



ECHOS FROM THE COUNCIL OF THE MRC DU HAUT-SAINT-LAURENT

Regular Meetings of January 18th and February 8th 2017 and Special Meeting of February 15th, 2017

REVISED LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN (SAD)

The Council of the MRC du Haut-Saint-Laurent approved the following requests for compliance of by-laws as they do not contravene the objectives of the revised land use and development plan nor the provisions of the complementary document:

- N° 25.20-2016 of the Municipality of Ormstown to allow flea markets, greenhouses, nurseries and fruit and vegetable stands in zones C02-205 and C04-410;
- N° 461 of the Township of Godmanchester to permit outside storage of road vehicles, recommend planning requirements for fences and buffer zones, and remove the "kennel" use from zone A-2-1;

The following by-laws, amending the revised land use planning and development plan, were adopted:

- N° 291-2017 to include provisions relating to decisions rendered by the CPTAQ, various mapping corrections and new subdivision standards;
- N° 292-2017 to include provisions relating to environmental management;
- N° 293-2017 for an exemption to a flood zone for the McComb Bridge in Havelock;

A public consultation on these three by-laws will be held February 28th, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the MRC du Haut-Saint-Laurent.

CONTRACTS

The following contracts were awarded:

- for professional engineering services to *Stantec Experts-conseil Ltée* in the amount of 38 309,67 \$ for a study following a first assessment on the safety of the dam on the La Guerre River;
- to *Rock Dumouchel Inc.*, in the amount of 11 474,51 \$ for the purchase and installation of audiovisual equipment for the Council Chambers;
- to *Targo Communications Inc.*, in the amount of 20 350,58 \$ for the preparation of an application for financial assistance to both federal and provincial governments to improve availability of high-speed internet within the territory of the MRC du Haut-Saint-Laurent;



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SUPPORT

The Mayors resolved to support the following organisations:

- the MRC des Collines-de-l'Outaouais in its request to the Quebec government to ban the sale of personal care and cleaning products that contain plastic microbeads and to the Canadian government to pass a law that prohibits their manufacture;
- the MRC de Vaudreuil-Soulanges supporting the Alliance des Villes des Grands Lacs et du Saint-Laurent (Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative) in its request to reject the application for the diversion of water by the Town of Waukesha in its current form;
- the MRC de Vaudreuil-Soulanges in its request to the Quebec government to make Hydro-Quebec accountable under the mandate of the Quebec Ombudsman;
- the MRC de Manicouagan calling on the Minister of Health and Social Services to stop the development of Optilab (centralization of Quebec's medical laboratories);
- the Municipality of Saint-Urbain-Premier which supports farmers and the UPA in their request to the government concerning the reimbursement of municipal taxes for agricultural use;
- the FQM in its request that the Table of Prefects of each region be directly involved in the management of the Fonds d'appui au rayonnement des régions (FARR)(Regional Outreach Fund);
- The Haut-Saint-Laurent Municipal Housing Offices in their consolidation process;
- the MRC des Maskoutains to abolish the tax on the transfers of family businesses (Bill C-274);
- the Vallée-des-Tisserands School Commission in its bid to obtain the approval of the Ministry to continue offering the program Operation of Equipment Production in Salaberry-de-Valleyfield and the Program for Professional Studies in Agricultural Mechanics in Saint-Chrysostome, to meet the needs of local industry.

VARIA

The Mayors unanimously resolved to:

- Adopt the « Cultural Policy – 2017 Edition ».
- Authorise the sharing of information regarding recreational facilities in our region with the on-line application Parc-o-Mètre.

NEXT SESSION

The next regular meeting of the Council of Mayors will be held on Wednesday, March 15th, 2017, at 19:30, at the offices of the MRC du Haut-Saint-Laurent, 10 King Street, 4th Floor, Huntingdon.