



To the citizens of Grenville-sur-la-Rouge

OUR WATER IS BEING THREATENED!

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Canada Carbon says its work will not impact the quality of our water ? However, their own studies say the opposite! (1) At the Lac-des-Îles graphite mine (south of Mont-Laurier), "... the mill uses 1200 gallons of water / minute to extract the graphite." (2) Here in our municipality, where will they take the water from, and where will they store all the contaminated water?

A QUIET MINE . . . REALLY?

Canada Carbon says its operations will make a minimal amount of noise in the Lake McGillivray area. With this type of project and the equipment that would be deployed (explosives, heavy truck traffic, crushers, etc.) it will be bye bye calm. Goodbye to the value of our homes and properties. Afterwards, who will really want to move their families into our region and pay taxes to live in a degraded environment?

A "SMALL MINE"?

Canada Carbon says the mine will be very small with pits of 0.12 km². In reality, it is an area of 1 km² including the pits, the buildings, the access ways, the waste, etc. In comparison, in 1989, the Lac-des-Îles graphite mine was small ... today it covers not less 2.9 km². This Miller project is only phase 1! What is more important to look at is the size of territory to develop: 100 km² of claims, located east and west of the Rouge River, as indicated in Canada Carbon's presentation.

JOBS?

The Lac-des-Îles graphite mine "... has about sixty employees, about 25% of whom (15 people) are actually from the area ... The average salary of these employees is about \$25 per hour. "(2) The Imerys international company, who operates this mine, has about 25 employees assigned to their plant in Terrebonne. We are not ready to sacrifice nature, the quality of our environment and our tranquility for only fifteen jobs.

THERE HAS NEVER BEEN SOCIAL ACCEPTABILITY

In its press release entitled "The Facts About the Miller Project," Canada Carbon essentially tells the public that its mine would be safe. The reality is that there is simply no social acceptability for a mining project that would be located on our precious drinking water reserves. The project threatens our wells, some of which are located less than a kilometer and a half from a vacation camp for underprivileged children (Camp Amy Molson), and a resort area where there are approximately a hundred houses. In 2014, the municipality of Grenville-sur-la-Rouge mandated a firm to conduct consultations with citizens regarding the future use of its territory along the Rouge River and its surrounding areas. (3) The results of this study show without question, that there has never been favoring of the expansion of quarries and even less for a mine. The public meeting of October 28, 2017, where more than 200 citizens had come to express their opposition to this project, demonstrated this lack of social acceptability.

LET US BEGIN A DISCUSSION ??

In its statement dated 29-06-2018, Canada Carbon says "Let us begin a discussion to clear up any misunderstandings." Canada Carbon's \$ 96-million lawsuit against our small municipality, which provoked outrage across Quebec, demonstrates the kind of unacceptable "discussion" this company wants to have. No dialogue had been initiated with the public and no information was given before the company filed its documents to GSLR for its application to the CPTAQ in December 2016. For a project of this magnitude and with its possible consequences, that would have been the least of things to do. At that time, all of the 2017 elected municipal officials confirmed to the citizens that they had never heard of Canada Carbon before that date. If Canada Carbon had, from the beginning of their explorations, informed citizens of their intention to open a mine in our municipality, the company would have quickly realized that the majority of the population would oppose it. So, the discussion is impossible.

THE REALITY

Last November, the citizens of Grenville-sur-la-Rouge spoke. Our voices, by a large majority, elected a City Council that is opposed to the mining project. **The reality** is that mines are necessary for Quebec's economy, but not anywhere and at any price !

Citizens, let us continue to make our voices heard, despite those who would like to silence us!

(1) Canada Carbon - Étude Hydrologique - Rapport Final p.12 – BluMetric Environnement inc.

(2) Le Courant des Hautes-Laurentides 19 sept. 2016 – « Fin de gisement de graphite dans 5 ans »

(3) Réflexion territoriale stratégique et participative portant sur le corridor de la rivière Rouge et ses environs – Brunet Sherwood - <http://gslr.ca/planification-strategique/>

Visit the SOSGSLR.CA website to read the text "Important Risks of the Canada Carbon Project" and refer to references to Canada Carbon's own studies.