

Dignity

CHAPTER II *Economic and Social Life*

ARTICLE 17 | **Rights and Responsibilities**

Citizens have economic and social rights and participate with the Montréal administration in a joint effort to ensure the continued enjoyment of such rights. They contribute to this effort by performing activities consistent with the commitments stated in this chapter.

ARTICLE 18 | **Commitments**

To foster the economic and social rights of citizens, Montréal is committed to:

- a) Taking appropriate measures to ensure that housing meets public health and safety standards and to provide relocation services if a dwelling must be closed or vacated;
- b) With the support of its partners, taking the appropriate measures to provide homeless persons with temporary and secure shelter, if and when the homeless express such a need;
- c) Considering the needs of vulnerable persons and particularly individuals from low and modest income families in its implementation of housing measures;
- d) Maintaining, with the support of its governmental partners, assistance measures for vulnerable persons that foster their access to appropriate and affordable housing;
- e) Promoting the assumption by citizens of their environment in view of eliminating poverty and social exclusion;
- f) Providing citizens with access to sufficient quantities of quality drinking water;
- g) Ensuring that no citizen is denied a supply of drinking water for economic reasons.



CHAPTER 3 *Cultural Life*

ARTICLE 19 | **Rights and Responsibilities**

Citizens have cultural rights and participate with the Montréal administration in a joint effort to ensure the continued enjoyment of such rights. They contribute to this effort by performing activities consistent with the commitments stated in this chapter.

ARTICLE 20 | **Commitments**

To foster the cultural rights of citizens, Montréal is committed to:

- a) Taking appropriate measures to preserve, protect and present the cultural and natural heritage and to promote the dissemination of knowledge and information that highlight this heritage;
- b) Maintaining geographic and economic access to its cultural and artistic centres and fostering their use;
- c) Promoting creative endeavors;
- d) Supporting the development and diversity of cultural practices;
- e) Fostering the development of and promoting its public library system as a venue for knowledge and information.