# Press Release

**Carré Laval**

A New District With a Regional Park and Over 3,500 Housing Units in the Heart of Laval

**Laval, September 2024 —** Today, the City of Laval unveiled an ambitious plan to transform Carré Laval, a flagship revitalization initiative strategically located along Highway 15, into an innovative new living environment inspired by international best practices. This low-carbon neighbourhood, designed to promote active transportation, will be centred around a 22-hectare regional park, equivalent to over 30 football fields. It will feature a diverse and inclusive housing offer, with the potential to accommodate over 3,500 housing units over the long term. Consequently, the City is announcing its intention to partner with the Société de développement Angus (SDA) to construct 1,000 housing units, including 500 affordable options, along with an innovation centre as part of the first phase of development.

"The vision to develop Carré Laval focuses on quality of life, innovation, and sustainability. In this exceptional downtown location, our goal is to create a vibrant atmosphere that nurtures community growth while promoting a healthy, dynamic and forward-looking environment. Carré Laval will evolve into a central hub and identity cornerstone for Laval residents as it welcomes individuals from all backgrounds. This large-scale international project heralds a new era for our city. Our goal is to create a neighbourhood that fosters a true sense of well-being!"

— Stéphane Boyer, Mayor of Laval

The development vision for Carré Laval encompasses both people and nature. Strong emphasis on the One Health concept will help position Laval as pioneer in life sciences and innovation. The development plan envisions a mixed-use urban space, where housing, businesses, green spaces, and cutting-edge research facilities coexist in harmony. The objective is to create an emblematic environment that embodies Laval's commitment to sustainable development and inclusivity.

The project has received substantial financial backing from the Government of Quebec. In 2020, the Ministry of Economy, Innovation and Energy awarded $10 million in financial assistance to decontaminate and revitalize the site.

"For our government, revitalizing spaces like Carré Laval represents far more than a mere economic initiative. It is an opportunity to create spaces where our communities can gather and flourish. Thanks to our collaboration with a number of local stakeholders, we are now poised to revitalize the downtown area, along with the entire region.

— Christopher Skeete, Delegated Minister for the Economy, Minister Responsible for the Fight Against Racism, Minister Responsible for the Laval Region

# First Phase: 1,000 Housing Units and an Innovation Centre

One significant component of the recent announcement is the signing of a letter of intent with the Société de développement Angus (SDA). This agreement includes three key components: the construction of 500 affordable housing units, the development of another 500 housing units, and the establishment of an initial building dedicated to the life sciences and the One Health concept, along with commercial and research activities. This building will be designed to promote interaction and networking among community members.

"The Société de développement Angus is deeply honoured to play its role in a project that sets new standards for sustainable urban planning. This initiative goes well beyond typical expectations; it is a direct response to current housing challenges. Our partnership with the City of Laval provides another opportunity to help create an innovative eco-district while pushing the envelope even further. Each step we take brings us closer to a shared vision of a greener and more resilient city, tailored to the needs and well-being of our citizens."

— Charles Larouche, Executive Vice President, Société de développement Angus

# Launching a Participatory Process

Finally, to support the project's overall vision, the City of Laval is launching a participatory process for the upcoming Carré Laval innovation park in an effort to harmonize the new green space with the community's needs and aspirations. The initiative will kick off with an evening of information and public discussion on September 24 at 7 p.m. at the Collège Letendre's Cabaret de l'Avenir.

# Additional Information

Details on the development vision: Visit [https://https://www.laval.ca/Pages/En/Citizens/carre-laval-en.aspx](https://www.laval.ca/Pages/Fr/Citoyens/carre-laval.aspx) Participatory process: Visit <https://www.repensonslaval.ca/carre-laval>

Virtual model: Visit <https://promo.laval.ca/carre-laval/>

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