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Subject: Redesign of the urban plan of the Ville de Mont-Tremblant

Les Amis de Mont-Tremblant (LAMT) met this week with the leadership of the Ville de Mont-Tremblant and the deputy mayor to take stock of the overhaul of the urban plan. The Ville was represented by Dominique Laverdure, Deputy Mayor, Julie Godard, General Director, Geneviève Demers, Director of the Urban Planning Department and Stéphane Martin, Deputy Director and supervisor of the overhaul of the urban plan. The members of the board of directors of Les Amis de Mont-Tremblant present were Manon Millette, Pierre Baraby, Éric Richer La Flèche and Jean-Luc Trahan. An expert from DKA Architectes, Nicola Cardone, also participated in our meeting.

As the land use and development plan for the MRC des Laurentides is in its final approval phase, Les Amis considered it important to take stock of the situation by mandating the firm DKA Architectes to carry out a comparative analysis of this plan and the brief Les Amis de Mont-Tremblant presented in <u>July 2023</u>.

Two documents are available:

- A <u>7-page summary</u> of the comparative analysis by DKA Architectes.
- A 21-page comparative analysis by DKA Architectes.

The deputy mayor underlined the fact that the Ville has two years to produce its new urban plan after the final approval of the land use and development plan by the government (the last plan dates back to 2008). In all likelihood, the new plan will not be finalized by the Ville before 2026.

In summary, Les Amis are asking the Ville to be much stricter in its regulations and in their application. It is essential, according to Les Amis de Mont-Tremblant, that the new urban plan guarantees that the mistakes of the past will not be repeated: an issue which found itself on the front page of La Presse+ this week.

Ville leadership said it agrees with the concerns of Les Amis de Mont-Tremblant regarding the density and quality of real estate projects, the protection of the environment and especially the necessity of adequately planning for municipal infrastructure needs (aqueducts, sewers, traffic, public works, etc.) before proceeding with the approval of new real estate projects (such as Camp Nord de Tremblant).

It is essential that the Ville leadership meets the needs and expectations of its population (locals and vacationers) rather than those of real estate developers. Developers must ensure that their projects respect the charm and quality of life of Mont-Tremblant; they have the right to receive clear and unambiguous directives from the Urban Planning Department which correspond to the recommendations of the Urban Planning Advisory Committee (CCU).

Les Amis de Mont-Tremblant recommended subjecting the entire territory of the Ville de Mont-Tremblant to Site Planning and Architectural Integration Programs (PIIA), the goal being that regulations respect the unique character of the region and protect the environment. In addition, it is important that the Ville do everything in its power to enforce its regulations and to penalize offenders in an appropriate and dissuasive manner.

The Ville has committed, in its Climate Plan, to reducing its greenhouse gas emissions by 37.5% by 2030 and to achieving carbon neutrality in 2050. Les Amis de Mont-Tremblant subscribes to these noble and important objectives to fight climate change. To respect these commitments, Les Amis suggested that the Ville adopt performance indicators; these would allow the Ville to implement the necessary actions and above all to allow the population to monitor its progress.

Another point raised during this meeting was the importance of involving the population in this new urban plan (the first in 16 years!) by setting up 3D mapping of the territory. This would allow people to understand the new measures, actions, modifications, adjustments and real estate projects and to properly situate them geographically.

Finally, we highlighted the importance of getting experts to produce a traffic study to properly plan the future of travel for citizens, vacationers and tourists. This will help avoid huge traffic jams and respect the environmental objectives of the Ville and its population.

We face many challenges related to the development of the region; this is why Les Amis de Mont-Tremblant will continue to keep you informed of its follow-up efforts with the Ville leadership.

Les Amis de Mont-Tremblant commended the open-mindedness of the Ville's leadership at both the political and administrative levels. We reiterate our desire to collaborate and provide constructive criticism during the process of overhauling the urban plan of the Ville of Mont-Tremblant.

About Les Amis de Mont-Tremblant

Our mandate is to ensure the harmonious real estate development of the region while maintaining transparency and community acceptability.