



ACTION PLAN FOR THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT POLICY

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1. Summary of sustainable development policy

| Sector | Objectives |
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| Water | <p>Objective 1: Continue with the City's efforts to reduce water consumption</p> <p>Objective 2: Limit the impact of runoff and wastewater</p> |
| Air | <p>Objective 3: Continue with the City's actions to fight climate change</p> <p>Objective 4: Preserve local air quality</p> <p>Objective 5: Promote actions that improve active and sustainable transportation in the community</p> |
| Soil | <p>Objective 6: Conserve soil quality</p> <p>Objective 7: Promote soil use from a sustainable development perspective</p> |
| Municipal Management | <p>Objective 8: Incorporate a formal, internal environmental management system</p> <p>Objective 9: Facilitate application and monitoring of the sustainable development policy process</p> <p>Objective 10: Develop a responsible procurement policy</p> <p>Objective 11: Work with local actors to improve the quality of the environment</p> |
| Waste | <p>Objective 12: Deploy ongoing actions to improve waste management</p> <p>Objective 13: Develop actions to raise public awareness about waste-related issues</p> |
| Biodiversity | <p>Objective 14: Expand wooded areas</p> |
| Nuisances | <p>Objective 15: Implement environmental actions for the well-being of the public</p> <p>Objective 16: Identify and combat nuisances using ecological solutions</p> |

2. Sustainable development policy implementation

The following tables show the actions that have been selected and prioritized to facilitate the sustainable development policy's implementation. These are proposals that could change over time.

Several actions are from the Climate Change Adaptation Plan and are marked with an asterisk (*).

2.1. Water

| Objective 1 | Actions | Timeline | Implementation | | |
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| | | | Department | Specific Action | Indicator |
| Continue with the City's efforts to reduce water consumption | 1. Use mulch in public landscaping to reduce watering needs* | 2016-2020 | Public Works | Maintain the use of mulch in landscaping | Tons of mulch |
| | 2. Replace annuals with perennials and shrubs* | 2016-2020 | Public Works | Replace annuals with perennials where the landscaping permits | Number of plants |
| | 3. Ensure adequate irrigation of vegetation during dry periods* | 2016-2020 | Public Works | Protect plants during drought | Number of actions |
| | 4. Distribute rainwater collection barrels | 2017-2020 | Public Works | Give the public the means to collect rainwater | Number of barrels distributed |
| | 5. Establish a bylaw for the use of low-flow equipment in new builds and renovations | 2018 | Planning | Implement technologies to conserve potable water | Bylaw passed |
| | 6. Subsidize the installation of low-flow equipment in homes | 2017 | Planning | Offer a financial incentive for the use of low-flow equipment | Subsidy program established |
| | 7. Replace toilets in city buildings with eco-efficient models | 2019-2020 | Engineering and Buildings | Install low-flow toilets | No. of toilets replaced / Total no. of toilets |

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| | 8. Regulate the use of potable water* | 2019 | City Manager's Office Public Works City Clerk's Office | Establish a bylaw regarding the use of potable water in Pointe-Claire | Bylaw passed |
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| Objective 2 | Actions | Timeline | Implementation | | |
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| | | | Department | Specific Action | Indicator |
| Limit the impact of runoff and wastewater | 9. Promote best management practices (BMPs) for rainwater (rain gardens, rain barrels, drainage wells, permeable paving, drainage ditches, wet ponds, etc.) in land-use planning* | 2016-2020 | Public Works Engineering and Buildings | Hold or collect rainwater | Number of projects where BMPs are applied |
| | 10. Where possible, incorporate water collection systems into new residential and industrial developments* | 2016-2020 | Planning Engineering and Buildings | Incorporate maximum discharge flow rate criteria into all new builds | Number of new projects |
| | 11. Continue using rainwater collection and holding tanks in the Public Works building (water reused to water plants and lawn)* | 2016-2020 | Public Works | Collect rainwater | Number of barrels of rainwater used per year |
| | 12. Implement the bylaw on protecting buildings against sewer backups (specifically by installing backwater valves)* | 2016-2020 | Planning Public Works | Equip any connections to a municipal sanitary, storm or combined sewer system with a check valve or safety valve to prevent sewer backups | Passage of a municipal bylaw (plumbing and drainage standards) |

