 100,000 trees over four years, while significantly and quickly improving the landscape of our main boulevards, with the goal of achieving 30% canopy coverage, including both woodlands and isolated trees.



#### Smooth and accessible mobility for all

- 31. We will carry out a complete reassessment of bike paths, shared lanes, reserved lanes, sidewalks, and pedestrian zones in order to create a coherent, safe, and efficient network. The objective will be to improve mobility for everyone, regardless of the mode of transport.
- 32. We will implement a more efficient and fair snow removal strategy, optimizing routes, improving operational coordination, and making parking easier during snow removal periods. Real-time communication with citizens will be ensured through alerts so they can better follow operations.
- 33. We will strategically review the schedules and frequency of public transit, to provide mobility that is more accessible, inclusive, and adapted.
- 34. We will install 100 additional bus shelters, accessible and safe, distributed across all neighborhoods of the city. This addition will concretely improve the user experience in public transit and encourage more sustainable mobility, in every season.
- 35. We will initiate a structuring transportation project to effectively connect major residential, commercial, and employment hubs, in order to relieve congestion on major road arteries. We will also support any metro or REM extension project to strengthen sustainable mobility options in Laval.



#### A city that values its culture, heritage, and language

36. We will multiply indoor and outdoor meeting and gathering spaces that encourage artistic and cultural expression in Laval, notably by studying the implementation of permanent outdoor stages in all neighborhoods.

37. We will provide greater support for cultural and community activities in all neighborhoods, in collaboration with community centers, nonprofit organizations (NPOs), and seniors' residences (SRs). We will pay special attention to the promotion and valorization of the French language, a pillar of our collective identity, while strengthening our local identity, social cohesion, and pride in living in Laval.

38. We will implement the recommendations of the ad hoc committee on the French language by adopting a clear linguistic policy, accompanied by a municipal action plan to promote and protect French, while respecting the linguistic rights of all citizens. To ensure follow-up and the effectiveness of this plan, we will create the position of Commissioner of the French Language.

39. We will strengthen the protection of heritage buildings by better regulating their maintenance, preventing unjustified demolition, and improving subsidies for their restoration. By financially supporting owners who commit to preserving these historic places, we will help showcase our local identity and pass on this heritage to future generations.

40. We will set up a municipal program for the acquisition and provision of heritage buildings for local artists, in order to preserve vacant, at-risk, or neglected heritage properties, transforming them into spaces for artistic creation and dissemination.

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