



VIVRE EN VILLE

la voie des collectivités viables



OUR MISSION

Vivre en Ville is a public interest organization that contributes to the development of sustainable communities throughout Quebec. We bring about change on all scales: from the building and the street to the neighborhood and the urban area.

Through its actions, Vivre en Ville stimulates innovation and supports decision-makers, professionals and citizens in creating prosperous living environments conducive to the wellbeing of its residents and mindful of the supporting capacity of the ecosystems.

BETTER BUILT ENVIRONMENTS

MAKING OUR BUILDINGS, OUR STREETS, OUR NEIGHBOURHOODS AND OUR URBAN AGGLOMERATIONS MORE VIABLE.

The Vivre en Ville team is resourceful, rigorous, committed and multi-talented. Their varied expertise contributes to the organization's outreach as a major player in research, training, consulting and coaching services, awareness-raising campaigns, and public policy debates.



WHAT IS A SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY?

It is a living environment that meets the fundamental needs of its residents, is beneficial to their health and improves quality of life. It is developed by favouring equity, respecting the capacity of ecosystems and safeguarding natural, energy and financial resources, and it ensures its own long-term viability.

A sustainable community protects its environmental, cultural and built heritage. Designed for its residents, these communities are characterized by the resiliency they gain through compact urban form, mix of functions, variety of transportation options and the appropriate location of their activities. Sustainable communities offer everyone access to quality public squares and luxuriant green spaces, a variety of services and an environment with a wealth of economic, social, recreational and cultural activities.

RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

Always at the cutting edge of research, Vivre en Ville seeks, compiles and analyzes worldwide examples of best practices, adapting the lessons learned from them to Quebec's particular context. Vivre en Ville's research results have been applied to pilot projects, contributing to the implementation of many innovative projects.

- + Study missions and best practices monitoring
- + A greening pilot project at an elementary school
- + Greening of the *Centre culture et environnement Frédéric Back* (recipient of the Phénix environment award in 2006)

TOOLS AND TRAINING

Vivre en Ville offers a wide range of training workshops, from general or thematic conferences to technical workshops. Activities can be adapted and customized to suit an audience of citizens, elected officials or professionals. A series of guides, case studies, fact sheets, multimedia tools and online resources are also available.

- + Symposiums and conferences
- + Training mission on transit-oriented development in Washington with the *Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal*
- + Action kit *Vers des collectivités viables*©
- + Short documentaries *À la découverte des villes durables d'Europe, Le rêve américain revu et corrigé, Retisser la ville: au-delà du TOD*

CONSULTING

Vivre en Ville offers a variety of consulting services that may be tailored to the particular needs of municipalities, public institutions or businesses, thanks to the varied skills of its multidisciplinary team. Services are intended for municipalities, public institutions and private corporations, and are based on the diverse competencies of a multidisciplinary team.

- + Urban intervention strategy for public transit and active transportation in Quebec City
- + Sustainable community concept at Domaine Kogan in Rivière-du-Loup (redevelopment of a brownfield site)
- + Best practices guide on sustainable structures (on behalf of the *Ministère des Affaires municipales, Régions et Occupation du territoire*)

ADVOCACY

Vivre en Ville regularly takes a stand, often in partnership with stakeholders, on current issues by getting involved in public debate, by calling upon decision-makers and by publishing reports. The organization contributes to the evolution of practices as well as budgetary and public policy choices toward a framework that is more conducive to the development of sustainable communities.

- + Member of the TRANSIT steering committee, the *Alliance pour le financement des transports collectifs*
- + Public consultation in Montreal and Quebec City on their *Plan métropolitain d'aménagement et de développement*, and in Gatineau on «Home adaptations program.»

- + Short animated film and tour of «Saga City: our communities facing climate change»
- + Econologis Program, personalized measures and advice on energy efficiency
- + Awareness week on public transit and active transportation as part of the international «Car-free day»

AWARENESS

Vivre en Ville has developed a specialized expertise in raising public awareness and popularization of various issues associated with sustainable communities. Publications, conferences and personalized advising center around campaigns and public awareness tours.

OUR PARTNERS AND CLIENTS

- Accès transports viables
- Agence de la santé et des services sociaux de la Capitale-Nationale
- Agence de la santé et des services sociaux de Montréal
- Association québécoise pour la maîtrise de l'énergie (AQME)
- Centre d'écologie urbaine de Montréal (CEUM)
- Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal
- Communauto
- Conseil régional de l'environnement de Montréal
- Ecobâtiment
- EnviroCentre (Ottawa)
- Équiterre
- David Suzuki Foundation
- Québec's sustainable development action fund
- Government of Québec
- Hydro-Québec
- Mobili-T (Québec) and MOBI-O (Gatineau), mobility management centres
- Québec en Forme
- Société de transport de l'Outaouais (STO)
- Société immobilière du Québec (SIQ)
- Vélo Québec
- City of Gatineau
- City of Rivière-du-Loup

SUPPORT OUR MISSION

Since 1995, Vivre en Ville's membership has supported the development of sustainable communities across Québec. With your help as a member or as a partner, Vivre en Ville will continue to support policy-makers and professionals in creating sustainable communities.



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