of the cadastre of the Canton de Ditton; westerly, the broken line dividing the said ranges, crossing Rivière Ditton, a public road and Rivière Eaton Nord to the dividing line between the cadastres of the townships of Ditton and Newport; northerly, part of the said dividing line between the cadastre of the Canton de Ditton and the cadastres of the townships of Hampden and Marston; finally, easterly, the said dividing line of the said cadastres, to the starting point, the said limits define the territory of the Municipalité de La Patrie.

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## **O.C. 1605-97,** 10 December 1997

An Act respecting municipal territorial organization (R.S.Q., c. O-9)

Amalgamation of the Village de Saint-Félix-de-Valois and the Paroisse de Saint-Félix-de-Valois

WHEREAS each of the municipal councils of the Village and the Paroisse de Saint-Félix-de-Valois adopted a by-law authorizing the filing of a joint application with the Government requesting that it constitute a local municipality through the amalgamation of the 2 municipalities under the Act respecting municipal territorial organization (R.S.Q., c. O-9);

WHEREAS a copy of the joint application was sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs;

WHEREAS no objection was sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs, and he did not consider it advisable to request that the Commission municipale du Québec hold a public hearing or to order that the qualified voters in each of the applicant municipalities be consulted;

WHEREAS under section 108 of the aforementioned Act, it is expedient to grant the joint application;

IT IS ORDERED, therefore, upon the recommendation of the Minister of Municipal Affairs:

THAT the application be granted and that a local municipality be constituted through the amalgamation of the Village and the Paroisse of Saint-Félix-de-Valois, on the following conditions:

- 1. The name of the new municipality is "Municipalité de Saint-Félix-de-Valois".
- 2. The description of the territory of the new municipality is the description drawn up by the Minister of Natural Resources on 5 November 1997 and attached as a Schedule to this Order in Council.
- 3. The new municipality is governed by the Municipal Code of Québec (R.S.Q., c. C-27.1).
- 4. The new municipality will be part of the Municipalité régionale de comté de Matawinie.
- 5. A provisional council shall remain in office until the first general election. It shall be composed of all the members of the 2 councils existing at the time of the coming into force of this Order in Council. The quorum shall be half the members holding office plus one. The 2 current mayors shall alternate as mayor of the provisional council for equal periods. The mayor of the former Paroisse de Saint-Félix-de-Valois shall serve the first term as mayor of the new provisional council followed by the mayor of the former Village de Saint-Félix-de-Valois.

If a seat is vacant at the time of coming into force of this Order in Council or becomes vacant during the term of the provisional council, one additional vote shall be allotted to the mayor or acting mayor of the former municipality of origin of the council member whose seat has become vacant.

For the term of the provisional council, the elected municipal officers shall receive the same remuneration as they were receiving before the coming into force of this Order in Council.

6. The first general election shall be held on the first Sunday of the fourth month following the month in which this Order in Council comes into force. If that date falls on the first Sunday in January, the first general election shall be postponed to the first Sunday in February. The second general election shall be held on the first Sunday in November 2001.

The council of the new municipality shall be composed of 7 members, that is, a mayor and 6 councillors. From the first general election, the councillors' seats shall be numbered from 1 to 6. For the second general election, the new municipality shall be divided into

6 electoral districts, in accordance with the Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities (R.S.Q., c. E-2.2).

7. For the first general election, only those persons who would be eligible under the Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities (R.S.Q., c. E-2.2), if such election were an election of the council members of the former Paroisse de Saint-Félix-de-Valois, shall be eligible for seats 1, 3 and 5 and only the persons who would be eligible under that Act, if such election were an election of the council members of the former Village de Saint-Félix-de-Valois, shall be eligible for seats 2 and 4.

The persons eligible for seat 6 shall be only those persons whose eligibility results from their right to be registered on the electoral list of a sector made up of the urban perimeter shown on the urbanization perimeter plan dated 26 May 1988, attached to this Order in Council, including, in particular, the sector made up of the territory of the former village.

8. Any budgets adopted by the former municipalities for the fiscal year during which this Order in Council comes into force shall continue to be applied by the council of the new municipality and the expenditures and revenues shall be accounted for separately as if those municipalities continued to exist.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, an expenditure recognized by the council as resulting from the amalgamation shall be charged to the budgets of each of the former municipalities in proportion to their standardized real estate value established in accordance with the Regulation respecting the equalization scheme (Order in Council 1087-92 dated 22 July 92 amended by Orders in Council 719-94 dated 18 May 1994, 502-95 dated 12 April 1995 and 1133-97 dated 3 September 1997), as it appears in their financial statements for the last fiscal year prior to the fiscal year during which this Order in Council comes into force.