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| | 13. Disseminate information about protecting buildings against sewer backups* | 2016-2020 | Planning Public Works Communications | Raise public awareness about the importance of buildings being able to withstand stormwater runoff | Number of communications on the subject |
| | 14. Regularly maintain sewer systems* | 2016-2020 | Public Works | Conduct regular maintenance and ensure structures are in good condition | Metres of pipeline serviced |
| | 15. Establish a bylaw for the sustainable development of parking lots* | 2016-2020 | Planning | Analyze bylaws and amend as needed | Municipal bylaw passed |
| | 16. Clean sidewalks and pathways more frequently to reduce the amount of debris transported by rainwater* | 2016-2020 | Public Works | Sweep sidewalks and pathways as often as streets to reduce the amount of debris transported by rainwater | Percent increase in sweeping days |

2.2. Air

| Objective 3 | Actions | Timeline | Implementation | | |
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| | | | Department | Specific Action | Indicator |
| Continue with the City's actions to fight climate change | 17. Continue maintaining the Public Works building's green roof and explore similar solutions in future projects* | 2016-2020 | Public Works Engineering and Buildings | Continue maintaining the Public Works building's green roof and plan for something similar in future projects, to control heat islands | Number of green roofs installed |
| | 18. Conduct a pilot project using reflective and permeable materials* | 2017 | Planning | Conduct a pilot project based on the market availability of such products | Number of projects using reflective and permeable materials |
| | 19. Promote the development of green walls* | 2016 | Public Works Engineering and Buildings | Conduct a green wall pilot project | Square metres of wall developed |
| | 20. Optimize use of the arena's power plant | 2019 | Engineering and Buildings | Implement solutions to improve the arena's energy efficiency | The plant's energy consumption |

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| | 21. Systematically install electric timers on switches in all municipal buildings | 2017-2020 | Engineering and Buildings | Use timers to help reduce energy consumption | Number of electric timers installed |
| | 22. Install a weather stripping system on municipal building garage doors | 2018 | Engineering and Buildings | Optimize energy efficiency of municipal building garage | Number of systems installed |
| | 23. Replace gas-guzzling municipal vehicles with more compact models to reduce fuel consumption | 2017-2020 | Engineering and Buildings Public Works | Reduce fuel consumption by gradually replacing the fleet of vehicles | Number of vehicles replaced |
| | 24. Implement a preventive maintenance schedule for the municipal vehicle fleet to reduce fuel consumption | 2017-2020 | Public Works | Reduce fuel consumption by following a preventive maintenance schedule | Fuel consumption |
| | 25. Install additional electric charging stations | 2019 | Public Works | Make electric charging stations available to the public | Number of electric charging stations installed |
| | 26. Promote the installation of white roofs | 2016-2020 | Planning Engineering and Buildings | Raise public awareness of the advantages of white roofs | Number of white roofs in the city |

| Objective 4 | Actions | Timeline | Implementation | | |
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| | | | Department | Specific Action | Indicator |
| Preserve local air quality | 27. Document best practices in preserving air quality | 2018-2020 | Planning Engineering and Buildings | Improve knowledge of air quality preservation methods | Documentation produced |

| Objective 5 | Actions | Timeline | Implementation | | |
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| | | | Department | Specific Action | Indicator |
| Promote actions that improve active and sustainable transportation in the community | 28. Develop a sustainable mobility policy | 2017 | Planning | Implement a specific policy to promote alternative modes of transportation | Municipal bylaw passed |
| | 29. Improve the system of bike trails and their interconnectivity | 2016-2020 | Engineering and Buildings | Identify potential trails and develop them | Kilometres of trail developed |
| | 30. Produce a bike trail map for the public | 2018 | Communications | Make the map available in print and electronic formats | Map published |
| | 31. Disseminate information about government subsidies for electric car purchases | 2016 | Public Works Communications | Post information on City website | Information available to the public |
| | 32. Put up “share the road” awareness signs | 2019 | Communications | Promote the coexistence of different modes of transportation | Number of signs installed |

