

Gouvernement du Québec

**O.C. 1530-98, 16 December 1998**

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

Amalgamation of Ville de Rivière-du-Loup and  
Paroisse de Saint-Patrice-de-la-Rivière-du-Loup

WHEREAS each of the municipal councils of Ville de Rivière-du-Loup and Paroisse de Saint-Patrice-de-la-Rivière-du-Loup 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 two 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 objections were 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, amended by section 133 of Chapter 93 of the Statutes of 1997, it is expedient to grant the joint application with the amendments proposed by the Minister of Municipal Affairs that were approved by the council of the applicant municipalities;

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

THAT the application be granted and that a local municipality resulting from the amalgamation of Ville de Rivière-du-Loup and Paroisse de Saint-Patrice-de-la-Rivière-du-Loup be constituted, under the following conditions:

1. The name of the new town is “Ville de Rivière-du-Loup”.

2. The description of the territory of the new town is the description drawn up by the Minister of Natural Resources on 9 October 1998; that description is attached as Schedule A to this Order in Council.

3. The new town shall be governed by the Cities and Towns Act (R.S.Q., c. C-19).

4. The new town shall be part of the Municipalité régionale de comté de Rivière-du-Loup.

5. A provisional council shall hold office until the first general election. It shall be composed of all the members of the two councils existing at the time of the coming into force of this Order in Council. The quorum shall be half the members in office plus one. The mayor of the former Ville de Rivière-du-Loup shall act as mayor of the provisional council and the mayor of the former Paroisse de Saint-Patrice-de-la-Rivière-du-Loup shall act as deputy mayor for the entire term of the provisional council of the new town.

If the seat held by the mayor of the former Ville de Rivière-du-Loup becomes vacant before the first general election, the mayor of the former Paroisse de Saint-Patrice-de-la-Rivière-du-Loup shall act as mayor of the provisional council of the new town. The deputy mayor of the new town shall be designated according to the provisions of the law.

If the seats held by the mayor of the former Ville de Rivière-du-Loup and the mayor of the former Paroisse de Saint-Patrice-de-la-Rivière-du-Loup become vacant before the first general election, the provisional council of the new town shall appoint a mayor from among its members. The deputy mayor of the new town shall be designated according to the provisions of the law.

If a councillor’s seat becomes vacant during the term of the provisional council, that seat shall not be filled and one additional vote shall be allotted to the mayor of the former town of origin of the council member whose seat has become vacant.

The members of the provisional council of the new town, except for the deputy mayor, shall receive the same remuneration as the councillors of the former Ville de Rivière-du-Loup at the time of the coming into force of this Order in Council. For the term of the provisional council, the remuneration of the deputy mayor shall be equal to two thirds of the remuneration paid to the mayor of the former town before the coming into force of this Order in Council.

Throughout the term of the provisional council, the mayors of the former municipalities shall continue to be qualified to sit on the council of the regional county municipality and shall have the same number of votes as before the coming into force of this Order in Council.

Throughout the term of the provisional council, the mayor of the former Paroisse de Saint-Patrice-de-la-Rivière-du-Loup shall be a member *ex officio* of the Commission finances et personnel of the new town and

shall play an active role on all the commissions and committees of the provisional council.

6. The first sitting of the provisional council shall be held at the town hall of the former Ville de Rivière-du-Loup.

7. The first general election shall be held on the first Sunday in November 1999. The second general election shall be held in 2003.

For the purposes of the first general election, the new town shall submit to the requirement of dividing its territory into six electoral districts.

The Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities (R.S.Q., c. E-2.2) shall apply to this division into six electoral districts according to the following terms:

(a) sections 14 and 16 to 20 concerning the draft by-law procedure do not apply;

(b) section 15 shall apply but the word “by-law” shall be substituted for the words “draft by-law”;

(c) the following is substituted for section 21:

“21. Within 60 days of the coming into force of this Order in Council, the new town shall pass a by-law dividing its territory into six electoral districts.

