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## PPF celebrates three exemplary leaders with the Marcel Côté Award

The Public Policy Forum presented the **Marcel Côté Award** to three exemplary Quebecois leaders, recognizing them for their extraordinary contribution to public policy and public discourse. The honourees, celebrated at an event at the Musée d'art contemporain de Montréal on Oct. 30, are:

**Violaine des Rosiers** helps support social innovators across Quebec through her role as Co-CEO at the Social Innovation House. She is also co-author of two compilations of non-fiction stories relating to her humanitarian experiences around the world collaborating with local governments to develop policies and laws that protect women and children and coordinate civil and military responses during conflict and natural disasters.

**Nancy Neamtan** is a Strategic Consultant at TIESS (Territoires innovants en économie sociale et solidaire). She is a member of the Order of Canada, an officer of the National Order of Quebec and has honorary degrees from Concordia University and the University of Quebec in the Outaouais. She is the past CEO of the Poles of the Social Economy and she has nearly 30 years of expertise in social economics, for which she is recognized nationally and internationally.

**Guillaume Lavoie** was recognized at the Marcel Côté Awards as an Emerging Leader. He is a public policy entrepreneur and lecturer at the National School of Public Administration (ÉNAP). An expert on the collaborative economy and its impacts on public policies, he advises public and private organizations at home and abroad, and has been invited to speak at more than 200 conferences on the subject. He also chaired the Government of Quebec's working group on the collaborative economy. He has worked in public diplomacy, international relations and, more recently, as a city councillor in Montreal. An engaged social entrepreneur, he is the co-founder of the Collège néo-classique.

Congratulations to our three honourees!

## QUOTES

“It is a great honour for me to extend my most heartfelt congratulations to the honourees, Violaine des Rosiers, Nancy Neamtan and Guillaume Lavoie. These three leaders contribute greatly to the improvement of Montréal’s political, economic and social environments, in the spirit of Marcel Côté’s work. We aim for greater transparency, accessibility and inclusion in public administration. Our wish is to work with all those who inform debates and shape improved public policies. I thank you for your contribution to Montréal’s prominence in this field through your capacity for innovation and your drive to improve the governance of public organizations,” said **Laurence Lavigne-Lalonde**, member of the executive committee of the City of Montréal, in charge of transparency, governance, civic life and *Espace pour la vie*.

“As the Public Policy Forum’s former board chair, Marcel Côté was a public policy leader who believed in collaboration amongst sectors to drive change in our country. Ms. Neamtan and Ms. des Rosiers, along with Mr. Lavoie as an emerging leader, have been nominated by PPF members for their effectiveness as drivers of change and for their leadership in public policy,” said **Julie Cafley**, PPF’s Executive Vice-President, Programs and Partnerships.

## EVENT DETAILS

**Date:** Tuesday Oct. 30, 2018, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**Location:** Musée d'art contemporain de Montréal

185, rue Sainte-Catherine Ouest (corner Jeanne-Mance), Montréal (Québec)

## ABOUT THE AWARDS AND DINNER

The **Marcel Côté Award** is presented to Quebecers who demonstrate extraordinary leadership qualities and help improve public policy and public discourse at the municipal, provincial, national and/or international levels.

Marcel Côté was a boundless visionary, a bridge-builder and a tireless advocate for good public policy. It’s in his honour that the Public Policy Forum created the annual Marcel Côté Award for Leadership in Public Policy. PPF, in partnership with the Board of Trade of Metropolitan Montreal and the Young Chamber of Commerce of Montreal, presented the first award on May 20, 2015.

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