Héritage Montréal launches a support and mobilization service (SAM) to support citizen groups and non-profit organizations (NPO)

Héritage Montréal, a key player for nearly 50 years in the preservation and protection of built heritage, is launching a support and mobilization service (SAM) aimed at supporting citizen groups and non-profit organizations (NPOs) in their projects to protect or requalify buildings of heritage interest in the Montréal metropolitan region.

"Often willing and enthusiastic about their built heritage, citizen groups, community actors and NPOs sometimes feel helpless when faced with the complexity of heritage requalification projects. Our new support service will strengthen the ability of community groups to complete their projects and further protect the built heritage, which is in line with our mission," said Robert Turgeon, Executive Director of Héritage Montréal.

The services that will be offered by Héritage Montréal:

- Information and referral: building inventories and status, regulations, applicable codes;
- Strategic support: identification of priorities, research and coordination assistance, contacts with public authorities, local communities and private partners;
- Mobilization and training: awareness-raising workshops and mechanisms for mobilizing citizens and mediating between project stakeholders;
- Facilitating access to professional expertise and advisory services: access to expert resources and advice in heritage-related fields, directories of artisans and professionals;
- Facilitate access to public and private funding and assist with financial planning: information and matching of existing public grants/programs and private funding (loans and investments).
Héritage Montréal also provides citizens with a toolbox and video clips of inspiring projects ("InspirActions") from the Memento citizen platform (https://memento.heritagemontreal.org/)

To carry out this support plan for NPOs and citizens’ groups, Héritage Montréal benefits from a network of allies who also believe in the importance of preserving architectural, historical, natural and cultural heritage, such as: the Fédération Histoire Québec and its 96 local corporations throughout the metropolitan area, the Communauté métropolitaine de Montréal (CMM) and the Fonds immobilier de solidarité FTQ, which, in its role as a socially responsible investor, provides NPOs and community organizations with financing solutions tailored to their needs.

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