As soon as practicable, the clerk shall transmit a certified copy of the by-law to the Commission de la représentation.”;

(d) section 22 is amended by striking out the words “Where the council is obliged to hold a public meeting in respect of the draft by-law” at the beginning;

(e) the following is substituted for section 25:

“25. The Commission shall hold a public meeting to hear the persons present if the number of objections received within the prescribed time is equal to or exceeds 100.”; and

(f) the following is substituted for the first sentence of section 30:

“The division of the territory of the new town into electoral districts must come into force before 1 August 1999.”.

8. Employees and civil servants of the former municipalities shall be appointed to the following positions until the new council decides otherwise:

(a) the director general of the former Ville de Rivière-du-Loup shall become the director general of the new town;

(b) the clerk and director of the Service du greffe et des affaires juridiques of the former town shall become the clerk and director of the Service du greffe et des affaires juridiques of the new town;

(c) the secretary-treasurer of the former Paroisse de Saint-Patrice-de-la-Rivière-du-Loup shall become deputy treasurer of the new town;

(d) the treasurer of the former town shall become the treasurer of the new town;

(e) the director of the Service de la planification et de la gestion du territoire and municipal engineer of the former town shall become the director of the Service de la planification et de la gestion du territoire and municipal engineer of the new town;

(f) the director of the Service des travaux publics of the former town shall become the director of the Service des travaux publics of the new town;

(g) the director of the Service de la sécurité publique of the former town shall become the director of the Service de la sécurité publique of the new town;

(h) the deputy director of the Service de la sécurité publique of the former town shall become the deputy director of the Service de la sécurité publique of the new town;

(i) the director of the Service loisirs, culture et communautaire of the former town shall become the director of the Service loisirs, culture et communautaire of the new town;

(j) the person in charge of the Service des ressources humaines of the former town shall become the person in charge of the Service des ressources humaines of the new town;

(k) the person in charge of the Service des communications of the former town shall become the person in charge of the Service des communications of the new town;

(l) the director of the Municipal housing bureau of the former town shall become the director of the Municipal housing bureau of the new town; and

(m) all the permanent employees of the former municipalities shall become the permanent employees of the new town.

The salaries and other working conditions of the employees of the new town shall be adjusted according to those in force in the former Ville de Rivière-du-Loup on the date of the coming into force of this Order in Council.

9. Upon the coming into force of this Order in Council, the new town shall undertake to obtain the required authorizations in order for employees of the former Paroisse de Saint-Patrice-de-la-Rivière-du-Loup to participate in the pension fund of employees of the former Ville de Rivière-du-Loup. For the sole purpose of the retirement plan, those employees shall be considered new employees.

In addition, the new town shall undertake to obtain the required authorizations in order for all employer obligations in respect of the registered retirement savings plan of the employees of the former Paroisse de Saint-Patrice-de-la-Rivière-du-Loup to be rendered null and void and replaced by the employer obligations in respect of the pension fund of the employees of the former Ville de Rivière-du-Loup.

10. 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 town and the expenditures and revenues shall be accounted for separately as if the former 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 values established in accordance with the Regulation respecting the equalization scheme (Order in Council 1087-92 dated 22 July 1992 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 they appear in the financial reports of the former municipalities for the fiscal year preceding the coming into force of this Order in Council.

11. If section 10 applies, the portion of the subsidy granted under the Programme d'aide financière au regroupement municipal (PAFREM) related to the first year of the amalgamation, less the expenditures recognized by the council as resulting from the amalgamation and financed with that portion of the subsidy, shall constitute a reserve to be paid into the general fund of the new town in the first year where no separate budgets are applied.

12. The terms and conditions for apportioning the cost of shared services provided for in intermunicipal

agreements in force before the coming into force of this Order in Council shall continue to apply until the end of the last fiscal year for which the former municipalities adopted separate budgets.

13. The working fund of the new town shall be made up of the working fund of each of the former municipalities as they existed at the end of the last fiscal year for which the former municipalities adopted separate budgets.

The moneys borrowed from the working fund of each of the former municipalities shall be repaid from the general fund of the new town.

