

CITY OF DORVAL

BY-LAW NO RCM-60-PU.1-2017

BY-LAW AMENDING THE URBAN MASTER PLAN ADOPTED IN 2015

Meeting of the Council held in the Council Chamber, 60 Martin Avenue, Dorval, Québec, on February 19, 2018, at 8pm, Mayor Edgar Rouleau presiding.

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WHEREAS the City of Dorval adopted a Sustainable Master Plan on October 9th, 2015;

WHEREAS it is relevant to modify this Sustainable Master Plan adopted in 2015 in order to better regulate the development of certain green spaces of high biodiversity;

THEREFORE, the City Council decrees and orders by this By-law as follows:

SECTION 1. In the section entitled "Biodiversity, green space and resource management", at the end of the section entitled "Context – biodiversity and green space" the following text is added:

"The urban forest of the territory provides many benefits to the environment in general and the urban landscape in particular. Its benefits also contribute to the comfort and health of human beings, while generating economic benefits. The nature of municipal action in urban forest management is twofold. On the one hand, the City intervenes directly on the trees it owns. On the other hand, it also intervenes on the trees of the whole territory as a manager of the territory, in particular with regard to the protection of the urban forest, the control of the felling and the planting during the new constructions.

The legislation applicable to municipalities attaches high importance to the urban tree. In Quebec, the urban tree is governed mainly by the Act respecting land use planning and development and the Municipal Powers Act. The Civil Code of Québec applies to trees throughout Quebec, while the Tree Protection Act allows punitive damages for anyone who cuts trees on another person's property without permission. Some very sector specific laws give a comprehensive overview of such situation. They mainly concern the protection of the environment and natural heritage, as well as the conservation of endangered or vulnerable species. The City wishes to ensure the implementation of comprehensive regulations toward the protection and management of trees and urban private forests."

SECTION 2. In the section entitled "Biodiversity, green space and resource management", the following action 1.9 is added to the section "Implementation Strategy":

"Action 1.9

Preserving high-value private forests by ensuring the conservation of as many trees as possible, during the subdivision of a residential development, in certain properties that have such woodlots"

The Short, Medium and Long Term columns appearing under the heading "Timeline" are checked and the words "City of Dorval and Public and Private Partners" are added to the "Partner" column.

SECTION 3. The present by-law comes into force according to law.

APPROVED _____ MAYOR

APPROVED _____ CITY CLERK