

## Regulations and other Acts

Gouvernement du Québec

### O.C. 568-2018, 9 May 2018

An Act respecting municipal territorial organization (chapter O-9)

Amalgamation of Ville de L'Épiphanie and Paroisse de L'Épiphanie

WHEREAS each of the municipal councils of Ville de L'Épiphanie and Paroisse de L'Épiphanie 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 in accordance with sections 84 and 85 of the Act respecting municipal territorial organization (chapter O-9);

WHEREAS the joint application was sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Land Occupancy;

WHEREAS, under the first paragraph of section 107 of the Act, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Land Occupancy may recommend that the application be granted by the Government with or without amendment;

WHEREAS it is expedient to give effect to the joint application for amalgamation with amendments;

IT IS ORDERED, therefore, on the recommendation of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Land Occupancy:

THAT the application be granted and a local municipality be constituted through the amalgamation of Ville de L'Épiphanie and Paroisse de L'Épiphanie in accordance with the following provisions:

1. The name of the new town shall be "Ville de L'Épiphanie".
2. The description of the territory of the new town shall be the description drawn up by the Minister of Energy and Natural Resources on 12 October 2017; 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 (chapter C-19).
4. The territory of the new town shall be included in the territory of Municipalité régionale de comté de L'Assomption.

5. Until the term of the majority of candidates elected in the first general election begins, the new municipality shall be governed by a provisional council made up of all the council members of the former municipalities in office at the time of the coming into force of this Order in Council.

An additional vote shall be allotted, within the provisional council, to the mayor of the former municipality of the council on which there is a vacancy at the time of the coming into force of this Order in Council, as well as for any seat that becomes vacant on the provisional council, after that coming into force, that was previously occupied by a council member of that former municipality.

If the office of either mayor is vacant, the mayor's votes shall be transferred to the councillor who was acting mayor of the former municipality concerned before the coming into force of this Order in Council. If the latter is not a member of the provisional council, the votes shall be transferred to a councillor chosen by and from among the members of the provisional council that were members of the council of the former municipality concerned.

A by-election shall be held to fill the office of mayor where both offices of mayor of the provisional council are vacant. Every person eligible under the Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities (chapter E-2.2) may be a candidate to that office.

The number of vacant seats for the offices of councillors of the provisional council, in addition to the office of mayor who is acting mayor under section 6 of this Order in Council, shall not exceed 4. A by-election shall be held to fill any vacant seat exceeding that number. For the purposes of the by-election, only the persons that would be eligible under the Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities if the election were an election of members of the former municipality having the greatest number of vacant seats on the provisional council shall be eligible.

6. The mayor of the former Ville de L'Épiphanie and the mayor of the former Paroisse de L'Épiphanie shall act respectively as mayor and acting mayor of the new town as of the coming into force of this Order in Council until the last day of the month of that coming into force. From that time, the roles shall be reversed for the following month. The roles shall alternate every month until the beginning of the term of the mayor elected in the first general election following the coming into force of this Order in Council.

Between the coming into force of this Order in Council and the first general election, the mayors shall continue to sit on the council of Municipalité régionale de comté de L'Assomption and they shall have the same number of votes as they had before the coming into force of this Order in Council. They also remain qualified to take part in any committee and to fulfil any function.

7. The majority of the members in office shall constitute the quorum of the provisional council.

8. The first sitting of the provisional council shall be held at the community centre of the former Ville de L'Épiphanie, situated at 68, rue Amireault.

9. By-law 586 on the salary of members of the municipal council of the former Ville de L'Épiphanie shall apply to the members of the provisional council until the by-law is amended in accordance with the law. For the term of the provisional council, the salary of each mayor of the former municipalities cannot be less than the salary of the mayor of the former Paroisse de L'Épiphanie before the coming into force of this Order in Council.

10. The director general and secretary-treasurer of the former Paroisse de L'Épiphanie shall act as first clerk and assistant director general of the new town.

11. The director general and clerk of the former Ville de L'Épiphanie shall act as director general of the new town.

12. Voting for the first general election shall be held on 18 November 2018. The second general election shall be held in 2021.

