



Intervention and prevention plan to counter vandalism in municipal public spaces *2025-2027*



Vision : A safe, harmonious living environment in which graffiti, as an urban art form, is showcased in a way that respects public and private property.

PREVENTION			
Approach	Measure	Timetable	Responsible
INCREASE AWARENESS Ensure the dissemination of accurate information about the graffiti phenomenon to increase collective responsibility and encourage effective preventive behavior.	Set up a Web page dedicated to the graffiti phenomenon on the Town's website.	June 2025	Communications General Direction Director of Recreation, Community Life and Culture (LVC)
	Develop awareness and information tools for municipal employees and the population.	April-May 2025	Communications General Direction Director of Recreation, Community Life and Culture (LVC)
	Raise awareness among institutional and corporate organizations so that they take a more active role in cleaning up illegal graffiti on their buildings and equipment.	June to October 2025	Communications General Direction Director of Recreation, Community Life and Culture (LVC)
	Involve the SQ to raise awareness throughout the school system (primary school) of the effects of graffiti and of legal alternatives.	September to December 2025	LVC Public Security Department (SSI) Sutton School Sureté du Québec (SQ)
DESIGN CLEVERLY Plan safe urban spaces that take under consideration the graffiti phenomenon to make surfaces unsuitable for graffiti.	Distribute vines and ivy free of charge to citizens wishing to cover at-risk areas on their property (e.g. fences, walls, etc.).	April 2026	Urban and Land-Use Planning (UAT) Public Works and Fixed Assets Department (TPI)
	Incorporate good prevention practices into future projects.	All year round	TPI LVC
PROMOTE PUBLIC ART Promote graffiti as an urban art form to meet the fundamental need of graffiti artists to express themselves and participate in beautifying the town, while increasing their sense of belonging to the neighborhood.	Realize cultural mediation projects using graffiti as a medium	Fall 2025 Fall 2026 Fall 2027	LVC
	Supervise the realization of visible outdoor murals on the territory	All year round	UTA
LEGAL WALLS Offer graffiti artists a legal alternative to reduce the proliferation of graffiti on unauthorized surfaces	Establish a minimum of two legal walls for graffiti on town territory (pilot project)	April 2026	TPI LVC
	Ensure increased monitoring of areas adjacent to permanent legal walls and promptly clean up any graffiti that appears.	April to November 2026	TPI LVC Community
	Evaluate the pilot project on an ongoing basis and determine follow-up action	December 2026	General Direction LVC

INTERVENTION			
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IDENTIFICATION Identify and report illegal graffiti on Town facilities and private property quickly, to increase vandalism detection and take effective action (clean-up).	Annual survey of all graffiti on Town facilities located in “graffiti-free ¹ ” zones.	December 2025	General Direction LVC TPI
	From spring to fall, identify and report new illegal graffiti in “graffiti-free” zones.	Spring, Summer and Fall	LVC TPI Community
	Develop a tool for citizens to report or denounce illegal graffiti on the territory	June 2025	General Direction Communications LVC
CLEANING Ensure rapid and systematic clean-up of illegal graffiti on Town facilities to counter recidivism.	Throughout the year, clean up reported graffiti on Town facilities, prioritizing those located in “graffiti-free” zones and areas adjacent to legal walls.	All year round	TPI
LAW ENFORCEMENT Implement repressive means of intervention to limit acts and reduce recidivism	Ensure rigorous enforcement of the law and appropriate follow-up with repeat graffiti offenders	All year round	SQ SSI
	Increase police surveillance in areas where graffiti removal operations are conducted or in certain areas considered more problematic.	All year round	SQ
	Evaluate the relevance of implementing a restorative justice program for graffiti offenders.	December 2026	General Direction SQ

¹ Areas prioritized by the Town for the detection, reporting and cleaning of graffiti on its facilities. At the end of each year, graffiti-free zones are established for the following year.