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LANDS NEXT TO STE. ANNE'S HOSPITAL COME UNDER SAINTE-ANNE-DE-BELLEVUE'S OWNERSHIP

SAINTE-ANNE-DE-BELLEVUE, March 18, 2019. – Approval from the Québec Treasury Board Secretariat on February 5 for the transfer of Ste. Anne's Hospital's surplus lands to the municipality of Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue ends three years of administrative procedures that began after an agreement was reached in July 2016.

Transfer of these lands, under the jurisdiction of the Montréal West Island Integrated University Health and Social Services Centre (CUISSS), marked the final phase of negotiations begun in 2015 between the City of Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue and the Government of Québec as part of the transitional financial measures following a deal to transfer Ste. Anne's Hospital from the federal to the Québec government. The agreement is intended to restore the tax base of the City of Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue and represents long-term compensation for the financial losses endured by the municipality.

"Today's official transfer of the Ste. Anne's Hospital lands concludes this file and shows that, with good will and leadership, anything is possible," said Paola Hawa, Mayor of the municipality. "I'm proud of the work that has gone into successfully completing this file and of the tenacity we demonstrated despite some obstacles. It's time now to look to the future and to develop this area efficiently for the benefit of Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue's citizens."

A DEVELOPMENT THAT RESPECTS OUR VETERANS

As part of the municipality's master urban plan, the culmination of the Ste. Anne's Hospital land transfer file will enable Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue, in the next few weeks, to enter the final phase of the process aimed at establishing the Special Planning Program for the hospital area.

"We are sensitive to the concerns of veterans and civilian residents of Ste. Anne's Hospital, and I am determined to make every effort to have the future housing project fit in harmoniously with the hospital's specific vocation," Mayor Hawa added. "The presence of Ste. Anne's Hospital in our municipality remains a major asset for our economic vitality, and we wish to extend our special relationship with its beneficiaries and staff. Our vision is to provide future residents with a peaceful neighbourhood that's a good place to live."

Benefiting from the hospital's proximity, and recognizing its specific vocation and its expertise in geriatrics, the City regards the development of the land north of the hospital as a forward-looking opportunity to meet the needs of retired or semi-retired residents. The new residential area, located near Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue Village and its neighbourhood businesses, will preserve the charms of the surrounding wooded area and will provide a spectacular view of the Lac des Deux-Montagnes lake and mountain.

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