The council of the new town shall be composed of 7 members, including a mayor and 6 councillors. The offices of councillors shall be numbered 1 to 6 as of the first general election.

13. For the first 2 general elections and for any by-election held before the third general election, the only persons eligible for seats 1, 3 and 5 shall be persons who would be eligible under the Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities if such election were an election of the council members of the former Ville de L'Épiphanie.

The only persons eligible for seats 2, 4 and 6 shall be persons who would be eligible under the Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities if such election were an election of the council members of the former Paroisse de L'Épiphanie.

14. The new town, by by-law that shall come into force during the second calendar year preceding the year during which a third general election must take place, shall divide its territory into 6 electoral districts.

The division procedure shall be carried out in accordance with the Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities.

15. 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 apply until the end of the last fiscal year for which the former municipalities prepared and adopted separate budgets.

16. A municipal housing bureau shall be constituted under the name of "Office municipal d'habitation de la Ville de L'Épiphanie". The name of the bureau may be changed the first time by a simple resolution of the board of directors within 1 year of its constitution. Notice of the name change shall be sent to the Société d'habitation du Québec and published in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.

The municipal housing bureau shall succeed the municipal housing bureau of the former Ville de L'Épiphanie, which is dissolved. The third and fourth paragraphs of section 58 of the Act respecting the Société d'habitation du Québec (chapter S-8) apply to the new municipal housing bureau as though it had been constituted by letters patent under section 57 of that Act.

The bureau shall be administered by a board of directors formed of 7 members who are also its directors. Three members shall be appointed by the council of the new town, 2 elected by all the lessees of the bureau, in accordance with the Act respecting the Société d'habitation du Québec, and 2 shall be appointed by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Land Occupancy, after consultation, from among the most representative socio-economic groups of the bureau's territory.

Until the directors are appointed in accordance with this section, the provisional directors of the new bureau shall be the directors of the former bureau to which it succeeds.

The directors shall elect from among themselves a chair, vice-chair and any other officer they deem necessary to appoint.

The term of the board of directors shall be 3 years and shall be renewable. If their term expires, the board members shall remain in office until reappointed or replaced.

The quorum for the meetings shall be the majority of the members in office.

The directors may, from the coming into force of this Order in Council,

- (1) secure loans on behalf of the bureau;
- (2) issue debentures or other securities of the bureau and use them as a guarantee or dispose of them for the price and amount deemed appropriate;
- (3) hypothecate or use as collateral the present or future immovables or movables of the bureau to ensure the payment of such debentures or other securities, or give only part of the guarantees for those purposes;
- (4) hypothecate the immovables and movables of the bureau or otherwise affect them, or give various types of surety, to ensure the payment of loans secured other than by the issue of debentures, as well as the payment or execution of other debts, contracts and commitments of the bureau; and
- (5) subject to the Act respecting the Société d'habitation du Québec, the regulations made under that Act and the directives issued by the Société, adopt any by-law deemed necessary or useful for the internal management of the bureau.

The employees of the bureau that has been dissolved shall become, without reduction in salary, employees of the bureau, and shall retain their seniority and fringe benefits.

Within 15 days of their adoption, the bureau shall send to the Société d'habitation du Québec a certified true copy of the by-laws and resolutions appointing or dismissing a member or director.

The budget of the dissolved bureau shall remain applicable for the remainder of the current fiscal year.

17. The period provided for in section 474 of the City and Towns Act to prepare and adopt the budget of the new town for the following fiscal year shall be extended to 31 January of the year following the year of the coming into force of this Order in Council.

18. If a budget was prepared and adopted by a former municipality for the fiscal year during which this Order in Council comes into force,

- (1) the budget shall continue to be applied;
- (2) the expenditures and revenues of the new town, for the remainder of the fiscal year during which this Order in Council comes into force, shall continue to be accounted for separately on behalf of each of the former municipalities as if the amalgamation had not taken place;

(3) an expenditure recognized by the council of the new town as resulting from the amalgamation shall be charged to each of the former municipalities in proportion, for each municipality, to its standardized property value in comparison with the total of the standardized property values of the former municipalities, as they appear in the financial statements of those municipalities for the fiscal year preceding the one during which this Order in Council comes into force;

(4) an amount paid for the first year of the amalgamation under the Programme d'aide financière au regroupement municipal (PAFREM), less the expenditures recognized by the council under paragraph 3 of this section and financed from that same amount, shall constitute a reserve to be paid into the general fund of the new town for the first fiscal year during which it prepares and adopts a budget with respect to all of its territory.