14. Any surplus accumulated on behalf of a former municipality at the end of the last fiscal year for which the former municipalities adopted separate budgets shall be used for the benefit of the ratepayers of the sector made up of the territory of that former municipality. It may be used to carry out public works in the sector, to reduce the taxes applicable to all the taxable immovables in that sector or to repay debts charged to that sector.

15. On the date of the coming into force of this Order in Council, the amounts that were allocated to the fund reserved for parks, playgrounds and natural areas of either of the former municipalities shall be entered as a surplus accumulated on behalf of the former municipality that made it and, consequently, the amount of that fund shall be dealt with in accordance with section 14.

16. For the first nine complete fiscal years following the coming into force of this Order in Council, the new town shall reduce the general real estate tax rate in respect of the immovables located in the sector made up of the territory of the former Paroisse de Saint-Patrice-de-la-Rivière-du-Loup.

For the first complete fiscal year following the coming into force of this Order in Council, that reduction shall be \$0.10 per \$100 of assessment for the ratepayers of that sector who are served by the waterworks and sewer systems, \$0.15 per \$100 of assessment for those who are served only by the waterworks system, \$0.20 per \$100 for those who are served only by the sewer system and \$0.25 per \$100 of assessment for those who are not served by either of those systems.

For the subsequent fiscal years, the reduction in that tax rate shall be the reduction appearing in Schedule B to this Order in Council.

17. The amounts of money that the new town must pay to the Government for the special local activities

financing fund created in accordance with Chapter 92 of the Statutes of 1997 shall continue to be charged to the sector made up of the territory of each of the former municipalities.

18. For the eight complete fiscal years following the coming into force of this Order in Council, the new town shall reduce the rate of the tax imposed on the non residential immovables of the sector made up of the territory of the former Paroisse de Saint-Patrice-de-la-Rivière-du-Loup.

For the first complete fiscal year following the coming into force of this Order in Council, the reduction shall be \$0.37 per \$100 of assessment.

For the subsequent seven fiscal years, the reduction in that tax rate shall be the reduction appearing in Schedule C to this Order in Council.

19. In addition to the surtax prescribed in section 486 of the Cities and Towns Act, the new town may impose and levy on serviced vacant land an additional tax equal to 50 % of the total municipal real estate taxes imposed in the same year on such land, to which all taxable immovables in the sector made up of the territory of a former town are subject.

Section 486 of the Cities and Towns Act shall apply, *mutatis mutandis*, to this section, in particular with respect to the meaning of the expression “serviced vacant land”, the scope of the tax and its nature.

This section shall apply until the debts resulting from the loans referred to section 24 are fully repaid. If the debts of a sector that was the territory of a former municipality are fully repaid, this section shall apply only to the sector that was the territory of the other.

20. Paragraph 9 of section 2 of amalgamation By-law No. 1099 of the former Ville de Rivière-du-Loup is amended in order that:

(a) the general real estate tax rate of the former Paroisse de Saint-Patrice-de-la-Rivière-du-Loup for the preceding year be replaced by the general real estate tax rate applicable to the sector made up of the territory not served by the waterworks and sewer systems of the former Paroisse de Saint-Patrice-de-la-Rivière-du-Loup for the preceding year;

(b) the general real estate tax rate of Ville de Rivière-du-Loup for the preceding year be replaced by the general real estate tax rate applicable to the sector made up of the territory of the former Ville de Rivière-du-Loup for the preceding year.

21. The annual repayment of the instalments in principal and interest for loan by-laws 1066 (fire engine trucks), 954 (wheeled loader), 1019 (leachates) 1147 (emergency vehicles) and 1063 (garbage compactor) adopted by the former Ville de Rivière-du-Loup, shall be charged to all the taxable immovables of the new town.

Therefore, a special tax shall be imposed and levied on all the taxable immovables of the new town on the basis of their value as it appears on the assessment roll in force each year.

