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HISTORICAL DOCUMENTATION

Municipal Resolution No. 2026-06-111 of June 9, 2026

Terrasse-Vaudreuil - Quebec, Canada



Terrasse-Vaudreuil Municipal Council at the adoption of the resolution - archival image.

INSTITUTIONAL ARCHIVE

This file documents the municipal event of June 9, 2026. It does not describe the current institutional status of Terrasse-Vaudreuil within the Universal Declaration of Tree Rights.

Current institutional position: publication of September 11, 2026 by La Compagnie des Papillons Bleus.

SECTION 1

Executive summary

A documented historical event, placed within the current institutional framework

On June 9, 2026, the Municipal Council of Terrasse-Vaudreuil unanimously adopted Resolution No. 2026-06-111, entitled "Municipal Commitment to Canopy Protection and Recognition of the Fundamental Rights of Trees." The resolution incorporates the Three Articles of the Universal Declaration of Tree Rights and recognises, within the Municipality's territorial context, four operational rights: life, natural growth, integrity and regeneration.

The resolution constitutes the first identified formal municipal act incorporating the Three Articles of this specific Declaration. It is preserved in the Declaration's archives for its historical and documentary value.

DATE **June 9, 2026**	**LOCATION** **Terrasse-Vaudreuil, Quebec, Canada**
ACT **Municipal Resolution No. 2026-06-111**	**VOTE** **Adopted unanimously by the councillors present**
TEXT INCORPORATED **The Three Articles of the Declaration**	**MUNICIPAL RIGHTS** **Life - natural growth - integrity - regeneration**

SCOPE OF THIS ARCHIVE

This document does not constitute recognition of current institutional participation by Terrasse-Vaudreuil, nor registration in the International Register of Signatory Authorities. On September 11, 2026, La Compagnie des Papillons Bleus excluded Terrasse-Vaudreuil from the institutional framework of the Declaration. That institutional decision is distinct from the legal status of the municipal resolution itself, which remains a matter for the Municipality's official acts.

ESSENTIAL LEGAL POINT

The Universal Declaration of Tree Rights does not confer legal personhood on trees and does not, by itself, confer autonomous standing to bring proceedings. These legal mechanisms are distinct from the Declaration.

SECTION 2

Origins, author and official stewardship

An initiative launched in Paris in 2018 and developed within an autonomous institutional framework

The Universal Declaration of Tree Rights originated in the World Appeal launched in Paris on November 18, 2018 by Ricardo Rey.

That appeal opened an international reflection connecting ethics, science, law, democracy, culture, education and public action. The initiative was subsequently structured around several complementary instruments.

La Compagnie des Papillons Bleus is the founding organisation and official steward of the Declaration and its institutional development.



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CURRENT INSTITUTIONAL ARCHITECTURE

INSTRUMENT	FUNCTION	STATUS
Universal Declaration of Tree Rights	Foundational text comprising Three Articles.	Framework of principles; it does not, by itself, constitute a statute or treaty in force.
Fifteen Commitments of Local and Regional Authorities	Roadmap for territorial implementation.	Full adoption is required under the current institutional procedure applicable to public authorities.
Assembly of the Tree	Advisory forum for dialogue and proposals.	It exercises no judicial, regulatory or administrative power.
Proposed International Convention on Tree Rights	Proposed instrument intended for States and international organisations.	Not adopted, signed or ratified to date.
International Register	Traceability of adoptions recognised under the official procedure.	It creates neither special legal personhood nor any new international obligation.

SECTION 3

The Three Foundational Articles

The foundational text and its ethical and normative progression

The Declaration consists of three short, interdependent Articles. They recognise the living nature of the Tree, affirm planetary interdependence and establish human responsibility.

ARTICLE I

The Tree, a sentient living being and source of Life, is a common good of humanity.

ARTICLE II

Life on the planet depends on the existence of the Tree.

ARTICLE III

Humankind, endowed with reason and conscience, must act with the Tree in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity.

Taken together, these Articles form a common foundation of ethical, scientific, political and legal principles intended to inform public policy, institutional practice, collective decision-making and the future development of law.

PRECISE LEGAL SCOPE

The Declaration does not, by itself, constitute a statute, regulation, judicial decision or international treaty currently in force. It grants no new authority to a public authority: any binding measure must be adopted in accordance with applicable law, procedures and the powers of the authority concerned.

