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## **Visit 350 years of Île Perrot history through four works of art**

October 18, 2023 – Today, the Île Perrot 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee and the Société d'histoire et de généalogie de l'île Perrot jointly inaugurated four works of art representing the 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations of the concession of the island by Intendant Jean Talon to François-Marie Perrot in 1672.

These works of art, in the form of park benches, blend images and the written word to relay snippets of history representing their location. Artist **Fabienne Legrand** created the drawings that accompany the short texts written by the Société d'histoire et de généalogie de l'île Perrot. Made of wood and steel, the benches were designed by the firm ***En temps et lieu***. During the inauguration tour, the four mayors of the island expressed their satisfaction at seeing their wish come true: a legacy that highlights the contribution of each municipality to the 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations of Île Perrot.

Each bench represents a moment of collective memory in one of the municipalities where the celebrations took place.

The bench located at the crossroads of Grand Boulevard and Boulevard Perrot illustrates the Brucy fur trading post and the first Montreal-Toronto road crossing the town of L'Île-Perrot.

The bench near the Sainte-Jeanne-de-Chantal church recalls the construction of the first church, the existence of the general store and the arrival of English immigrants to Notre-Dame-de-l'Île-Perrot.

In Bellevue Park in Pincourt, the bench highlights the concession of the Moreau stronghold, the establishment of the Daoust farm and the presence of the First Nations at the Quinchien rapids.

In Gilles-Dicaire Park in Terrasse-Vaudreuil, the bench commemorates the crossing to Vaudreuil, the gun powder plant dating back to the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, and the birth of the municipality of Terrasse-Vaudreuil.

The president of the Île Perrot 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee and the Société d'histoire et de généalogie de l'île Perrot, Lise Chartier, has expressed her most sincere gratitude to the Government of Canada and the Conseil des arts et de la culture de Vaudreuil-Soulanges (CACVS) for their financial support, which enabled the creation of these works of art. It is thanks to the Government's Building Communities through the Arts and Heritage Program within the Legacy Fund, as well as the CACVS, that the 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee was able to complete the financing of these works of art at the cost of \$61,000.

Coordinated by Christiane Lévesque, a subcommittee comprised of representatives of the 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee and the Société d'histoire et de généalogie de l'île Perrot, the towns of L'Île-Perrot, Notre-Dame-de-l'Île-Perrot, Pincourt and the municipality of Terrasse-Vaudreuil, supervised the development, design and construction of the "Île Perrot 350<sup>th</sup> benches".

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