22. The annual repayment of the instalments in principal and interest for loan by-laws 1113 (Saint-Modeste land), 1092 (Saint-Modeste wells and mains), 1028 (upgrading of water purification and water prospecting) and 925 (upgrading of the purification station) by the former Ville de Rivière-du-Loup and by-laws 286 (water prospecting), 312 (Casgrain water prospecting), 344 (Saint-Modeste water supply) and 255 (drinking water supply agreement) made by the former Paroisse de Saint-Patrice-de-la-Rivière-du-Loup shall be charged to all the users of the waterworks system of the new town and shall be repaid by means of a compensation rate fixed annually by the new town.

The taxation clauses in those by-laws shall be amended accordingly. The new town may amend those by-laws in accordance with the law if it carries out work to extend the waterworks system.

23. The shares payable by the former municipalities to the Société québécoise d'assainissement des eaux under the agreements signed on 11 October 1988 and 8 June 1995 shall be charged to all the users of the sewer system of the new town.

Therefore, a special tax shall be imposed and levied on all the taxable immovables of the new town that are served by the sewer system, on the basis of their value as it appears on the assessment roll in force each year.

24. The annual repayment of the instalments in principal and interest for all the by-laws made under the by-laws adopted by a former municipality before the coming into force of this Order in Council and not referred to in sections 21 and 22 shall remain charged to the sector made up of the territory of the former municipality that made them in accordance with the taxation clauses provided for in those 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 located in the sector made up of the territory of that former municipality.

25. The balance available from the loan by-laws of each of the former municipalities shall be used to pay the annual instalments in principal and interest or, if the securities were issued for a shorter term than the term originally fixed, to reduce the balance of the loan.

If the balance available is used to pay the annual instalments of the loans, the rate of the tax imposed to pay those instalments shall be reduced in such a way that the revenues of the tax are equal to the balance to be paid, minus the balance available used.

26. Any debt or gain that may result from legal proceedings concerning any act performed by a former municipality shall continue to be charged to or credited to all the taxable immovables in the sector made up of the territory of that former municipality.

27. 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 town in order to replace all the zoning and subdivision by-laws applicable on its 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 four 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, by the qualified voters of all the territory of the new town.

28. Notwithstanding section 119 of the Act respecting municipal territorial organization (R.S.Q., c. O-9), the new town shall use for the preparation of its new roll the values entered on the real estate assessment roll deposited for the 1999 fiscal year for each of the former municipalities kept up-to-date and adjusted from the date of the coming into force of this Order in Council.

The adjustment shall be made as follows: the values entered on the assessment roll of the former Paroisse de Saint-Patrice-de-la-Rivière-du-Loup shall be divided by its median proportion and multiplied by the median proportion of the assessment roll of the former Ville de Rivière-du-Loup; the median proportions used shall be those established for the 1999 fiscal year.

The roll made up of the roll of the former Ville de Rivière-du-Loup for the 1999 fiscal year and the amended roll of the former Paroisse de Saint-Patrice-de-la-Rivière-

du-Loup in accordance with the second paragraph of this section shall constitute the new roll of the new town. The median proportion and the comparative factor of the roll are those of the former Ville de Rivière-du-Loup.

The new roll shall apply as soon as this Order in Council comes into force. It shall be considered as the roll of the first year of a three-year roll and the next roll shall be for the 2002 fiscal year.

29. A municipal housing bureau shall be incorporated under the name of "Office municipal d'habitation de la Ville de Rivière-du-Loup".

That municipal housing bureau shall succeed the Office municipal d'habitation of the former Ville de Rivière-du-Loup, 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 Office municipal d'habitation of the new Ville de Rivière-du-Loup as if it had been incorporated by letters patent under section 57 of that Act.

The members of the housing bureau shall be the members of the Office municipal d'habitation of the former Ville de Rivière-du-Loup. However, once the first general election is held, the number of members of the housing bureau shall remain at seven and they shall be appointed as follows: three members appointed by the municipal council; two members appointed by the tenants; and two members appointed by the minister responsible for the Société d'habitation du Québec from socioeconomic groups.