19. Any surplus accumulated on behalf of a former municipality at the end of the last fiscal year for which the former municipalities prepared and adopted separate budgets, following an allocation in accordance with sections 20, 21, 26 and 27, shall be used for the benefit of the sector formed of the territory of the former municipality.

20. For the first fiscal year during which the new town will have prepared and adopted a budget in respect of all its territory, the new town shall pay into its general fund a sum of \$100,000, including \$55,000 from the accumulated surplus of the former Ville de L'Épiphanie and \$45,000 from the accumulated surplus of the former Paroisse de L'Épiphanie.

Where the accumulated surplus of a former municipality is insufficient for the purposes of the first paragraph, the new town shall make up for the difference by imposing a special tax on all the taxable immovables in the territory of that former municipality, on the basis of their value as it appears in the assessment roll in effect at the time.

21. The working funds of the former municipalities shall be abolished at the end of the last fiscal year in which they prepared and adopted separate budgets. The uncommitted amount of the funds on that date shall be added to the accumulated surplus of the former municipalities and shall be allocated in accordance with the second paragraph and sections 19, 20, 26 and 27.

The new town shall constitute a new working fund of \$500,000, including \$275,000 from the accumulated surplus of the former Ville de L'Épiphanie and \$225,000 from the accumulated surplus of the former Paroisse de L'Épiphanie.

Where the accumulated surplus of a former municipality is insufficient for the purposes of the second paragraph, the new town shall make up for the difference by imposing a special tax on all the taxable immovables in the territory of that former municipality, on the basis of their value as it appears in the assessment roll in effect at the time.

22. Any deficit accumulated on behalf of the former Ville de L'Épiphanie at the end of the last fiscal year during which separate budgets were prepared and adopted shall be charged to all the taxable immovables in the territory of the former Ville de L'Épiphanie.

23. Any deficit accumulated on behalf of the former Paroisse de L'Épiphanie at the end of the last fiscal year during which separate budgets were prepared and adopted shall be charged to all the taxable immovables in the territory of the new town.

24. The repayment of loans contracted through by-laws adopted by the former Ville de L'Épiphanie before the coming into force of this Order in Council shall be charged to the taxable immovables of the sector formed by all or part of the territory of the former Ville de L'Épiphanie, in accordance with sections of the by-laws that impose a special tax or provide for a mode of tariffing.

25. The loans contracted under by-laws adopted by the former Paroisse de L'Épiphanie whose repayment is charged to the taxable immovables in all the territory of the former Paroisse de L'Épiphanie shall be charged to all the taxable immovables in the territory of the new town.

26. The balance in principal and interest of issue 112 of the debt of the former Paroisse de L'Épiphanie toward Ville de Repentigny or any municipality to which it succeeded with respect to fire safety is financed from the accumulated surplus of the former Ville de L'Épiphanie at the end of the last fiscal year for which the former municipalities prepared and adopted separate budgets.

Where the accumulated surplus of the former Ville de L'Épiphanie is insufficient for the purposes of the first paragraph, the new town shall make up for the difference by imposing a special tax on all the taxable immovable in the territory of that former municipality, on the basis of their value as it appears in the assessment roll in effect at the time.

27. The balance in principal and interest of issues 97, 99, 112 and 114 of the debt of the former Ville de L'Épiphanie toward Ville de Repentigny or any municipality to which it succeeded with respect to fire safety is financed from the accumulated surplus of the former

Ville de L'Épiphanie at the end of the last fiscal year for which the former municipalities prepared and adopted separate budgets.

Where the accumulated surplus of the former Ville de L'Épiphanie is insufficient for the purposes of the first paragraph, the new town shall make up for the difference by imposing a special tax on all the taxable immovables in the territory of that former municipality, on the basis of their value as it appears in the assessment roll in effect at the time.

