

Coalition pour une gestion responsable des déchets de l'Outaouais

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

For 18 years our Coalition of citizens has followed, with great interest, the efforts of our local and regional officials to search for a permanent and sustainable waste management solution for the Outaouais Region. We will continue to do so and support them in their search.

In early July, we learned that FilloGreen, a company located in the Industrial Park of the Municipality of Lichtfield, MRC Pontiac, and formerly known as Centre de Tri Pontiac, is approaching municipalities in the Region to support their application for an amendment to their current ministerial permit so that they can accept residential household waste. Incorporated under the number 9231-6082 QUÉBEC INC. this company presently focuses on sorting, processing, recycling and reclamation of construction, renovation and demolition materials.

In the MRC Valley of Gatineau, the municipalities of Kazabazua and Messines have answered the company's call by supporting their approach through a resolution adopted at a council meeting.

Given the ever-increasing transportation costs and the slow progress being made in the search for a regional solution, their support is understandable. However, it runs counter to the commitments made by the Region and, in our opinion, it also

undermines the efforts (and investments) it has made to date to find a permanent solution. Furthermore, it would be unthinkable for many citizens to consider shipping their household waste to a company that has been the subject of a ministerial order for multiple violations to the Quebec Environmental Act (<https://www.quebec.ca/nouvelles/actualites/details/le-ministre-charette-ordonne-au-centre-de-tri-pontiac-de-cesser-de-deposer-et-denfour-des-matieres-residuelles-dans-un-lieu-non-autorise-et-de-proceder-a-la-remise-en-etat-des-lieux>).

Here is the information we have so far shared with our followers:

Since 2019, and with the support of CREDDO, the City of Gatineau has been coordinating a Regroupement régional de l'Outaouais to carry out a comparative study of waste treatment solutions in the Outaouais. The Study Report was submitted to the Conférence des préfets de l'Outaouais (CPO) in June 2020, and on August 24, 2020, the CPO decided to pursue the project. A call for interest from the private sector was issued in January 2022, and two companies expressed an interest in participating in a tender. However, due to the low total volume of waste to be processed, they requested that a certain volume of biomass be added to the volume of final waste. The current and final Phase (III) of the Project is to consist of a cost-benefit analysis and a decision on the choice of site and technology.

We would be grateful if you could tell us at what stage you are at in Phase III of the Project so that we can inform our followers and reassure them that progress is being made.

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