- 9. The terms and conditions for apportioning the cost of joint services provided for in intermunicipal agreements in force before the coming into force of this Order in Council continue to apply until the end of the last fiscal year for which the former municipalities adopted separate budgets.
- 10. For the first five complete fiscal years following the coming into force of this Order in Council, the balance of the annual payments in capital and interest for the loans contracted by the former municipalities (By-law 387-96 of the former village and By-law 572-96 of the former parish) for the improvement of the drink-

ing water supply system shall be charged to the sector made up of the territory of each former municipality in the same proportions as those provided for with respect to capital expenditures in the intermunicipal agreement entered into on 11 October 1996.

From the sixth complete fiscal year following the coming into force of this Order in Council, the balance in capital and interest for the loans mentioned in the preceding paragraph shall be, in a proportion of 76 %, charged to the users of the drinking water supply system and the waterworks system of Rang Saint-Martin and shall be reimbursed by means of a compensation rate that the council of the new municipality shall fix annually. An amount representing 24 % of the balance in capital and interest of those loans shall be charged to all the taxable immovables of the new municipality on the basis of the value entered on the assessment roll in force each year.

The taxation clauses in those by-laws shall be amended accordingly.

- 11. The appropriation made by the former Paroisse de Saint-Félix-de-Valois, under Resolution 208-95 regarding the share payable by the latter for the costs of enlarging the fire station under the intermunicipal agreement signed on 21 December 1992 between the parish and the former Village de Saint-Félix-de-Valois, shall be charged to the new municipality.
- 12. Any surplus accumulated on behalf of a former municipality at the end of the last fiscal year for which the new municipality applied separate budgets shall be used for the benefit of ratepayers of the former municipality that accumulated it; it may be used to carry out public works in the sector made up of the territory of the former municipality, to reduce the taxes applicable to all the taxable immovables in that sector or to repay debts charged to the entire sector.
- 13. Any deficit accumulated on behalf of a former municipality at the end of the last fiscal year for which the new municipality applied separate budgets shall remain charged to all the taxable immovables of the sector made up of the territory of the former municipality.
- 14. The balance in capital and interest for the loans contracted by the former Paroisse de Saint-Félix-de-Valois under By-laws 455-87, 535-93, 541-94, 585-97 and 591-97 shall be charged to all the taxable immovables of the new municipality on the basis of the value entered on the assessment roll in force each year.

The taxation clauses in those by-laws shall be amended accordingly.

- 15. An amount representing 70 % of the balance in capital and interest for the loan contracted by the former Paroisse de Saint-Félix-de-Valois under By-law 596-96 shall be charged to the immovables with waterworks services, built or not, and located along Rang Saint-Martin and Chemin de Joliette.
- To cover 60 % of that amount, a special tax shall be imposed and levied on those immovables on the basis of the value entered on the assessment roll in force each year.
- To cover 40 % of that amount, a tax shall be imposed and levied on those immovables according to their frontage.

An amount representing 30 % of the balance in capital and interest for the loan contracted by the former Paroisse de Saint-Félix-de-Valois under By-law 569-96, shall be charged to the immovables of the sector made up of lots 518 and 519 of the cadastre of the Paroisse de Sainte-Élisabeth in the industrial park.

Therefore, a special tax shall be imposed and levied on those immovables according to their area.

In the case of non-taxable immovables governed by the preceding paragraphs, the proportion of the cost attributed to those immovables shall be charged to all the taxable immovables of the new municipality. Therefore, a special tax shall be imposed and levied on all the taxable immovables of the new municipality on the basis of the value entered on the assessment roll in force each year.

The taxation clauses in that by-law shall be amended accordingly.

16. An amount representing 60 % of the balance in capital and interest for the loan contracted by the former Paroisse de Saint-Félix-de-Valois under By-law 570-96, shall be charged to the immovables located along the water main of Durand and Beaudry streets.

Therefore, a special tax shall be imposed and levied on those immovables according to their area.

An amount representing 40 % of the balance in capital and interest for the loan contracted by the former Paroisse de Saint-Félix-de-Valois under By-law 570-96, shall be charged to all the immovables in the sector made up of lots 518 and 519 of the cadastre of the Paroisse de Sainte-Élisabeth in the industrial park.