2.3. Soil

| Objective 6 | Actions | Timeline | Implementation | | |
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| | | | Department | Specific Action | Indicator |
| Conserve soil quality | 33. Promote hydroseeding | 2016-2020 | Public Works Engineering and Buildings | Promote more eco-efficient planting methods | Area of grass planted by hydroseeding |
| | 34. Plant natives species that help stabilize the soil | 2016-2020 | Public Works | Use local species that help reduce the risk of erosion | Number of plants planted |
| | 35. Raise awareness among residents, business owners and industry about preventing and reducing soil contamination | 2018 | Communications | Develop informational resources for the public | Communication tools used |
| | 36. Optimize snow removal rules and criteria with a view to sustainable development | 2016-2020 | Public Works | Implement techniques for managing snow removal in an eco-efficient manner | Types of techniques implemented |

| Objective 7 | Actions | Timeline | Implementation | | |
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| | | | Department | Specific Action | Indicator |
| Promote soil use from a sustainable development perspective | 37. Establish a bylaw for the sustainable development of parking lots* | 2016 | Planning | Establish criteria to promote the installation of green parking lots | Municipal bylaw passed |
| | 38. Promote the use of permeable paving in municipal projects* | 2016 | Public Works Engineering and Buildings | Conduct a pilot project using permeable materials | Square metres of permeable paving |
| | 39. Establish a bylaw for the installation of community gardens in new high-rise developments | 2017 | Planning | Develop a bylaw to that effect | Municipal bylaw passed |
| | 40. Create natural areas between business areas and residential areas | 2019-2020 | Planning Engineering and Buildings | Identify testing areas for a pilot project | Number of natural areas created |

2.4. Municipal management

| Objective 8 | Actions | Timeline | Implementation | | |
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| | | | Department | Specific Action | Indicator |
| Incorporate a formal, internal environmental management system | 41. Systematically consider environmental impacts when developing projects | 2017-2020 | All departments | To the extent possible, develop a checklist of criteria for all City departments | Type of criteria established |
| | 42. Create a book of sustainable project criteria by department | 2018 | | | |
| | 43. Implement a mobilization program to develop environmental leadership | 2016 | City Manager's Office Public Works Communications Administrative Services | Empower employees to implement environmental initiatives | Number of training sessions |
| | 44. Create tools or a guide to support employees | 2017 | Public Works Communications | Give employees the right tools | Number of internal communications |

| Objective 9 | Actions | Timeline | Implementation | | |
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| | | | Department | Specific Action | Indicator |
| Facilitate application and monitoring of the sustainable development policy process | 45. Set up an environmental committee involving all municipal departments | 2017 | City Manager's Office Public Works | Establish a committee made up of elected officials, members of municipal administration and the public | Committee created |
| | 46. Conduct awareness activities and hold training sessions for employees | 2017-2020 | City Manager's Office Public Works Administrative Services | Conduct training sessions on how to implement the sustainable development policy | Number of training sessions |

| Objective 10 | Actions | Timeline | Implementation | | |
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| | | | Department | Specific Action | Indicator |
| Develop a responsible procurement policy | 47. Identify environmental and social criteria to be incorporated into the awarding of contracts | 2018 | City Manager's Office Administrative Services City Clerk's Office | Focus mainly on contracts under development | Criteria incorporated |
| | 48. Support vendors and bidders that respect sustainable development | 2018 | Administrative Services City Clerk's Office | Prioritize eco-efficient approaches | Number of vendors |
| | 49. Enhance buy-local directives | 2018 | Administrative Services City Clerk's Office | To be determined | Directives implemented |
| | 50. Promote the participation of non-profit organizations (NPOs) in tendering processes | 2018 | Administrative Services | Incorporate conditions that foster stakeholder participation | Participation criteria implemented |
| | 51. Assess internal procurement from a sustainable development perspective | 2017 | Administrative Services | Conduct an internal assessment of current supply locations | Assessment prepared |
| | 52. Train procurement staff on sustainable purchases | 2019 | Procurement Human Resources | Conduct specific training sessions | Number of training sessions |

| Objective 11 | Actions | Timeline | Implementation | | |
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| | | | Department | Specific Action | Indicator |
| Work with local actors to improve the quality of the environment | 53. Create a chat room where residents can propose initiatives to improve the environment and discuss infrastructures and activities | 2018 | City Manager's Office Communications Culture, Sports, Leisure and Community Development Administrative Services | Set up a web page and email address dedicated to such projects | Web page launched |
| | 54. Create a directory of community and non-profit organizations (NPOs) that do environmental and social development work | 2017-2018 | Culture, Sports, Leisure and Community Development | Keep an eye out for NPO community actions | Directory created |
| | 55. Conduct internal information sessions on good environmental practices | 2016-2020 | Public Works Communications | Propose simple acts that municipal departments can do to promote good practices | Number of training sessions |

