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Purchase of 82-84, rue Sainte-Anne

NEW PARK WILL PROVIDE BETTER ACCESS TO WATER AND BOARDWALK

SAINTE-ANNE-DE-BELLEVUE, April 27, 2023 – The City of Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue announces the acquisition and demolition of the building located at 82-84, rue Sainte-Anne, to convert the space into a park that will provide citizens with better access to water and to the boardwalk.

Located at the heart of the city's commercial and touristic area, the building in question had been left vacant since a major fire destroyed it in April 2019. While posing a risk to public safety, the building was also compromising the aesthetics of the street.

Considering that the current owner was not willing to rebuild or renovate the building, the City therefore took steps in recent months to acquire it. At a special City Council meeting, held on April 26, a resolution was adopted to authorize the purchase of the building by the City for the amount of \$500 000.

For Paola Hawa, Mayor of Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue, "Rue Sainte-Anne, Lake St-Louis, and the boardwalk are inseparable from the identity of our city and are sources of pride for all our citizens. Since they are linked to each other, the addition of a new direct access will stimulate business in the area and improve everyone's overall experience. The Council's decision is an investment in our collective future."

The purchase of the building and its conversion into a public space are part of the City's urban plan. A new version of this plan is scheduled for 2024 and aims, among other things, to enhance the city's tourist and commercial area, while promoting the improvement of citizens' quality of life and the democratization of access to bodies of water. In this regard, the City will proceed over the next year with the redevelopment of Parc Lalonde, located at 70, rue Sainte-Anne, and will be adding greenery and installing urban furniture.

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