Therefore, a special tax shall be imposed and levied on those immovables according to their area. In the case of non-taxable immovables governed by the preceding paragraphs, the proportion of the cost attributed to those immovables shall be charged to all the taxable immovables of the new municipality and a special tax shall be imposed and levied on all the taxable immovables of the new municipality on the basis of the value entered on the assessment roll in force each year.

The taxation clauses in those by-laws shall be amended accordingly.

17. The balance in capital and interest for the loans contracted by the former Village de Saint-Félix-de-Valois under By-laws 328-91, 318-90, 346-93, 363-94, 372-95, 356-94, 361-94 and 394-97 shall be charged to all the taxable immovables of the new municipality on the basis of the value entered on the assessment roll in force each year.

The taxation clauses in those by-laws shall be amended accordingly.

- 18. The balance in capital and interest of the amounts owed to the Société québécoise d'assainissement des eaux under the Agreement signed by the Gouvernment du Québec and the former Village de Saint-Félix-de-Valois on 21 December 1984 shall be charged to the users who have sewer services on the territory of the new municipality and it shall be reimbursed by means of a compensation rate fixed annually by the council of the new municipality.
- 19. The annual repayment of the instalments in capital and interest for all the loans made under by-laws adopted by a former municipality before the coming into force of this Order in Council and not governed by sections 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17 and 18 shall remain charged to the former municipality that made them, in accordance with the taxation clauses provided for in the by-laws. If the new municipality decides to amend the taxation clauses of those by-laws in accordance with the law, the amendments may refer only to the taxable immovables in the sector made up of the territory of that former municipality.
- 20. Part of the subsidy granted by the Government within the scope of the Programme d'aide financière au regroupement municipal (PAFREM) shall be used for the benefit of the sector made up of the territory of the former Paroisse de Saint-Félix-de-Valois in order to reduce the general real estate tax. The following amounts from the subsidy shall be used for the purposes of that reduction:

For the first complete fiscal year following the coming into force of this Order in Council: \$90 000

For the second year: \$75 000

For the third year: \$55 000

For the fourth year: \$35 000

For the fifth year: \$15 000

The balance of the subsidy, if any, may be used to carry out works regarding immovables in the sector made up of the territory of that former parish, to reduce real estate taxes in that sector or to repay debts charged to that sector.

- 21. Any debt or gain that may result from legal proceedings for any act performed by a former municipality will continue to be charged to or credited to all the taxable immovables in the sector made up of the territory of that former municipality.
- 22. A municipal housing bureau is incorporated under the name of "Office municipal de la Municipalité de Saint-Félix-de-Valois".

That municipal bureau shall succeed to the municipal housing bureau of the former Village de Saint-Félix-de-Valois which is dissolved. The third and fourth paragraphs of section 58 of the Act respecting the Société d'habitation du Québec (R.S.Q., c. S-8) apply to the municipal housing bureau of the new Municipalité de Saint-Félix-de-Valois as if it had been incorporated by letters patent under section 57 of that Act.

The members of the bureau shall be the members of the municipal housing bureau of the former Village de Saint-Félix-de-Valois.

- 23. All the movable and immovable property belonging to each of the former municipalities shall become the property of the new municipality.
- 24. The second sentence of the second paragraph and the third and fourth paragraphs of section 126, the second paragraph of section 127, sections 128 to 133, the second and third paragraphs of section 134 and sections 135 to 137 of the Act respecting land use planning and development (R.S.Q., c. A-19.1) do not apply to a by-law adopted by the new municipality in order to replace all the zoning and subdivision by-laws applicable on all the territory by, respectively, a new zoning by-law and a new subdivision by-law applicable to all the territory of the new municipality, provided that such

a by-law comes into force within 4 years following the coming into force of this Order in Council.

Such a by-law shall be approved, in accordance with the Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities (R.S.Q., c. E-2.2), by the qualified voters of all the territory of the new municipality.

- 25. In accordance with the Order in Council concerning the amendment to the agreement respecting the Cour municipale de la Municipalité régionale de comté de Matawinie, made under the Act respecting municipal courts (R.S.Q., c. C-72.01), the Cour municipale de la Municipalité régionale de comté de Matawinie shall have jurisdiction over the territory of the new municipality.
- 26. This Order in Council comes into force on the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

MICHEL CARPENTIER, Clerk of the Conseil exécutif

OFFICIAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LIMITS OF THE TERRITORY OF THE MUNICIPALITÉ DE SAINT-FÉLIX-DE-VALOIS, IN THE MUNICIPALITÉ RÉGIONALE DE COMTÉ DE MATAWINIE

