

# Sustainable development 2022-2023 REPORT



## Concrete actions to reduce our environmental footprint

The Palais des congrès de Montréal is aiming high when it comes to sustainable development. We embrace change, and are implementing tangible measures to reduce our environmental footprint. Planning eco-responsible events is one of our top priorities.



**PRIORITIZE** reduction and sorting of residual materials



**ENHANCE** awareness, as well as training provided internally on sustainability best practices



**ENGAGE** the conversation with event managers



**EVALUATE** and **REDUCE** the environmental footprint resulting from our activities



**GIVE BACK** to our community

### RESIDUAL MATERIALS



**409**  
tonnes  
of waste



**17**  
tonnes  
recycled



**5 200**  
tonnes  
composted



**13%**  
of waste  
diverted



**ICI on recycle +**  
Certification  
Performance Level

### MOBILITY



- **8 BIXI keys** made available to Palais employees
- **Indoor parking and maintenance shop** for employees' bicycles
- **Charging stations** for electric vehicles
- **Employees' international travel** : **93 tonnes** of carbon offset
- **Incentives** for Palais staff to use public transit

### ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE EVENTS



- **ÉcoPalais eco-conditionality policy:**  
Discounts offered to clients that take tangible action on sustainable development
- **The Palais Non-Profits Program (POP):**  
A program that allows the Palais to make unused facilities available to non-profits that work with disadvantaged groups
- **The Palais Optimization and Location for Events Program (POLE):**  
A program that allows the Palais to provide unused facilities to organizers in the events sector

### EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT



- 321 kg**  
electronic devices  
collected
- 325 kg**  
clothing collected for  
Fondation la Collecte
- \$9,200**  
in donations collected for  
the Make-A-Wish foundation during  
the 48-HOUR RIDE fundraising event

### RESPONSIBLE CATERING



Food donations:  
**30,000 meals** provided  
to the Maison du Père



**80% of products**  
used in our kitchen  
are **local**



Use of **100%**  
**recyclable**  
containers

### OUR BUILDING'S CARBON FOOTPRINT



**1,064 tonnes**  
of CO<sub>2</sub> offset

### ENERGY AND WATER



**85% of the energy**  
we use is from renewable sources



**29 water fountains**  
including 8 to make it easier for our  
visitors to refill their bottles

### OUR AMBITIONS FOR THE FUTURE

#### CARBON FOOTPRINT

- Guide event promoters so that transport, choice of materials and management of residual materials become priorities for them
- Increase the percentage of employees and visitors using public transit and active transportation to get around

#### FOOD SERVICE

- Reduce utilization of single-use containers
- Reduce wastage of food at source and continue to donate food
- Offer menu selections with a lower carbon footprint (vegetarian or vegan) and that are based on healthy eating habits

#### MANAGEMENT OF RESIDUAL MATERIALS

- Pursue implementation of best practices in sorting of residual materials
- Make suppliers and exhibitors aware of better options for their choices of materials
- Promote reduction at source

