

ALLIONS-NOUS COMMITTEE
Village des Rapides, LaSalle

PRESS RELEASE

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**UNVEILING OF THE CITIZEN CONSULTATION REPORT
ON LA MAISON DE LA CITOYENNETÉ ÉCORESPONSBLE ET SOLIDAIRE :
A PROJECT ARISING FROM THE PARTICIPATORY APPROACH FOR THE FUTURE OF
THE FORMER ALLION SCHOOL AND ITS ANNEX**

LaSalle, January 17, 2022 – It is with great pride and enthusiasm that the Allions-Nous Committee unveils the citizen consultation report on La Maison de la citoyenneté écoresponsable et solidaire (The House of eco-responsible and united citizenship). It is the culmination of the advisory process on the future of the former Allion school and its annex, which took place from October 6, 2020 to November 17, 2021. The report is now available online at allions-nous.org.

A RIGOROUS PARTICIPATORY APPROACH

In total, nearly three hundred and fifty LaSalle residents have contributed to the collective and unifying vision that gave birth to the project of La Maison de la citoyenneté écoresponsable et solidaire through four stages of consultation comprising three citizen consultations, three collaborative workshops, an online survey and two wrap-up activities.

The participatory process reached a diverse audience of citizens, community and cultural workers, as well as entrepreneurs from LaSalle. Among other things, this approach has led to the emergence of a mission, a vision, a slogan, values and guiding principles that constitute the DNA of the Maison's project, as well as an ecosystem of services, training and activities made up of twelve fields of action. Throughout the citizen consultation, the protection and requalification of the former Allion school and its annex were at the heart of the concerns.

The results of the participatory process allow the Allions-Nous Committee to continue planning La Maison de la citoyenneté écoresponsable et solidaire in line with the aspirations and needs of LaSalle residents.

A STRUCTURING PROJECT THAT MAKES CONSENSUS

The project of La Maison de la citoyenneté écoresponsable et solidaire enjoys a variety of support. Not only 95% of the respondents to the online survey support it, but several community organizations in LaSalle support it: the Table de développement social de LaSalle, the Centre du Vieux Moulin de LaSalle, as well as Destination Travail du Sud-Ouest de l'Île de Montréal. What's more, LaSalle's elected officials make it a priority issue and want to facilitate its emergence. Finally, the mayor of the City of Montreal, Valérie Plante, expressed her interest in the project during a visit to the former Allion school last November. It should be noted that Héritage Montreal supports the Allions-Nous Committee in its concern to protect the architectural and historical heritage of the buildings on the project site.

SOCIOECOLOGICAL NEEDS TO BE MET

La Maison de la citoyenneté écoresponsable et solidaire is a collective project for the transition to a society that is more respectful of people and the environment. Concretely, it is a question of offering the population of LaSalle a space for experimentation and the practice of an eco-responsible and united citizenship dedicated to the development of individual and collective autonomy, through the management of commons and the sharing of knowledge. Citizens, community organizations as well as emerging social economy enterprises will have access to the spaces, tools and facilities necessary for social innovation and sociological transition. La Maison de la citoyenneté écoresponsable et solidaire will also aim to promote social integration and inclusion, as well as to be part of an intergenerational perspective. This project must be carried out in concert with citizens, community organizations and social economy businesses and work for the entire population.

CALL FOR SUPPORT

Anyone, organization or company wishing to support the project of La Maison de la citoyenneté écoresponsable et solidaire of the Allions-Nous Committee in LaSalle is invited to show their support by writing to info@allions-nous.org.

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