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PRESS RELEASE

THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE TOWNSHIP OF LOW BEGINS THE ADOPTION PROCESS FOR ITS REVISED URBAN PLAN AND PLANNING BY-LAWS

Township of Low, October 30, 2026. The Municipality of the Township of Low will begin the process of adopting its urban plan and planning by-laws at the regular meeting of Municipal Council scheduled for November 2, 2026, following a comprehensive review process that began more than five years ago. This initiative aims to provide the Municipality with modern, coherent planning tools that reflect the aspirations of the community and address both current realities and future needs.

The draft urban plan and by-laws were initially prepared by a firm of urban planning consultants in accordance with the revised Land Use Planning and Development Plan of the MRC de La Vallée-de-la-Gatineau. Working meetings were subsequently held with the Urban Planning Committee to review, adapt and update the draft. Since the beginning of his term, the Mayor Patrick Beaudry has also held four public consultations to ensure that the document reflects the expectations expressed. These discussions confirmed three major guiding principles that now guide the comprehensive review:

- Promote respect for our agricultural and rural heritage;
- Preserve and strengthen harmony with our natural environment;
- Guide coherent development that reflects the aspirations of our taxpayers.

What is a comprehensive review of the urban plan and planning by-laws?

A comprehensive review consists of examining and updating the documents that govern land use, planning and development within the Municipality.

The urban plan establishes the Municipality's long-term vision.

Planning by-laws translate this vision into specific rules. They govern:

- Zoning and permitted land uses;
- The construction, renovation and expansion of buildings;
- Land subdivision and lot creation;
- Building placement and setback requirements;
- Environmental protection and natural areas;
- Residential, commercial, agricultural and recreational development.

Why undertake this initiative?

The urban plan guides our planning tools so that they reflect today's realities and the aspirations expressed by the public.

Based on the major orientations expressed during the consultations, the plan seeks to harmonize the following:

- Municipal by-laws with sustainable economic development;
- Our heritage with our housing and service needs;
- Local initiatives so that they comply not only with our municipal planning tools, but also with the Land Use Planning and Development Plan of the MRC de La Vallée-de-la-Gatineau and the major government planning directions.

Changes may nevertheless be considered during the next stages, within the limits of the applicable legal framework, before final adoption.

Why is this important to you?

Decisions made as part of this comprehensive review may affect how properties and land can be used and developed in the years to come.

Whether you are a property owner, tenant, farmer, business owner or simply someone who cares about our community, this initiative concerns you.

Your opinion matters!

The public consultation process is scheduled for 9:00AM in English and 1:00PM in French on Sunday, November 29, 2026, at the Venosta Recreation Centre, located at 923 Route 105, Venosta, Quebec J0X 3E0, and builds on the discussions already held since the beginning of the term.

Unable to attend the public consultation?

An online consultation form will also be made available to residents to collect their questions, comments and suggestions. All contributions received will be considered as part of this process, whether you participate in person or remotely.

A dedicated webpage on the municipal website will provide information about the comprehensive review and the next steps in the process. This will be available by the end of the day on November 6, 2026, at: www.lowquebec.ca

For any questions or comments regarding this initiative, please contact Megan Angus, Municipal Development and Strategic Support Officer, at 819 422-3528, extension 106, or by email at agente@lowquebec.ca.

Together, let us help build a vision for the future that reflects the values, needs and aspirations of our community!

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