

APPLICATION OF THE PROTECTION POLICY FOR LAKESHORES, RIVERBANKS, LITTORAL ZONES AND FLOODPLAINS AND INTRODUCTION OF MECHANISMS FOR ITS APPLICATION



COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE POLICY IN THE 278 FLOODED MUNICIPALITIES

CREATION OF A SPECIAL PLANNING ZONE (SPZ) FOR 210* MUNICIPALITIES

HIGH-VELOCITY FLOODPLAIN (0-20 YEARS)

- Reconstruction and new constructions prohibited, except if currently authorized under the Policy
- Possibility of repairing a building that is not a total loss

ASSESSMENT OF FLOODED BUILDINGS

- Assessment of the state of flooded buildings conducted by a person designated by the Minister of Public Security or, failing that, by a person designated by the building owner or the municipality and who holds the professional title of claims adjuster
- A building is considered a total loss if the damage costs are more than half (50%) of the full reconstruction cost at the time of the incident

INDIVIDUAL OR COLLECTIVE EXEMPTIONS

- Creation of a committee of independent experts to assess requests for exemptions submitted by municipalities for the reconstruction of primary residences with damages estimated between 50% and 65% of the full reconstruction cost. Exemption requests can also be submitted for non-residential buildings of exceptional character.
- Requests for collective exemption: Requests for collective exemptions submitted by a municipality may cover the reconstruction of any primary residence included in a delimited sector when certain conditions are met:
 - > The buildings in the sector are served by municipal water supply and wastewater treatment systems
 - > The sector includes a minimum of 15 primary residences affected by the floods that cannot be reconstructed without an exemption
 - > The residences in question represent less than 50% of the total number of primary residences in the sector
 - > The residences in question are located on at least three different streets

OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY

- Report to the government by the municipalities involved regarding construction permits, inspections carried out and violations of the municipal planning by-law set out in the order
- Delivery of a permit by the municipalities based on the assessment conducted by the above-mentioned people

SUNSET CLAUSE

- The SPZ will cease to have effect 18 months after its entry into force

*The cities of Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu and Otterburn Park are excluded from the order since they are included in the SPZ Montérégie order of 2011.

INTERVENTIONS WITH THE 66* FLOODED MUNICIPALITIES NOT INCLUDED IN THE SPZ

MAPPING OF FLOODPLAINS

- Use of authority provided under the Act Respecting Land Use Planning and Development (LAU) to require that Regional County Municipalities (RCM) map the flooded territories and include them in their by-laws

*The Municipality of the Township of Harrington is withdrawn from the SPZ and added to the list of municipalities excluded from the SPZ because has no map of benchmark levels of floods.

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFIC FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM RELATING TO THE FLOODS THAT OCCURRED BETWEEN APRIL 5 AND MAY 16, 2017, IN QUÉBEC MUNICIPALITIES

- Clarifications concerning the assistance granted to an individual or company when building repairs or reconstruction is impossible for one or the other
 - > Maximum financial assistance of \$250,000 for an individual and \$325,000 for a company, including land transfer. Limit of \$50,000 for land transfer abolished.
- Costs related to the immunization of a primary residence or company included in eligible expenses. Maximum amount of \$200,000 maintained.

FALL 2017

- Forum on solutions for the future of flood management
- Meeting to report on the floods of spring 2017 and actions taken

