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### **CPTAQ SUSPENDS ANALYSIS OF CANADA CARBON INC APPLICATION**

Grenville-sur-la-Rouge - Important news for the residents of the Lower Laurentians region and for SOS GSLR who mobilized against the open-pit mine proposed by Canada Carbon Inc. of Vancouver.

The Commission for the Protection of Agricultural Land (CPTAQ) decided last week to suspend the analysis of the Canada Carbon Inc. file “until the Court rules on the legality of the municipal regulation [of Grenville-sur-la-Rouge], essential to the admissibility of the application.” - CPTAQ Legal Affairs Branch.

In March, some members of the SOS GSLR group filed a motion for injunction and nullity before the Superior Court, alleging the illegality of the municipal regulations and certain resolutions adopted by the municipal council in connection with the quarry and open pit mine project.

On June 3, more than 300 people of all ages marched in the Village of Grenville to express their concerns about the possible negative impacts on the region, the risks to drinking water and the poor administration of this file by their elected officials.

The GSLR municipal council has decided to violate its own urban planning by-laws in favor of Canada Carbon. These existing by-laws have prohibited any new extractive activity in the territory since 2015, as well as prohibiting the construction of any new roads in the area targeted by the mining project.

The council also allowed Canada Carbon Inc. to include in its application to the CPTAQ certain properties that do not belong to them; an action that has caused considerable controversy and dispute on the part of the concerned land owners, as the majority of them do not support the project, nor do they want any industrial development on their land.

The motion for an injunction will be heard before the Superior Court of Saint-Jérôme in March of 2018.

The group has published more information on its website at [www.sosgslr.ca](http://www.sosgslr.ca)

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