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To design its new cultural venue
THE VERDUN BOROUGH ANNOUNCES THE NAMES OF FIRMS IN THE RUNNING

VERDUN, November 17, 2011 — Within the architectural competitions organized by Ville de Montréal – Verdun Borough to design a cultural venue on its territory, Verdun Borough Mayor Claude Trudel, responsible for public safety and security on Ville de Montréal's Executive Committee, is proud to announce the names of the architectural firms that have qualified upon completion of this first stage.

"This stage is a major milestone in our efforts to equip the Verdun Borough with a venue, for cultural and performing arts events, that will be located at an outstanding location—the Verdun's waterfront," pointed out Mayor Trudel. "We are eagerly looking forward to the unveiling of the creative footprint that each of these firms will be proposing to us," he added.

The four finalists are:

- ☛ Les Architectes FABG
- ☛ Saucier + Perrotte, Architectes
- ☛ Dan S. Hanganu, Architectes
- ☛ Manon Asselin, Architectes & Jodoin Lamarre Pratte, Architectes (in consortium)

Each of these firms has been awarded \$56,962.50 to carry out the second stage—to develop a design concept for Verdun's cultural venue and for renovating the premises of École de cirque de Verdun in Édifice Guy-Gagnon on boulevard LaSalle.

These competitions were announced in the media on October 21 and 24. The competition documents were made available on SEAO (the electronic call for tenders system) from October 24 until the competition closing date of November 8, 2011. Eleven (11) firms entered the competitions through the professional advisor by the November 11 deadline. Submissions were received from ten firms.

November 14-15, 2011, the panel of judges (called "the jury") examined the submissions received during the first stage, the call for competition entries. Following this examination, the jury recommended four (4) finalists to proceed to the second stage of the competitions.

For this first stage, the members of the jury were as follows:

- ☛ Louise Cayer, *directrice, Culture, Sports, Loisirs et développement social*, Borough of Outremont
- ☛ Diane Vallée, *directrice, Culture, Sport, Loisir et Développement social*, Verdun Borough
- ☛ Jean Cardin, *chef de division, Services techniques*, Verdun Borough (alternate member)
- ☛ Frédéric Dubé, architect and visiting professor, Université de Montréal
- ☛ Antonin Labossière, architect (alternate member)
- ☛ Pierre Morel, architect
- ☛ Jean Pelland architect

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During the second stage, the jury will examine the submissions as well as the compliance report and the technical committee's report. The jury will then proceed with interviews of each finalist and, after that, following deliberations, will recommend the winner's submission to the City. The jury will embark on the second stage on November 18 and will bring it to a close early next year.

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As it may be recalled, the Verdun Borough has no professional auditorium, but does have six venues used for professional stage performances that are well attended by Verdunites.

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