



Press Release

The 350th anniversary of Île Perrot ends with a grand party

October 26, 2022 – The celebrations for the 350th anniversary of the seigneurie of Île Perrot ended with 250 guests from all walks of life representing Île Perrot, the County of Vaudreuil-Soulanges and several historical associations linked to Île Perrot, at the grand closing Banquet held at the Paul-Émile-Lépine community center in L'Île-Perrot on Saturday, October 22.

Author and actress Louise Portal inaugurated the evening with an original presentation on Françoise Cuillerier, the lord which granted a majority of the lands of the seigneurie between 1714 and 1751. Following this, “L’Effet Papillon”, a video produced by Daniel Bertolino and based on an original idea by artist Shantal Nicole, was shown as part of a project overseen by the Conseil des arts et de la culture de Vaudreuil-Soulanges. The celebrations ended with Louise Portal reading from her most recent book and a video of “Best Moments of the 350th” by Kinescope. The banquet, prepared by Anis et Marjolaine, offered guests a menu with ingredients from local producers and suppliers.

Lise Chartier, President of the 350th Anniversary Committee described how "in its planning, the Committee took into account the projects submitted by some forty organizations and individuals from Île Perrot under the unifying theme of '350 years of collective memory". The program selected 23 partner-organizers for the 50 activities. The variety of activities reached all age groups: songs and music, dance and theatre, poetry and painting, games for families, competitions for young people, kayaking, screenings, conferences, guided tours, meeting with natives, archaeology, the publication of a book and several community gardens inaugurations”.

The Committee was delighted with the participation of 25 partner-sponsors who benefited from a budget of \$297,000 to plan and promote the program. Canadian Heritage's Commemoration through Arts and Culture program, promoted by MP Peter Schiefke, has made it possible to hire 365 heritage artists, artisans and performers, of which 270 are from the Vaudreuil-Soulanges region. The assistance obtained by MNA Marie-Claude Nichols from the Quebec Volunteer Support Program encouraged the participation of more than 430 volunteers who contributed a total of 6,285 hours.

Thanks to the financial support from main partner Caisse Desjardins Vaudreuil-Soulanges and major partners including the four municipalities of Île Perrot, DEV Vaudreuil-Soulanges, Hydro-Québec, Pharmacie Jean Coutu, IGA Extra, EMI Electricque, Polymos, Harden, Martin Couture comptables, Groupe AutoForce, Propane Léger, the Bourbonnais family and Honda Ile Perrot, over 25,000 people took part in the 50 activities since April.

Lise Chartier concluded, "the members of our Committee, encouraged by our entire community, have achieved the objective they set for themselves: to joyfully celebrate our collective memory on the occasion of the 350th

anniversary of the concession by Jean Talon of our beautiful island to François-Marie Perrot on October 29, 1672. It was on this date that the development of the territory of Vaudreuil-Soulanges began".



The members of the Board of Directors of the Committee for the 350th anniversary of Île Perrot: Guillaume Laforest, from the city of Notre-Dame-de-l'Île-Perrot, Charles-Olivier Bellerose-Bélanger, from Société de développement du parc historique de Pointe-du-Moulin, Louise Lapointe, representing the citizens of the county of Vaudreuil-Soulanges, Daniel Bertolino, from Île Perrot Theater, Lise Chartier, from Île Perrot History and Genealogy Society, Laurier Farmer, from Sainte-Jeanne-de-Chantal Heritage Foundation, Olga Cassetta, from the municipality of Terrasse-Vaudreuil, Sébastien Daviau, from Musée régional de Vaudreuil-Soulanges. Absent from the photo: Étienne Bergevin Byette, from the town of Pincourt, and Mathieu Lalonde, from the town of L'Île-Perrot.

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