

DORVAL ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE'S REPORT

2024-2025



Dorval Environment Committee

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Over the past year, the Environment Committee has continued to work on projects that began in previous years, while also presenting new recommendations to the City council. This table outlines these projects, as well as their progress to date.

Project	Progress to date	Planned actions of the Committee	Planned actions by other departments
Obtaining the Bird-friendly City certification from Nature Canada	Creation of the Bird Committee and certification awarded in May 2024.	Ongoing collaboration with the Bird Committee for future recommendations to support birds and biodiversity.	Hold annual World Migratory Bird Day event in the spring and promote Bird Committee initiatives.
Taking the Mayor’s Monarch Pledge	Pledge taken in 2024 with supporting actions including participation in the “Défi pissenlits” and distribution of milkweed. Pledge taken again for 2025.	Support committed actions.	Perform committed actions for the 2025 pledge, including continued distribution of milkweed.
Promoting the use of the iNaturalist app for community science and biodiversity profiling	In collaboration with the Bird Committee, promote an information session about the app and participation in the City Nature Challenge (April 2024 and April 2025)	Continue outreach about the use of iNaturalist	Promote annual participation in the City Nature Challenge
Promoting good practices for establishing pollinator-friendly gardens that prioritize native species	Ongoing outreach about pollinator-friendly spaces, including participation in the “Défi pissenlits”, and information kiosk at Environment Day and Dorval Celebrates events.	Continue to develop outreach resources, including for invasive species and “leafcycling”.	Continue to develop signage and educational resources.
Establishing a collective garden	With support from GRAME and local volunteers, opened a collective garden at Roya-Dixie Park.	Provide support and further recommendations as needed.	Continue supporting the garden community through GRAME partnership and investments as needed.

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Enhancing the presence of pollinator-friendly and native species in public spaces	<p>Participation in the “Défi pissenlits”.</p> <p>Development of signage for naturalized areas and supporting the creation of pollinator demonstrator garden at Lawrence Earl Park by the Dorval Horticultural and Ecological Society.</p> <p>Ongoing changes to planting/gardening practices.</p>	Provide support and further recommendations as needed.	Put into practice “targeted management” of select public green spaces and develop a planting policy.
Making perennial bulbs and tubers available	Distribute any unearthed bulbs and tubers from public gardens.		Seasonally make bulbs and tubers available to the public after removal.
Discussing the City’s waste management program (ex: garbage, recycling, organic waste, large objects)	New waste management strategy and by-law adopted by City council, including revisions to large objects pickup and garbage collection.	Provide support and further recommendations as needed.	Implement changes to pickups.
Including environmentally conscious measures in urban planning regulations	Adoption of revised Site Planning and Architectural Integration Program (SPAIP) taking into consideration various sustainable practices.	Provide support and further recommendations as needed.	Put into practice revised SPAIP. City council to reflect on recommendations during revision of zoning by-law.
Establishing baseline greenhouse gas emissions of the City	Recommendation made to City council to promptly inventory current GHG emissions in order to establish a baseline and then set specific reduction targets.		City council to reflect on recommendations.

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Establishing environmental priorities for upcoming years	Ongoing development of proposed actions to support the City's strategic plan.	Support the development of an action plan establishing priorities on the environmental objectives of the Strategic Plan.	Collaborate with the Environment Committee to develop appropriate actions to operationalize environmental objectives of the Strategic Plan.
Communicating the work of the committee in an impactful and timely manner	Annual report prepared and published. Creation of a regular "Environment" section in the <i>Communiqué</i> .	Continue working with the City Communications Department to publicize work in a timely manner.	Share information and outreach resources in a timely manner.

The following table lists ongoing municipal projects that involved initial recommendations from the Environment Committee.

Project	Progress to date	Planned actions
Integrating additional community gardens into public spaces	Recommendation made to the City council to include community garden development in broader planning.	Include reflections on community gardens during implementation of the Master Plan for Parks and Recreational and Culture Buildings.
Developing an eco-responsible events guide and policy for the City	Guide adopted for internal use and published for public use.	Ongoing use of the guide for the planning of City events.
Increasing organic waste collection for multi-dwelling buildings	Continue expanding collection of organic waste collection to multi-dwelling buildings.	Continue recruiting buildings to participate in collection program.



These recommendations made by the Environment Committee are currently under study.

Recommendation on the impacts of fireworks, along with mitigation measures and alternatives.
Recommendation on the impacts of gas-powered leaf-blowers, along with mitigation measures and alternatives.
Recommendation to develop a physical eco-district (“éco-quartier”) resource within the City.
Recommendation to restrict new natural gas installations.

