



## Mérite Ovation municipale from the UMQ – Honoring Quebec municipal innovation

The Union of Quebec Municipalities (UMQ) honored, during a gala evening which took place today in Quebec City at the end of the 2022 Assises, the 13 winning projects of the 17th edition of the municipal Ovation merit.

Only one project was awarded in each of the categories identified, and one municipality was honored with the Joseph-Beaubien Prize, established in honor of the first president of the UMQ and mayor of the City of Outremont from 1919 to 1938. Two Stroke of Grace Prizes were also awarded; the Jury's Stroke of Grace Prize and Stroke of Grace Prize chosen by the delegates. It should also be remembered that a category was created for this edition for a special COVID-19 prize oriented towards the perseverance of municipalities in a context of post-pandemic recovery. Finally, one project won the new Future Climate Prize, dedicated to the fight against climate change.

### Winning projects

#### Joseph Beaubien Prize

City of Trois-Rivières

An innovative strategy to revive abandoned wastelands

#### Jury's Favorite Award

MRC de Montcalm

The Art of Learning is Great!

#### Price Your favorite

City of Vaudreuil-Dorion

The 405

#### Future Climate Prize

City of Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu

"Bring your color for a sustainable community!" » An invitation to co-create the city of tomorrow

#### Category: Municipal Administration

Ville de Laval

Virtual assistant for 311 – service to citizens

#### Category Planning, environment and climate change

City of Montreal – Borough of Rivière-des-Prairies-Pointe-aux-Trembles

Parc Saint-Joseph: beyond accessibility, inclusion

#### Category: Culture, heritage, leisure and tourism

Ville de Victoriaville

Leisure support program for adults

## **Economic Development Category**

City of Saint-Colomban

The Saint-Colomban Public Market, an agri-food social enterprise

## **Category Socio-community development and interculturality**

Îles-de-la-Madeleine maritime community

Implementation of an incentive for the creation of annual rental housing

## **Category Public Safety**

City of Granby

Concerted action on homelessness

## **Category Transport, mobility and accessibility**

City of Gaspé

Shared mobility – TCiTE RÉGIM – City of Gaspé

## **Category Roads, infrastructure and equipment**

Ville de L'Assomption

Geomatics and innovation at the service of public works efficiency

## **Special price COVID-19**

Ville de Longueuil

Support for the coordination of municipal civil protection organizations in the face of COVID-19



The quality and diversity of the projects honored in the context of the 17th edition of the Ovation municipal merit award demonstrates, more than ever, this ability of municipalities to innovate and demonstrate creativity in the face of the main challenges of the day. While the repercussions of the issues facing our society are experienced first and foremost at the municipal level, local governments, through their knowledge of the realities specific to their environment, act to meet the evolving needs of their community. Congratulations to all the winning municipalities!

**Mr. Daniel Côté**  
President of the UMQ and mayor of Gaspé



## **Highlights**

Very popular recognition, the Ovation municipale merit of the UMQ particularly highlights, since 2005, the fruit of the work of municipalities, RCMs and municipal organizations that have put forward original solutions to optimally meet the needs of their community. It is intended for all municipalities, boroughs and RCMs, as well as non-profit municipal organizations in Quebec.

During the first 15 years of the competition, more than 950 projects have been presented and more than a hundred of them have won prizes. The summary of several of them can also be consulted online on the municipal innovation portal of the UMQ website.

## **Tribute to 20 and 30 years of municipal life**

The gala evening was also an opportunity to pay tribute to elected municipal officials aged 20 and 30 and over in elected office in municipal politics.

### **Tribute to 30 years**

- Yvon Deshaies, Mayor of Louiseville;
- Paul Dumoulin, municipal councilor for the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion;
- François Séguin, municipal councilor for the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion.

## Tribute to 20 years

- François Bélanger, municipal councilor for the City of Mirabel;
  - Donald Côté, municipal councilor for the City of Saint-Hyacinthe;
  - Marc Denault, city councilor for the City of Sherbrooke;
  - Richard Leduc, municipal councilor for the City of Joliette;
  - Jacques Lemire, municipal councilor for the City of Longueuil;
  - Jean-Marc Rochon, municipal councilor for the City of Salaberry-de-Valleyfield.
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## Mérite Ovation on Social Media

The detailed program of the Assises 2022 is available at

[MUNICIPALDABORD.CA](https://municipaldabord.ca)

It is also possible to find out about the latest news via the UMQ 's Facebook page and Twitter feed , with the hashtag #AssisesUMQ .

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