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| | 56. Establish a sustainable event policy | 2018 | Inspection – Public Security Public Works | Establish environmental criteria for City events | Criteria established |
| | 57. Set up a waste management brigade | 2017 | Public Works | Give youth an opportunity, in summer, to get involved in raising public awareness about waste management best practices | Green patrol established |
| | 58. Provide material and human resources for environmental activities | 2020 | City Manager's Office Public Works | Implement a program specifically for the public | Program developed |
| | 59. Offer an advisory service to residents who want to do something for the environment | 2019 | Planning Public Works Communications | Advertise the service in City communications | The service is advertised |
| | 60. Develop a guide of good environmental practices for residents | 2017 | Communications Public Works | Create a brochure | Number of brochures distributed |

2.5. Waste management

| Objective 12 | Actions | Timeline | Implementation | | |
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| | | | Department | Specific Action | Indicator |
| Deploy actions to improve waste management | 61. Recycle photocopier and printer ink cartridges used by staff and limit paper use | 2016-2020 | All departments | Aim for paperless administration | Number of cartridges recycled and quantity of paper purchased |
| | 62. Install used battery collection points in municipal buildings | 2016-2020 | Public Works | Aim for one bin per building | Number of collection points |
| | 63. Promote the purchase of sustainable products | 2018 | Public Works Administrative Services City Manager's Office | Choose sustainable products over disposable products | Sustainable supply expenditures |

| Objective 13 | Actions | Timeline | Implementation | | |
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| | | | Department | Specific Action | Indicator |
| Develop actions to raise public awareness about waste-related issues | 64. Raise public awareness about the 4 Rs (reduce, reuse, recycle and recover) | 2016-2020 | Communications Public Works | Produce documents and create a dedicated Web page | Number of communications, and Web page created |
| | 65. Develop a school activity to raise youth awareness about waste management | 2017-2018 | Public Works Culture, Sports, Leisure and Community Development | Work with school boards | Number of activities held |
| | 66. Disseminate government financial rebates associated with recycling and investments made | 2018 | Communications Administrative Services Public Works | | |

2.6. Biodiversity

| Objective 14 | Actions | Timeline | Implementation | | |
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| | | | Department | Specific Action | Indicator |
| Expand wooded areas | 67. Plant, conserve and protect trees* | 2016-2020 | Public Works | Expand the canopy year after year | Tree inventory |
| | 68. Distribute seedlings of native trees to residents* | 2016-2020 | Public Works | Conserve and increase vegetation cover despite the presence of pests | Number of seedlings distributed |
| | 69. Improve tree replacement planning | 2016-2020 | Public Works | Minimize the impact of pests | Number of trees replaced |
| | 70. Set up a system for monitoring species that are or that could become vulnerable or threatened | 2017 | Public Works | Take an inventory of existing species in the area | Inventory developed |
| | 71. Establish a bylaw to protect threatened and vulnerable species | 2017 | Public Works City Clerk's Office City Manager's Office | In the bylaw, include actions to protect species | Municipal bylaw passed |
| | 72. Develop an urban forestry plan or policy* | 2017 | Public Works | Keep the inventory up to date and determine the direction the City wants to take | Plan or policy developed |
| | 73. Create a teaching garden for monarchs* | 2016-2017 | Environment | Develop a monarch observatory by planting milkweed | Teaching garden opened |

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| | 74. Select plants adapted to high-temperature conditions* | 2016-2020 | Public Works | Plant vegetation that can adapt to climate change | Number of plants based on their hardiness |
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2.7. Quality of life

| Objective 15 | Actions | Timeline | Implementation | | |
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| | | | Department | Specific Action | Indicator |
| Implement environmental actions for the well-being of the public | 75. Increase the number of recreational infrastructures (splash pads)* | 2020 | Planning Engineering and Buildings | Complete at least one project by 2020 | Number of splash pads installed in parks |
| | 76. Develop shaded areas in parks* | 2016-2020 | Planning Engineering and Buildings Public Works | | Number of pergolas or other structures installed in parks |
| | 77. Establish a program to give one tree for every baby that is born | 2018 | Public Works | Announce program on Website | Number of trees given |
| | 78. Encourage developers wishing to set up shop in the area to use ecological approaches | 2019 | Planning Communications | Raise awareness among developers | Communication types |
| | 79. Raise public awareness about protecting Lake Saint-Louis and the St. Lawrence River through shoreline cleanup actions | 2016-2020 | Communications Public Works | Support the implementation of cleanup actions in collaboration with residents | Number of awareness and cleanup actions conducted |
| | 80. Increase the number of green walls | 2017 | Engineering and Buildings Public Works | Identify potential green wall sites | Area covered |