SECTION 4

Legal personhood, standing and Christopher Stone

Three distinct concepts that must not be conflated

OFFICIAL POSITION

Legal personhood is not provided for by the Universal Declaration of Tree Rights. The Declaration also does not confer autonomous standing on trees.

CONCEPT	SUBJECT	POSITION OF THE DECLARATION
Legal personhood	A legal status allowing an entity to hold rights and obligations within a particular legal system.	A distinct legal construct sometimes used for specific natural entities. It is neither the foundation, a condition nor a consequence of the Three Articles.
Standing	A procedural requirement governing access to a court or representation before it.	It is not conferred by the Declaration and is not a condition of its adoption.
Universal Declaration of Tree Rights	An ethical, scientific and normative progression founded on the living nature of the Tree, interdependence and human responsibility.	An autonomous framework capable of implementation through a range of legal and public-policy mechanisms.

Christopher D. Stone's theory in Should Trees Have Standing? (1972) primarily concerns access to justice and the procedural representation of natural entities. The Universal Declaration of Tree Rights is neither a transposition nor a necessary extension of that theory.

Official analysis:
https://www.declarationuniverselledesdroitsdelarbre.org/christopher-stone-declaration-universelle-droits-arbre/

SECTION 5

The Municipal Resolution of June 9, 2026

The historical fact at the heart of this archive

The Municipal Council of Terrasse-Vaudreuil unanimously adopted the resolution entitled "Municipal Commitment to Canopy Protection and Recognition of the Fundamental Rights of Trees." The municipal act incorporates the Three Articles of the Declaration and adds four operational rights specific to the municipal resolution.

TEXT OF THE DECLARATION	OPERATIONAL ADDITIONS IN THE MUNICIPAL RESOLUTION
Three Articles 1. The Tree as a sentient living being, source of Life and common good of humanity. 2. Interdependence between the existence of the Tree and Life on the planet. 3. Human responsibility grounded in fraternity and solidarity.	Four distinct municipal rights - right to life - right to natural growth - right to integrity - right to regeneration

The four operational rights neither replace nor amend the Three Articles of the Declaration. They constitute a distinct municipal translation adopted by Terrasse-Vaudreuil in its resolution.

HISTORICAL CHARACTERISATION

Resolution No. 2026-06-111 constitutes the first identified formal municipal act incorporating the Three Articles of this specific Declaration. This characterisation concerns the existence and content of the municipal act; it does not determine the Municipality's current institutional status within the Declaration.

INSTITUTIONAL POSITION AS OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2026

La Compagnie des Papillons Bleus excluded Terrasse-Vaudreuil from the institutional framework of the Universal Declaration of Tree Rights. Terrasse-Vaudreuil is therefore not presented as a public authority currently participating in that framework. This institutional exclusion does not prejudge the legal status of the municipal resolution itself, which must be assessed in light of the Municipality's official acts.

SECTION 6

Documentary sources, current status and contact

Preserving the history while clarifying the present

This file is an institutional archive devoted to the event of June 9, 2026. It is not the current general press kit of the Universal Declaration of Tree Rights.

OFFICIAL SOURCES

Municipal Resolution No. 2026-06-111
https://www.declarationuniverselledesdroitsdelarbre.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/2026-06-111Protection-canopee-Declaration-Universelle-des-Droits-de-lArbre.pdf

Historical article on the resolution of June 9, 2026
https://www.declarationuniverselledesdroitsdelarbre.org/une-premiere-mondiale-au-canada-la-municipalite-de-terrasse-vaudreuil-signe-la-declaration-universelle-des-droits-de-larbre/

Official Framework of the Declaration
https://www.declarationuniverselledesdroitsdelarbre.org/cadre-officiel-de-la-declaration-universelle-des-droits-de-larbre/

Legal foundations
https://www.declarationuniverselledesdroitsdelarbre.org/fondements-juridiques-declaration-universelle-droits-arbre/

Press area
https://www.declarationuniverselledesdroitsdelarbre.org/presse/

Official website
https://www.declarationuniverselledesdroitsdelarbre.org/

CURRENT STATUS

Institutional publication of September 11, 2026: exclusion of Terrasse-Vaudreuil from the institutional framework of the Universal Declaration of Tree Rights. This file remains accessible solely to document the historical fact constituted by the resolution of June 9, 2026.

PRESS AND INSTITUTIONAL CONTACT

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