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**LAURENTIAN BANK OF CANADA JOINS THE OPÉRATIONMONTREAL.NET CLEANUP CAMPAIGN  
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE MONTREAL CITY ADMINISTRATION**

**Montreal, April 19, 2007** – Susceptible to the appeal of the City of Montreal, Laurentian Bank of Canada joins OpérationMontreal.Net, therefore confirming its participation as a partner organization in this important campaign.

To celebrate it, a team of Laurentian Bank employees takes part in the cleanup rally in Old Montreal today to launch the 2007 season of OpérationMontreal.Net. The purpose of this program is to ensure coherence between key parties concerned by the cleanliness of Montreal – the municipal administration, city employees, businesses, institutions and citizens.

Laurentian Bank will carry out its own initiatives in this regard thanks to the commitment of a team of dozens of its employees preoccupied with this issue and motivated to make Montreal a cleaner city, especially Montreal downtown.

“Laurentian Bank has strong ties to Montreal where it was founded more than 160 years ago and where its head office is located, “ stated Mr. Mario Gallela, Regional Vice-President of Laurentian Bank of Canada, and the employee team leader. “Making Montreal a cleaner, more beautiful city is something our employees are passionate about. They are convinced that their input, along with the contribution of many other current and future participants, can make a true difference.”

**About Laurentian Bank of Canada**

Laurentian Bank of Canada is a Quebec banking institution operating across Canada, dedicated to meeting the financial needs of its clients through the excellence of its service, its simplicity and its proximity. The Bank serves individual consumers, small and medium-sized businesses as well as, through B2B Trust, independent financial advisors. It also provides full-service brokerage solutions through the Laurentian Bank Securities subsidiary. Laurentian Bank is well established in the Province of Quebec, operating the third largest retail branch network and is a performing player in specific market segments elsewhere in the country. Laurentian Bank of Canada has over \$17 billion in balance sheet assets and close to \$15 billion in assets under administration. Founded in 1846, the Bank employs more than 3,300 people. Its common shares are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange (TSX: LB). For more information, please visit [www.laurentianbank.ca](http://www.laurentianbank.ca).

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