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## For a healthier environment! Borough of Lachine Pursing Implementation of Organic Waste Collection Begun Last Year

Ville de Montréal, Borough of Lachine, March 13, 2017 – The Borough of Lachine, in cooperation with Groupe de recherche appliquée en macroécologie (GRAME) and Éco-quartier Lachine, will soon be launching the second phase of the implementation of the organic waste collection (food scraps and green waste) as well as the distribution of brown bins on Borough territory.

- Phase completed last year: territory located west of 32<sup>e</sup> Avenue
- Starting May 3, 2017: territory located east of 32<sup>e</sup> Avenue (except for the Saint-Pierre sector, where the collection will be launched in a subsequent phase)

Brown bins will be distributed in the eastern part of the Borough at the end of April and the first collection will be carried out on Wednesday, May 3, 2017. The collection will then be carried out every week, on Wednesdays, all throughout the year. To find out what size bin will be distributed to you: <u>www.bacbrun.org</u>.

GRAME will be continuing its contract to increase residents' awareness and distribute the bins—a contract that it began at the time of the first phase last year. "Starting in mid-March, some ten GRAME awareness agents will be visiting residents in the area, in order to inform them about the project and answer any questions they may have," explained GRAME director Jonathan Théorêt.

In addition, four public information meetings will be held at Saul Bellow library, 3100 rue Saint-Antoine:

- Wednesday, April 19, 6 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 25, 6 p.m.
- Saturday, April 29, 1 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 10, 6 p.m.

This collection comes within the intent of <u>Montréal's Sustainable Development Plan</u>, which aims to reach the government objectives of 60% of organic waste conversion by 2020. As mentioned by Borough Mayor Claude Dauphin, as a reminder: "The brown bin collection makes it possible to reduce the amount of organic waste at waste disposal sites. This collection therefore contributes toward reducing greenhouse gases (GHGs) as well as toxic waste that contaminate groundwater. Consequently, all residents' cooperation is necessary, and indeed indispensible, to improve our environment."

We wish to remind you that for all questions about compostable organic waste, you may phone 311 or Éco-quartier Lachine at 514 634-7205 or consult the website: <u>www.bacbrun.org</u>.

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