30. Upon the coming into force of this Order in Council, the new town shall undertake discussions with the appropriate authorities in order that the Sûreté du Québec cease serving the territory of the former Paroisse de Saint-Patrice-de-la-Rivière-du-Loup and in order that the Minister of Public Security and the Minister of Municipal Affairs credit or repay to the new town part of any rate charged or collected for the services of the Sûreté du Québec for the year of the coming into force of this Order in Council, in proportion to that part of the fiscal period remaining at the time this Order in Council comes into force.

31. If the council of the new town decides to dispose of a movable or immovable whose acquisition was financed, in whole or in part, by a loan by-law adopted by any of the former municipalities, the proceeds from the sale shall be used to provide for the payment of the balance in principal and interest of the amount of the loan authorized by the by-law. Any surplus remaining after the sale of the property shall be paid into the general fund of the new town.

32. All the movable and immovable properties belonging to each of the former municipalities shall become the property of the new town.

33. This Order in Council comes into force on the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

MICHEL NOËL DE TILLY,  
*Clerk of the Conseil exécutif*

## SCHEDULE A

### OFFICIAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LIMITS OF THE TERRITORY OF THE NEW VILLE DE RIVIÈRE-DU-LOUP, IN THE MUNICIPALITÉ RÉGIONALE DE COMTÉ DE RIVIÈRE-DU-LOUP

The current territory of Paroisse de Saint-Patrice-de-la-Rivière-du-Loup and of Ville de Rivière-du-Loup, in the Municipalité régionale de comté de Rivière-du-Loup, comprising a part of the St. Lawrence River (without a cadastral description), lots 768 and 769 (beach and deep water lots) of the cadastre of Ville de Fraserville, and, in reference to the said cadastre and to that of Paroisse de Saint-Patrice-de-la-Rivière-du-Loup, the lots or parts of lots and their present and future subdivisions as well as the roads, routes, streets, railway rights-of-way, islands, islets, lakes, watercourses or parts thereof, the whole within the limits described hereafter, namely: starting from the meeting point of the right bank of the St. Lawrence River and the dividing line between the cadastres of the parishes of Saint-Patrice-de-la-Rivière-du-Loup and Cacouna; thence, successively, the following lines and demarcations: successively, southeasterly, northeasterly, again southeasterly and northeasterly the broken line dividing the cadastres of the parishes of Saint-Patrice-de-la-Rivière-du-Loup and Cacouna, that line crossing in the first section Route 132 and Autoroute 20 that it meets and in the third section Route 291 and a railway (lot 1012 of the cadastre of Paroisse de Saint-Patrice-de-la-Rivière-du-Loup) that it meets; southeasterly, the dividing line between the cadastres of the parishes of Saint-Patrice-de-la-Rivière-du-Loup and Saint-Arsène, that line crossing Chemin des Raymond that it meets; successively, southwesterly, northwesterly, southwesterly, southeasterly, southerly, southwesterly, northwesterly and southwesterly, the broken line dividing the cadastres of the parishes of Saint-Patrice-de-la-Rivière-du-Loup and Saint-Modeste; southwesterly, the broken line dividing the cadastres of the parishes of Saint-Patrice-de-la-Rivière-du-Loup and Saint-Antonin, that line crossing Route 185, a railway and another public road that it meets; successively, northwesterly, southwesterly, westerly and southwesterly, part of the broken line dividing the cadastres of the parishes of Saint-Patrice-de-la-Rivière-du-Loup and Notre-Dame-du-Portage to the apex of the southern angle of lot 86 of