| Objective 16 | Actions | Timeline | Implementation | | |
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| | | | Department | Specific Action | Indicator |
| Identify and combat nuisances using ecological solutions | 81. Conduct an awareness campaign to combat ragweed* | 2016-2020 | Public Works Communications | Combat invasive species and promote the planting of native species | Number of vacant lots maintained |
| | 82. Inform residents about issues associated with the various invasive species present in the area, such as the white grub and the emerald ash borer | 2016-2020 | Public Works Communications | Inform residents about how they can improve the situation | Number and type of communications |
| | 83. Inventory and track the types of invasive species present in the area | 2017-2020 | Public Works | Make this inventory accessible to the public | Inventory produced |
| | 84. Continue with integrated pest management* | 2016-2020 | Public Works | Stop the spread of insect pests | Plan against the emerald ash borer |

3. Action plan implementation and follow-up

3.1. Partnering opportunities

The City continues to pay close attention to all funding available for various sustainable development action plan initiatives.

Equipped with a sustainable development policy and an action plan, the City increases its eligibility for certain government programs, such as the Green Municipal Fund, which has made it an eligibility criterion since 2011.

The following table outlines some of the funding available to municipalities, organizations and businesses.

Table 1: Funding for municipalities

| Focus | Fund | Program objectives | Who is eligible |
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| Air Water Soil Waste | Green Municipal Fund (GMF) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Federation of Canadian Municipalities' (FCM) Green Municipal Fund (GMF) supports initiatives offering an innovative solution or approach to a municipal environmental issue that is transferable to other municipalities, regardless of their size. These initiatives must also generate significant environmental, economic and social advantages and must include local policies and appropriate measurement mechanisms. | Municipalities |
| Air, Municipal Management | Partners for Climate Protection (PCP) program | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The program empowers municipalities to take action against climate change through a five-milestone process that guides members in creating greenhouse gas (GHG) inventories, setting realistic and achievable GHG reduction targets, developing local action plans, and implementing plans using specific, measurable actions to reduce emissions. | Municipalities |
| Air, Water, Soil, Biodiversity | Fondation Hydro-Québec pour l'environnement | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Fondation Hydro-Québec pour l'environnement focuses on environmental projects that reflect the desire of local communities to enhance their natural heritage and responsibly and sustainably manage their natural environments. | Municipalities, RCMs, Band Councils, NPOs |
| Water, Biodiversity | Fondation de la faune du Québec – Wildlife habitat protection program | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Protect particularly productive, diversified or threatened wildlife habitats located on privately owned land. Support organizations that want to purchase lands that are high-quality habitats for wildlife, in order to conserve them. Support organizations that work to convince owners of wildlife habitats to voluntarily conserve them. | Public or private organizations legally established in Quebec |
| Biodiversity, Quality of Life | Fondation de la faune du Québec – Integrated resource management program for sustainable wildlife development in forest habitats | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote the integration of wildlife-related values, knowledge and concerns into regional land-use and resource development planning to ensure optimal management of terrestrial, avian and aquatic wildlife. Support projects involving the development and conservation of exploited wildlife and their habitats. Promote collaboration between wildlife actors to introduce forest planning that integrates wildlife issues and habitat requirements. | Provincial wildlife federations and their members, SÉPAQ (Quebec society of outdoor recreation establishments), legally incorporated organizations working in public forestry |
| Waste | MDELCC (Quebec ministry of sustainable development, environment and the fight against climate change) – Program to redistribute waste disposal charges to municipalities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Help fund municipal activities for the implementation of waste management plans (WMPs). Reduce the amount of waste disposed of and, in turn, extend the life of landfill sites and decrease pollution caused by waste disposal. | Municipalities |
| Air, Soil, Municipal Management | MTQ (Quebec ministry of transportation) – Municipal road network improvement assistance program | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Help fund improvement projects carried out by municipalities on their road networks with a focus on the following three aspects: improving the quality of the pavement, drainage and safety. | Municipalities |