28. For the first 5 fiscal years during which the new town prepares and adopts a budget with respect to all its territory, a separate special tax shall be imposed on the taxable immovable forming the residual category of the sector made up of the territory of the former Ville de L'Épiphanie.

The tax rate shall be 0.0400 per one hundred dollars (\$100) of assessment decreasing by eight-tenths of one percent (\$0.008) per subsequent fiscal year as of the second fiscal year of the new town.

The harmonization measure of the tax burden shall apply to the reduction of the tax rate of the residual category of the sector made up of the territory of the former Paroisse de L'Épiphanie.

29. The following sections of the Act respecting land use planning and development (chapter A-19.1) do not apply to a by-law adopted by the new town to replace zoning by-laws and subdivision by-laws applicable in its territory:

- (1) the second sentence of the second paragraph and the third and fourth paragraphs of section 126;
- (2) the second paragraph of section 127;
- (3) sections 128 to 133;
- (4) the second and third paragraphs of section 134;
- (5) sections 135 to 137.

A by-law referred to in the first paragraph must be approved, in accordance with the Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities, by the qualified voters of the whole territory of the new town.

This section applies provided that such a by-law comes into force within 4 years of the coming into force of this Order in Council.

30. Any debt or gain that may result from legal proceedings, for an act performed by a former municipality before the coming into force of this Order in Council, shall be charged or credited to all the taxable immovables of the sector made up of the territory of that former municipality.

31. Subsidies granted under the *Programme de la taxe sur l'essence et de la contribution du Québec 2014-2018* shall continue to exclusively benefit the sectors made up of the territories of the former municipalities that obtained the subsidies.

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

ANDRÉ FORTIER,  
*Clerk of the Conseil exécutif*

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## SCHEDULE A

### OFFICIAL DESCRIPTION OF THE BOUNDARIES OF THE TERRITORY OF VILLE DE L'ÉPIPHANIE, IN MUNICIPALITÉ RÉGIONALE DE COMTÉ DE L'ASSOMPTION

The territory of Ville de L'Épiphanie, in Municipalité régionale de comté de L'Assomption, following the amalgamation of Ville de L'Épiphanie and Paroisse de L'Épiphanie, comprises, on the date of this description and in reference to the cadastre of Québec, all the lots or parts of lots, their successor lots, the hydrographic and topographic entities, built-up sites or parts thereof within the perimeter that starts at the intersection of the northeastern limit of lot 2 891 631 with the centre line of ruisseau Saint-Georges, thence, successively the following lines and demarcations: southeasterly, the northeastern limit of lots 2 891 631, 2 891 643, 2 891 654, 2 893 408 (railway right of way), 2 891 665, 2 891 676, 2 891 720, 2 891 731, 2 891 765, 2 891 776, 2 892 886, 2 892 897, 2 892 908, 2 892 919, 2 892 930, 2 893 531, 2 892 963, 2 892 975, 2 892 986, 2 892 997, 2 893 008, 2 893 019, 2 893 030, 2 893 041, 2 893 052, 2 893 074, 2 893 086, 2 893 097, 2 893 119, 2 893 130, 2 893 141, 2 893 152 and 2 893 533 (right of way of chemin du Roy); successively southwesterly, part of the southeast right of way of chemin du Roy and montée Saint-Gérard, bordering to the southeast lots 2 893 533, 2 894 340, 2 894 339, 2 893 353 and 2 893 575 extended to its intersection with the right shore of rivière Saint-Esprit; generally easterly, part of the said right shore of rivière Saint-Esprit to its intersection with the right shore of rivière L'Assomption; generally southerly, part of the said right shore of rivière L'Assomption to its intersection with the left shore of rivière de l'Achigan; generally northwesterly, part of the

