

Vaudreuil-Dorion heads to the cloud for its multimedia storage requirements

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The City of Vaudreuil-Dorion is taking a major technological leap into the future by beginning to host their videos and photos on an internet cloud-based server operated by MaestroVision it was announced at the Monday evening council meeting, February 16.

The decision to use an internet cloud-based service provider was made to help streamline the efficiency of the city's municipal website, said France Lavoie, Director of Communications. Lavoie said the large file sizes that comprise videos and photographs have made it impractical to permanently store them onto its website.

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- Vaudreuil-Dorion Director of Communications France Lavoie

In addition to improving overall website functionality, the arrangement with MaestroVision - a Vaudreuil-Dorion based company - will enable the city to permanently host all its videos and photographs onto a single platform that will be permanently archived and accessible by the public using specific keywords.

"It's for the storage of our media



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Vaudreuil-Dorion council announced that it will be using MaestroVision, a cloud-based internet service provider to permanently store its collection of photographs and videos.

files," Lavoie told *Your Local Journal*. "It's not like uploading a video onto YouTube. This arrangement gives us the ability to upload our files onto a safe and secure system. It's also being used by the Quebec National Assem-

bly to upload and store their media files."

Lavoie said the \$87 monthly charge with MaestroVision until the end of 2016 is a practical cost-efficient solution that will enable the city promote and record all its activities and have them always accessible to the public for later viewing.

Vaudreuil-Dorion is now the second city in Quebec, and the first in the Vaudreuil-Soulanges region, to begin using a cloud-based internet service provider for some of its digital media storage requirements. Laval was the

first to announce an arrangement with MaestroVision last fall with the intent of live streaming its council meetings later this spring.

Laval decided to forge ahead with live streaming council meetings to promote transparency and to reach residents who don't have the time to attend in person. Vaudreuil-Dorion has no immediate plans to live stream its council meetings, but Lavoie said it's something the city may consider doing in the future.

New website



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