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| Air, Soil, Municipal Management | MTQ – Local road network maintenance assistance program (PAERRL) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide financial compensation to eligible municipalities, based on their real estate wealth, for the maintenance of levels 1 and 2 local roads. | Municipalities |
| Quality of life | MTQ – Municipal artwork restoration program (PAROAM) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For the restoration of artwork located on the municipal road network. Eligible pieces of artwork are retaining walls and walkways. | Municipalities |
| Air, Municipal Management | MERN (Quebec ministry of energy and natural resources) – Financial assistance program for energy efficiency and conversion projects | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial support to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and fossil fuel consumption through the funding of projects related to power generation and consumption, as well as process improvement (analysis, energy management, and implementation components). | Businesses, Institutions, Municipalities |
| Air, Municipal Management | Hydro-Québec – Demand-Side Management program | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial assistance to encourage Hydro-Québec customers to reduce their buildings' power demand during winter peaks. | Commercial and institutional customers, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) |
| Air, Municipal Management | Hydro-Québec – Buildings Program | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offers financial assistance to implement energy efficiency measures while carrying out projects in commercial or institutional buildings (prescriptive component or catered component). | Institutions |
| Air, Municipal Management | Hydro-Québec – Support program for sustainable urban development projects | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding available to optimize building energy consumption or install community heating for urban development projects through the decentralized generation of renewable energy. | Developers, Builders, Municipalities |
| Air, Biodiversity, Quality of Life | Toyota Evergreen Learning Grounds program | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides funding to help schools implement greening projects on school grounds. | Schools |
| Municipal Management, Biodiversity | TD Friends of the Environment Foundation | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides funding focused on the revitalization, animation and stewardship of public green spaces. | Municipalities, Educational Institutions, Organizations, Indigenous Groups |
| Air, Municipal Management | Association québécoise pour la maîtrise de l'énergie – Municipal component | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides technical assistance and support from engineers specializing in energy efficiency for projects in the following areas: planning, infrastructure, sports facilities, public lighting, vehicle fleets, etc. | Municipalities |
| Air, Municipal Management, Waste | Fonds Éco IGA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Its goal is to fund projects that respond to environmental realities and that aim to protect, conserve, and promote sustainable environmental practices. | Municipalities |
| Air, Biodiversity, Quality of Life | Fonds d'action québécois pour le développement durable – Action-Climat Québec program | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eligible projects must mobilize and engage individuals and communities in actions to reduce GHG emissions or adapt to climate change. New behaviours and practices are to be adopted to fight climate change. | Individuals, Businesses, Institutions, Municipalities |

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| Waste, Quality of Life, Municipal Management | Éco Entreprise Québec – Away-from-Home Recovery Program in municipal public places | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial assistance program for the purchase and installation of recyclable materials recovery equipment in municipal public places. | Municipalities |
| Air, Municipal Management | Gaz Métro – High Efficiency Equipment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grants to encourage the purchase of more energy efficient appliances (condensing unit heater, boiler, water heater, infrared heating system). | Municipalities |
| Air, Municipal Management | Gaz Métro – Energy Efficiency Measures Grants | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grants to optimize the use of natural gas (solar air preheating, feasibility studies, innovation, new builds, recommissioning). | Municipalities |
| Air, Municipal Management | Gazifère - Feasibility Study program (existing or new building) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides \$2000 in financial assistance to cover a portion of the cost of having a feasibility study carried out to improve energy efficiency. | Commercial and Institutional Customers |
| Air, Municipal Management | Government of Quebec – Drive Electric Program | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourages electric transportation by offering a rebate on the purchase or lease of an all-electric, plug-in hybrid, hybrid or low-speed electric vehicle. | Individuals, Businesses, Organizations, Municipalities |
| Air, Municipal Management | Government of Quebec – Branché au travail (plug in at work) program | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial assistance for the purchase and installation of workplace charging stations. | Businesses, Organizations, Municipalities |

3.2. Timeline

This is a five-year plan.

Below is a summary timeline of the various implementation phases:

2016:

- 1- Adoption of environmental policy and action plan
- 2- Meeting with municipal departments
- 3- Meeting with external stakeholders
- 4- Action plan implementation
- 5- Evaluation and feedback

2017–2020:

- 1- Action plan implementation (continued)
- 2- Action plan updating
- 3- Development of a protocol to update actions and migrate the environmental policy to a sustainable development policy