



TRANSFER OF MRC – THE JUNE 8, 2008 REFERENDUM

Bromont, May 12, 2008

My Dear Fellow Citizens,

On March 18th last, we advised you by letter that Council had decided to hold a consultative referendum on the subject of Bromont's transfer of MRC so that we would henceforth be included in the MRC of Brome-Missisquoi. **The date for the referendum has been set for JUNE 8th, 2008. The question asked will be the following: Are you in favour of the City of Bromont becoming part of the MRC of Brome-Missisquoi? Yes or No.**

A REMINDER OF THE ISSUES

The City of Bromont, with the support of its citizens, has for the past quarter century, wished to exercise its regional economic leadership within the MRC of Brome-Missisquoi where we can find municipalities that are comparable to it, in terms of evaluation, population, and economic and tourism development centres.

Since its creation in 1964 under the leadership of the Désourdy family, Bromont has always been faithful to its vision as the city of the year 2000. The citizens of Bromont have therefore put into place and financed the services and infrastructures that were necessary to attract and support residents, industries, businesses and major international events. These investments have, without a doubt, benefited the entire region including both MRC's.

It is therefore in the best interests of both MRC's that Bromont continue to develop in a framework where we will be best able to assert fully our powers and our economic strength. The political and economic context of the MRC of Brome-Missisquoi is more favourable to the continuing development of Bromont, and as a result of that of the entire region.

We hasten to state that our wish the transfer to the MRC of Brome-Missisquoi should not be interpreted as a rejection of the MRC of the Haute-Yamaska and of its values. On the contrary, Bromont will continue to support exchanges between the two MRC's

Your Municipal Council needs your support indicated through a majority expression in favour of the transfer of MRC so that the Minister, Ms. Nathalie Normandeau, can make a decision that is favourable to Bromont in this matter. On May 20th, you will receive a special edition of Voici Bromont and the tab entitled référendum will be on line on the City's internet site at: www.bromont.com

And, at all time, do not hesitate to call on any one of your elected officials should the need arise.

On behalf of the municipal council,
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