



**ECHOS FROM THE COUNCIL OF THE MRC DU HAUT-SAINT-LAURENT**  
**Regular session of June 14th, 2017**

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**REVISED LAND USE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

The Council of the MRC du Haut-Saint-Laurent approved the request for compliance of the following by-law as it does not contravene the objectives of the revised land use planning and development plan nor the provisions of the complementary document:

- N° 465 of the municipality of Godmanchester for creating a rural zone to accommodate the use of lot 3 229218 as a convalescent home.

The following by-laws amending the SAD (land use planning and development plan) were adopted:

- By-law 296-2017 regarding the introduction of two flood risk maps;
- By-law 297-2017 for the modification of agricultural use 1 in Saint-Chrysostome;
- Draft by-law 298-2017 for expansion of the urbanization perimeter of the municipality of Howick;
- Draft by-law 299-2017 for the addition of exceptions in the application of conditions for the issuance of a building permit.

A public consultation will be held on July 6th, 2017, at 7:30 p.m. in the MRC Council Chambers regarding the draft by-laws 298-2017 and 299-2017.

**SUPPORT**

The Mayors resolved to support the following organizations:

- the *MRC de Témiscamingue* which has informed the government of its refusal to adopt a regional plan on wetlands and water, if bill 132 is adopted, with no financial compensation being attached to this obligation;
- the *MRC de Beauharnois-Salaberry* in its request to the Ministry of Public Security to hold a national public awareness campaign to promote compliance with the rules of the Highway Safety Code and the importance of safely sharing the road among its various users;
- the *MRC de Lotbinière* which has expressed its concerns and solutions to the government for the exploration and exploitation of shale gas deposits, for which it has requested a meeting with the ministers concerned.

**CONTRACTS / AGREEMENTS**

The mayors awarded the following contracts:

- to *Autobus Dufresne inc.* for public transit service for the municipalities of Sainte-Martine and Saint-Urbain Premier at a cost of 2,30 \$ per kilometre, including taxes, until December 31st, 2018;
- to *Excavation JRD* for the maintenance of branch 41 of the Noire River in Franklin, at a cost of 18 396 \$, including taxes;
- to *Excavation JRD* for the maintenance of the McArdle watercourse and its branches 1, 2 and 3 in Ormstown, at a cost of 75 264,36 \$, including taxes;

Since MRCs are responsible for ensuring the free flow of water in watercourses under their jurisdictions, agreements have been entered into with the MRC de Beauharnois-Salaberry to better control shared competencies on the following watercourses: Creek and its branches 9 and 10, McClintock and McArdle, and its branches 1, 2 and 3.

### **VARIA**

- Mrs. Josiane Blanchet was hired as Project Manager of the Forestry Development Plan under the Program for the Sustainable Management of Forests administered by the Montérégie Forest Agency. Her mandate will be for a period of approximately one year based on 21 hours per week.
- The MRC confirms funding of the Taxibus service for 2017 as follows:

municipal share :	108 876 \$	membership cards :	1 600 \$
contribution of users :	106 064 \$	other :	140 000 \$

Moreover, a request for financial assistance will be made to the Ministry of Transport, Urban Mobility and Electrification of Transportation.

- Following a call for proposals, the MRC will submit a request for funding under « Stratégies jeunesse en milieu municipal – phase pilote » / Youth Strategies in Municipal Settings -pilot project.
- The following development projects were selected for 2017, along with their corresponding amounts:

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Communic-Action	Le monde à la portée des aînés, year 2 / World Within Reach of Seniors	9 000 \$
Une Affaire de Famille/A Family Affair	Programme 1-2-3	18 713 \$
CLD du Haut-Saint-Laurent (trustee of Place aux jeunes HSL)	PAJ vous chante la pomme!	4 190 \$
Little Green Library	Development of a repertory cinema at the library	5 772 \$
The Rural Arts Project	The Travelling Tent Event	20 000 \$
Association pour la Défense des Droits Sociaux de Huntingdon/ADDS	Improving Access to Housing in the Haut-Saint-Laurent	21 844 \$
Carrefour-jeunesse emploi	Youth Services Cooperative	2 850 \$
La Bouffe Additionnelle	Aider à s'entraider, year 3 /Helping One Another	23 125 \$
Maison des jeunes de Huntingdon Youth Club	FA-Réussite	13 875 \$
<b>Total Recommended Amount</b>		<b>119 369 \$</b>

### **NEXT SESSION**

The next regular meeting of the MRC Council will be held on Wednesday, August 9th, 2017, at 7:30 p.m., at the offices of the MRC du Haut-Saint-Laurent, 10 King Street, 4th Floor, Huntingdon.