said left shore of rivière de l'Achigan to its intersection with the extension, northeasterly, of the southeastern limit of lot 2 363 900; southwesterly, the said extension and the southeastern limit of lots 2 363 900, 2 581 164 (railway right of way), 2 363 906, 2 363 905, 2 363 904, 2 363 903, 2 363 902, 2 581 111 and 2 581 110; southeasterly, part of the northeastern limit of lot 2 365 803 and the northeastern limit of lot 3 157 424; southwesterly, the southeastern limit of lot 3 157 424, then the broken line bordering to the southeast lot 2 362 730; southeasterly, part of the northeastern limit of lot 2 362 732; generally southwesterly, a broken line bordering to the southeast lots 2 362 732, 2 362 731, 2 362 729 back to 2 362 722 and 2 362 719 back to 2 362 711; southeasterly, the northeastern limit of lots 2 362 705, 2 362 706 and 2 362 721; southwesterly, the southeastern limit of lots 2 362 721 and 2 362 720; northwesterly, the southwestern limit of lots 2 362 720, 2 362 706 and part of the southwestern limit of lot 2 362 705 to its intersection with the southern limit of lot 2 362 704; easterly, the southern limit of lots 2 362 704 and 2 362 707; northwesterly, the southwestern limit of lots 2 362 707, 5 755 646, 2 362 733 and 2 364 348 (railway right of way); southwesterly, the southeastern limit of lot 5 860 576; northwesterly, part of the southwestern limit of lot 5 860 576 to its intersection with the southeastern limit of lot 4 960 521; generally southwesterly, the broken line bordering to the southeast lot 4 960 521; southeasterly, part of the northeastern limit of lot 2 362 759; southwesterly, the southeastern limit of lots 2 362 759 and 2 362 757; southeasterly, part of the northeastern limit of lot 2 362 602; southwesterly, the southeastern limit of lot 2 362 602; northwesterly, the southwestern limit of lot 2 362 602; easterly, the southern limit of lots 2 362 602, 2 362 608, 2 362 601, 2 362 606, 2 362 605, 2 362 604 and 2 362 603; southerly, the eastern limit of lots 2 362 597, 2 362 594, 2 362 593, 2 362 591, 2 362 584, 2 362 583, 2 362 582, 5 952 505, 2 362 580, 2 362 579, 2 362 572 (railway right of way), 2 362 586, 2 362 585, 2 362 570, 2 581 187, 2 362 577, 2 362 576, 2 362 574 and 2 362 573; westerly, the southern limit of lots 2 362 573, 2 362 570, 2 362 568, 2 362 572 (railway right of way), 2 362 564, 2 365 678 (right of way of chemin de la Cabane-Ronde) and 2 362 544; northerly, the western limit of lots 2 362 544, 2 362 545, 2 362 546, 2 362 547, 2 362 548, 2 362 549, 2 362 550, 2 362 551, 6 016 262, 2 362 553, 2 362 554, 2 362 560, 2 362 555, 2 362 556, 2 362 557, 2 362 558 and part of the western limit of lot 2 362 664 to its intersection with the southern limit of lot 2 362 657; westerly, the southern limit of lots 2 362 657, 2 365 673 (right of way of chemin Saint-Henri) and the broken line bordering to the south lot 2 362 617; northerly, the western limit of lots 2 362 617, 2 362 616, 2 362 610, 2 362 611 to 2 362 615, 2 362 609, 2 362 623 and 2 362 620; easterly, part of the northern limit of lot 2 362 620 to its intersection with the western limit of lot 2 362 621; northerly, the western limit of lot 2 362 621; easterly, the