The current territory of the Paroisse de Saint-Félixde-Valois, in the Municipalité régionale de comté de Matawinie, comprising, in reference to the cadastres of the parishes of Sainte-Elisabeth and Saint-Félix-de-Valois, the lots or parts of lots and their present and future subdivisions, as well as the roads, routes, streets, railways, islands, lakes, watercourses or parts thereof, the whole within the limits described hereafter, namely: starting from the apex of the northern angle of lot 518 of the cadastre of the Paroisse de Saint-Félix-de-Valois; thence, successively, the following lines and demarcations: successively southeasterly and southerly, the broken line dividing the cadastre of the Paroisse de Saint-Félix-de-Valois and the cadastre of the Paroisse de Saint-Norbert to the apex of the southern angle of Lot 484 of the former cadastre, that line crossing a public road (Route Saint-Norbert) that it meets; southeasterly, part of the line dividing the cadastres of the parishes of Sainte-Elisabeth and Saint-Norbert to the apex of the eastern angle of Lot 751 of the cadastre of the Paroisse de Sainte-Élisabeth; successively, southerly, the east line of Lot 751 of the said cadastre, a straight line crossing a public road (Rang Saint-Pierre) to the apex of the northeastern angle of Lot 752 of the said cadastre, and the east line of the said lot; westerly, the south line of the said lot; southerly, part of the line dividing the cadastres of the parishes of Saint-Félix-de-Valois and Sainte-Élisabeth to the north shore of Rivière La Grande Coulée (Bayonne); successively northerly and westerly, the north shore of the said river to its meeting point with the extension to the north of a line tangent to the island of Rivière La Grande Coulée (Lot 625) of the cadastre of the Paroisse Sainte-Élisabeth; in reference to that cadastre, in a general southerly direction, the said extension and the line tangent to the said island, then a straight line to the apex of the eastern angle of lot 623; southwesterly, the southeast line of the said lot 623 and its extension to the centre line of Branche de la Rivière Bayonne, that line extending across Route 345 that it meets; in a general northerly direction, the centre line of the said river to its meeting point with the extension to the northeast of the southeast line of Lot 544; southwesterly, the said extension and successively, the said southeast line of Lot 544 and the southeast line of Lot 545, those lines coinciding in part with the northwest side of the right-of-way of the public road (Route Frédéric) and extending across another public road (Rang Saint-Martin) to the apex of the southern angle of the said Lot 544; in a general southeasterly direction, crossing a public road (Route Frédéric), part of the broken northeast line of Lot 458 to the apex of the southeastern angle of the said lot; westerly, successively, the south line of lots 458, 459, 460 and 461; southerly, part of the east line of Lot 462 to the apex of the southeastern angle of the said lot; westerly, part of the line dividing ranges Saint-Frédéric and Sainte-Émélie-Nord, to its meeting point with the left bank of Rivière L'Assomption, that line extending across Route 131 and crossing a railway (Lot 778) that it meets; in a general northerly direction, part of the left bank of the said river upstream, to its meeting point with the northwest line of the cadastre of the Paroisse de Saint-Félix-de-Valois; successively northeasterly and northwesterly, the broken line dividing the cadastre of the Paroisse Saint-Félix-de-Valois and the cadastre of the Paroisse de Saint-Jean-de-Matha to the apex of the western angle of Lot 652 of the former cadastre, that line crossing Route 131 and Rivière Berthier that it meets; successively northeasterly and southeasterly, part of the broken line dividing the cadastre of the Paroisse de Saint-Félix-de-Valois and the cadastre of the Paroisse de Saint-Gabriel-de-Brandon to the apex of the eastern angle of Lot 659, that line crossing the Chemin Troisième Rang that it meets; southeasterly, the northeast line of Lot 638 and its extension to the southeast to the centre line of Rivière La Grande Coulée; successively southwesterly and northerly, the centre line of the said river to its meeting point with the extension to the northeast of the southeast line of Lot 658; southwesterly, the said extension and part of the said southeast line of Lot 658, then part of the southeast line of Lot 658-1 to the apex of the northern angle of Lot 642; successively southeasterly, the northeast line of Lot 642, that

line crossing Berthier and La Grande Coulée rivers and extending across Route 348 that it meets, then the northeast line of Lot 561; finally, northeasterly, part of the northwest line of Lot 519 and the northwest line of Lot 518 to the starting point, that line crossing a railway (Lot 660) and the Chemin 2° Rang Sainte-Cécile that it meets; the said limits define the territory of the Municipalité de Saint-Félix-de-Valois.

Ministère des Ressources naturelles Service de l'arpentage Charlesbourg, 5 November 1997

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