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## **Launch of the 2023–2027 Family and Seniors Policy**

**Sutton, February 10, 2023** — The Town of Sutton officially presented its new Family and Seniors Policy as well as the resulting 2023–2027 action plan Thursday, February 9. Mayor Robert Benoît and Councillor Lynda Graham, elected official responsible for family and seniors' issues, were proud to honour the results of nearly a year's worth of work by the steering committee. This committee has allowed the Town to draw up guidelines for families and seniors within its community.

“Nearly 40% of our population is over 65 years old, all the while more and more young families are settling in Sutton,” commented the mayor. “It is our duty as elected officials to have a long-term and inclusive vision for this reality so that our community continues to be attractive, welcoming and caring of all its members. Improving the quality of life must be the objective so that Sutton is *the town where we want to live.*”

As president of the steering committee, Councillor Lynda Graham made a point of underlining the meticulous work of its members as well as the active participation of citizens in the survey and the focus groups that were set up during the process. “We are fortunate to be able to count on people in Sutton who are committed to the well-being of their community. We had a good representation of our community and the steering committee ensured the process ran smoothly while leading the revision of the policy and the development of the action plan. The remarkable collaboration between all the stakeholders guided us to make a good diagnosis and to define common objectives. Our new action plan will now unfold over five years and will be supported by the concrete participation of 23 essential community partners. In particular, FADOQ Les Deux Monts and the CAB Sutton will be directly involved in the realization of certain commitments.”

The 2023–2027 action plan of the Sutton Family and Seniors Policy targets 9 fields of action, namely: Housing and Living Environment, Transportation and Mobility, Social Participation, Recreation, Respect and Social Inclusion, Communication and Information, Health and Social Services, Safety, Outdoor Spaces and Buildings. Within these areas of our social life, the plan sets 21 objectives to be achieved through 36 concrete actions, many of which will be launched in 2023. A follow-up committee, which will meet twice a year, will evaluate the process and its achievements.

The revision of the policy and its action plan was made possible thanks to a financial contribution of \$12,000 from the Quebec government granted under the Programme de soutien à la démarche Municipalité amie des aînés (MADA).