northern limit of lots 2 362 621, 2 362 625 and 2 362 626; southerly, part of the eastern limit of lot 2 362 626 to its intersection with the northern limit of lot 2 362 634; easterly, part of the northern limit of lot 2 362 634 to its intersection with the western limit of lot 2 362 636; northerly, the western limit of lots 2 362 636, 2 362 637, 2 365 507, 4 344 332, 2 365 509, 2 365 677 (right of way of rang de la Côte-Saint-Charles), 2 365 519 and 2 365 521 to its intersection with the right shore of rivière de l'Achigan; generally northeasterly, part of the said right shore of rivière de l'Achigan to its intersection with the extension, southerly, of the western limit of lot 2 365 292; northerly, the said extension, then the western limit of lots 2 365 292, 2 365 685 (right of way of rang de l'Achigan-Nord), 5 089 477, 2 362 806, 2 362 807, 2 362 808 and 2 365 686; easterly, the northern limit of lots 2 365 686, 2 362 808 and 2 362 824; northwesterly, part of the southwestern limit of lot 2 362 845; northeasterly, the northwestern limit of lots 2 362 845, 2 362 846, 2 362 847 and 2 362 844; southeasterly, the first northeastern limit of lot 2 362 844; northeasterly, the northwestern limit of lots 2 362 844, 2 362 863, 2 362 928, 2 362 927, again 2 362 928 and part of the northwestern limit of lot 2 362 853 to its intersection with the southwestern limit of lot 2 362 854; northwesterly, the southwestern limit of lots 2 362 854 and 3 671 553; easterly, the northern limit of lot 3 671 553; generally northerly, the western limit of lot 2 365 699 (right of way of route 341) and the broken line bordering to the west lots 6 118 364 and 6 118 363; northeasterly, the northwestern limit of lots 6 118 363, 2 362 935 and 2 581 232; northwesterly, the southwestern limit of lot 2 581 232; generally northeasterly, the broken line bordering to the northwest lot 2 581 232; southeasterly, the northeastern limit of lots 2 581 232, 2 362 936, 2 365 699 (right of way of route 341), 2 362 938 and part of the northeastern limit of lot 2 362 858 to its intersection with the northwestern limit of lot 2 362 859; northeasterly, the northwestern limit of lots 2 362 859, 2 362 864, 2 365 700 and 2 363 001; northerly, the western limit of lots 5 260 277 and 5 457 484 (right of way of route 341); generally northwesterly, an irregular line bordering to the southwest part of lot 2 362 947 and lots 2 362 948, 2 362 943, 2 365 703, 2 362 944, 2 362 941, 2 362 939 and 2 362 942; generally northeasterly, the broken line bordering to the northwest lot 2 362 942 extended to the left shore of rivière Saint-Esprit; generally easterly, part of the said left shore of rivière Saint-Esprit to its intersection with the southwestern limit of lot 2 891 750; northwesterly, the southwestern limit of lots 2 891 750, part of the southwestern limit of lot 2 891 775, the southwestern limit of lots 2 891 778, 2 891 774, 2 891 772, 2 891 770, part of the southwestern limit of lot 2 891 769, the southwestern limit of lot 2 891 746, part of the southwestern limit of lot 2 891 768, then the southwestern limit of lots 2 891 759, 2 891 758, 2 891 757, 2 891 756, 2 891 755, 2 891 752 and 2 891 751; northeasterly, the northwestern limit of

lots 2 891 751 and 2 891 760; northwesterly, part of the southwestern limit of lot 2 889 975; northeasterly, the northwestern limit of lots 2 889 975, 2 893 497 (right of way of rang Saint-Esprit), 2 893 930, 5 377 153, 2 893 420, 2 893 508 and 2 893 570 to its intersection with the centre line of ruisseau Saint-Georges; generally southeasterly, the said centre line of ruisseau Saint-Georges, bordering to the northeast, all or part of, lots 2 893 570, 2 893 508, 2 891 509, 2 891 809, 2 891 520, again 2 891 809, 2 891 964, 2 891 942, 2 891 931, 2 891 920, 2 891 909, 2 891 898, 2 891 876, 2 891 865, 2 891 853, 2 891 831, 2 891 820, 2 891 532, 2 891 543, 2 891 554, 2 891 565, 2 891 576, 2 891 587, 2 891 598, 2 891 609, 2 891 620 and 2 891 631, thence, to the starting point.

Such perimeter defines the territory of Ville de L'Épiphanie, in Municipalité régionale de comté de L'Assomption.

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Environment Quality Act  
(chapter Q-2)

Natural Heritage Conservation Act  
(chapter C-61.01)

**Bureau d'audiences publiques sur l'environnement  
— Rules of procedure**

CONCERNING the Rules of procedure of the Bureau d'audiences publiques sur l'environnement

WHEREAS pursuant to subsection 1 of section 6.6 of the Environment Quality Act (chapter Q-2), as amended by section 11 of chapter 4 of the 2017 statutes, the Bureau d'audiences publiques sur l'environnement shall adopt rules of procedure for the conduct of public hearings, targeted consultations and mediation sessions;