

## **Press Release**

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## For immediate release

## SAINTE-ANNE-DE-BELLEVUE RECEIVES IMPORTANT SUPPORT FROM THE UMQ FOR 35 MILLION DOLLAR LAWSUIT

**SAINTE-ANNE-DE-BELLEVUE, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017** – The municipal Council of Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue is pleased to announce that it has received the support of the *Union des municipalités du Québec* (UMQ) through their *Fonds municipal d'action juridique (FMAJ)* related to the legal proceedings filed in the case of the development of the North sector.

According to the UMQ, this symbolic financial support of \$5,000 to the municipality, affirms the importance for all Quebec municipalities to defend municipal powers in urban planning. The amount was granted to the City of Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue following the adoption of a Council resolution to that effect on September 11<sup>th</sup>. This represents unequivocal support confirming, once again, the legitimacy of a well-reasoned vision for the responsible development in areas within municipal jurisdiction.

"I am proud to note that the UMQ, which has more than 300 members and represents nearly 80% of Quebec's population and territory, recognizes the City Council's conscientious work in the adoption of the PPU for the North sector. I hope that the message is clear. Municipalities will defend their municipal powers and the fundamental rights of their citizens, and will not be intimidated by the fear campaigns of property developers such as the one led by the DISAB group," said Paola Hawa, Mayor of Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue.

The invaluable support of the UMQ proves how important it is for municipalities to develop their territories by combining interest in and respect for citizens, and economic development and the environment. The City Council hopes for a quick resolution of this file, which it deems hasty, abusive and premature in all aspects.

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