## **Municipal Affairs**

Gouvernement du Québec

## **O.C. 658-2002,** 5 June 2002

An Act to reform the municipal territorial organization of the metropolitan regions of Montréal, Québec and the Outaouais (2000, c. 56)

Amendment to Order in Council 1495-2001 dated 12 December 2001 respecting the number of judges of the municipal court of Ville de Gatineau

WHEREAS, under section 234 of the Act to reform the municipal territorial organization of the metropolitan regions of Montréal, Québec and the Outaouais (2000, c. 56), a municipal court has been established, having jurisdiction within the whole territory of Ville de Gatineau, and whereas the new municipal court was to integrate the municipal courts which, on 31 December 2001, were established in the municipalities forming the new city and whereas the old courts have been abolished;

WHEREAS, under section 236 of the Act, the Minister of Justice designated a mandatary entrusted with analyzing the situation of each municipal court to be integrated into a new municipal court and with proposing a plan for the integration of the courts existing on 31 December 2000 and for the organization of each new municipal court;

WHEREAS, in accordance with section 237 of the Act, the mandatary submitted the integration and organization plan for the new municipal court of Ville de Gatineau to the Minister of Justice before 1 June 2001 and submitted a supplementary report on 6 July 2001;

WHEREAS, in accordance with Order in Council 1495-2001 dated 12 December 2001, three municipal judges were assigned to the Ville de Gatineau Municipal Court;

WHEREAS the prevailing situation at the new Municipal Court of Ville de Gatineau at the time the integration and organization plan was submitted has since changed, as demonstrated by Ville de Gatineau;

WHEREAS, in accordance with Ville de Gatineau Resolution CM-2002-65, the Minister of Justice was petitioned to proceed with the assignment of two judges to the Ville de Gatineau Municipal Court;

WHEREAS the Minister of Justice and the Government must consider the best interests of justice;

IT IS ORDERED, therefore, on the recommendation of the Minister of Justice:

THAT there be two municipal judges assigned to the Ville de Gatineau Municipal Court;

THAT the second paragraph of the operative part of Order in Council 1495-2001 dated 12 December 2001 be amended by substituting the word "two" for "three".

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