the cadastre of Paroisse de Saint-Patrice-de-la-Rivière-du-Loup, that line crossing Rivière du Loup and a railway (lot 175 of the latter cadastre) that it meets; northwesterly, part of the said dividing line between cadastres limiting to the southwest lots 86, 85 and 84 of the cadastre of Paroisse de Saint-Patrice-de-la-Rivière-du-Loup and its extension to the northwest side of the former right-of-way of Chemin Fraserville; in a general northeasterly direction, the northwest side of the said right-of-way, limiting to the southeast lot 226 and lots 47, 46, 45, 43, 42, 39 and 38 of the cadastre of Paroisse Notre-Dame-du-Portage; successively northwesterly and northeasterly, part of the broken line dividing the cadastres of the parishes of Saint-Patrice-de-la-Rivière-du-Loup and Notre-Dame-du-Portage to the west side of the right-of-way of Chemin Fraserville, limiting to the east lots 11, 10 and 9 of the cadastre of Paroisse de Notre-Dame-du-Portage; in a general northerly direction, the west side of the said right-of-way to the dividing line between lot 106 of the cadastre of Paroisse de Saint-Patrice-de-la-Rivière-du-Loup and lot 9 of the cadastre of Paroisse de Notre-Dame-du-Portage; successively northwesterly, northeasterly, northwesterly, northeasterly and again northwesterly, part of the broken line dividing the cadastres of the parishes of Saint-Patrice-de-la-Rivière-du-Loup and Notre-Dame-du-Portage to the right shore of the St. Lawrence River, that line crossing, in its last section, Autoroute 20 and Route 132 that it meets; in the St. Lawrence River, the extension of the dividing line between lots 82 and 83 of the cadastre of Paroisse de Saint-Patrice-de-la-Rivière-du-Loup and lot 1 of the cadastre of Paroisse de Notre-Dame-du-Portage to an irregular line located between the southeast shore of the islands of Pot à l'Eau-de-Vie and the right shore of the river, that irregular line passing by a point located halfway between the southeast shore of Île aux Lièvres and the northwest shore of Île Le Gros Pèlerin; following the limits of the Municipalité de Saint-André, part of the said irregular line passing northeast of the islands of Pot à l'Eau-de-Vie, Île aux Lièvres and Blanche to the centre line of the river; then leaving the limits of the Municipalité de Saint-André, the said centre line of the river going downstream to its meeting point with the northwesterly extension of the dividing line between lot 2 of the cadastre of Paroisse de Saint-Patrice-de-la-Rivière-du-Loup and lot 136A of the cadastre of Paroisse de Cacouna; finally, southeasterly, the said extension to the starting point; the said limits define the territory of the new Ville de Rivière-du-Loup.

Ministère des Ressources naturelles  
Service de l'arpentage  
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**SCHEDULE B**

Reduction of the real estate tax rate for taxable immovables located on the territory of the former municipality of Paroisse de Saint-Patrice-de-la-Rivière-du-Loup

Year	With waterworks and sewer	With waterworks only	With sewer only	Without waterworks or sewer
1	0.10	0.15	0.20	0.25
2	0.10	0.15	0.20	0.25
3	0.10	0.15	0.20	0.25
4	0.09	0.14	0.18	0.23
5	0.08	0.12	0.16	0.20
6	0.06	0.09	0.12	0.15
7	0.04	0.06	0.08	0.10
8	0.02	0.03	0.04	0.05
9	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

**SCHEDULE C**

Reduction of the tax rate on non-residential immovables for non-residential taxable immovables located on the territory of the former municipality of Paroisse de Saint-Patrice-de-la-Rivière-du-Loup

Year	Rate
1	0.37
2	0.37
3	0.37
4	0.33
5	0.30
6	0.22
7	0.15
8	0.07
9	0.00

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Gouvernement du Québec

**O.C. 1531-98, 16 December 1998**

Amalgamation of Ville de Bromptonville and the Canton de Brompton

WHEREAS each of the municipal councils of Ville de Bromptonville and the Canton de Brompton 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 objections were 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, amended by section 133 of Chapter 93 of the Statutes of 1997, it is expedient to grant the joint application;

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

THAT the application be granted and that a local municipality resulting from the amalgamation of Ville de Bromptonville and the Canton de Brompton be constituted, under the following conditions:

1. The name of the new town is "Ville de Bromptonville".

2. The description of the territory of the new town is the description drawn up by the Minister of Natural Resources on 23 September 1998; that description is attached as Schedule A to this Order in Council.

3. The new town is governed by the Cities and Towns Acts (R.S.Q., c. C-19).

4. The new town shall be part of the Municipalité régionale de comté de La Région-Sherbrookoise.

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