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**THE CPRLV AND THE CITY OF MONTRÉAL RENEW THEIR PARTNERSHIP**

**Montréal, June 3, 2021** – The Centre for the Prevention of Radicalization Leading to Violence (CPRLV) is pleased to announce the renewal of \$1,200,000 in funding from the City of Montréal.

On May 26, the CPRLV and the City of Montréal signed a financial contribution agreement to make official and strengthen their partnership aimed at addressing issues of violent radicalization and hateful acts through a preventive approach. Roselyne Mavungu, Executive Director of the CPRLV, points out that “this renewed support is a mark of confidence in the Centre, which will continue to pursue in 2021–2022 the mandate received five years ago when it was created by the City of Montréal and the Québec Ministry of Public Security.”

The surge in hate speech on the Internet and in public spaces across Québec during the public health crisis provoked by the COVID-19 pandemic has made it obvious that the Centre’s preventive role is, now more than ever, truly essential if all communities and the population as a whole are to be better equipped, more aware and adequately supported when faced with situations of radicalization and hate-motivated behaviours. “Constant efforts need to be deployed across the province to ensure that every person can live freely without fear of being intimidated, harassed, threatened or attacked because of their race, national or ethnic origin, language, colour, religion, sex, age, mental or physical disability, or sexual orientation,” continues Mavungu.

With the financial support of its valued partner, the City of Montréal, the CPRLV will continue in 2021 and 2022 to position itself in the Montréal landscape as a benchmark organization sharing its scientific and practical expertise to help prevent all forms of radicalization and hateful acts.

“The City of Montréal is very proud to award \$1.2M in funding to the Centre for the Prevention of Radicalization Leading to Violence so that it can implement its ambitious action plan. A Canadian and North American pioneer in its field, the CPRLV contributes to preventing radicalization leading to violence and hateful behaviours through education, mobilization and support of the entire population using a community-based approach. Now more than ever, the Centre’s mission is crucial. Our administration remains firmly committed to supporting it and to fighting against hateful incidents and crimes in Metropolitan Montréal with every means at our disposal,” explains Caroline Bourgeois, Borough Mayor for Rivière-des-Prairies–Pointe-aux-Trembles and member of the City of Montréal Executive Committee responsible for public security.

An action plan has been tabled with the City defining areas of focus for the next two years and setting out ambitious but attainable objectives to be tackled by the CPRLV. Already, this funding has enabled innovative initiatives such as the “Small Illustrated Guide to Hate in Québec,” launched on May 17, to be added to the Centre’s preventive efforts to educate, mobilize and provide support for the entire Montréal community.

### **About the CPRLV and the City of Montréal**

Founded in 2015, the Centre for the Prevention of Radicalization Leading to Violence (CPRLV) is mandated by the City of Montréal and the Québec Ministry of Public Security to prevent radicalization leading to violence and hateful acts in Québec. The CPRLV privileges education, mobilization and support as levers of action in a community-based approach focused on prevention, geared to accessibility for all, harmonized with partners from every sector, and rooted in scientific and practical expertise.

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