

## **An art work to commemorate the 150th anniversary of Canadian Confederation**

**POINTE-CLAIRE, April 12, 2017** – The mayor of the City of Pointe-Claire, Morris Trudeau, and the members of City Council, are proud to announce that a sculpture commemorating the 150th anniversary of Canadian Confederation will be installed in June near Lac Saint-Louis, in Stewart Park, close to the Stewart Hall Cultural Centre.

“Unique to Pointe-Claire, the sculpture will be a feature of the festivities marking the 150th anniversary of Canadian Confederation. It looks back at our history, and forward to our future. It is part of our legacy to current and future generations: a tolerant, inclusive and culturally diverse community with a rich heritage, like Canada itself,” noted Mayor Trudeau.

Created by artist André Dubois, the planned sculpture consists of five elements crafted in aluminum, inspired by nature and erected vertically, totem style. Openings within the structure will contain symbols representing characteristics of Pointe-Claire and of Canada relating both to human heritage and to fauna and flora. The interplay of shadows created by natural light will help to impart movement to this unique creation, and was the inspiration for the title: *Les ombres claires*.

This is the fourth project initiated by Pointe-Claire’s Public Art Committee since it was formed in 2013; other projects have included the Canoe Club’s aquatics mural, the work commemorating the Sœurs de la Congrégation de Notre-Dame near the convent in Pointe-Claire Village, and the transportation mural at Valois Station. The Public Art Committee was established by City Council, and its mission is to promote the creation of public art that reflects the city’s cultural and historical heritage.

The sculpture will be unveiled to the general public on Sunday, June 11, at 2 pm, as part of the festivities surrounding the inauguration of the Geopoetics cultural project that will mark the 150th anniversary of Canadian Confederation, with an open-air exhibition celebrating Canada’s geographical diversity. There will also be an exhibition in the Art Gallery based on the concepts of mobility and movement as key factors in our cultural diversity. Everyone is welcome to attend.