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UNION NEGOTIATIONS:

SAINTE-ANNE-DE-BELLEVUE BLUE COLLAR WORKERS VOTE UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOUR OF AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE LEADING TO RENEWAL OF COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT

SAINTE-ANNE-DE-BELLEVUE, November 15, 2017 – The blue collar workers union voted unanimously on November 1 in favour of the agreement in principle leading to the signing of the new collective agreement with the City of Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue.

"The administration is extremely pleased and welcomes the result of the blue collar workers vote in favour of the agreement in principle. A unanimous vote certainly demonstrates the willingness of both parties to work together for the well-being of citizens. Good working relationships are of paramount importance to our administration. Despite the administrative difficulties at the Montreal blue collar union in recent months, respect and collaboration have been present from beginning to end at our negotiating table," said Paola Hawa, Mayor of Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue.

Negotiations to renew the collective agreement between the blue collar union of Montreal and the City of Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue, which had expired on October 31, 2016, began on March 23 and continued until September 29, 2017, so that the agreement in principle could be ratified by Municipal Council at its regular meeting on October 2, 2017. Signed on November 14 and established for a period of five years, the new collective agreement will be retroactively in force from November 1, 2016 until to October 31, 2021.

"A constructive climate allowed us to settle this collective agreement. This experience is an excellent preamble to developing a relationship based on mutual respect and partnership, because our priority is to continue to serve the people of Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue well. Beyond this regulation, I would like to thank all my colleagues for having trusted me throughout this negotiation," says Hugo Francoeur, union representative for the Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue blue collar workers.

In 2016 and 2017, the City of Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue will have renewed the collective agreements of its white collar and blue collar workers for 4 and 5 years respectively.

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