

**Policy for the financing of works to repair and maintain forestry roads on Crown land.**

Unorganized Territory of the Regional County Municipality of Pontiac

Lac-Nilgaut TNO

Endorsed by the MRC Pontiac Council of Mayors

Resolution TNO.2012-10-06

WHEREAS the roads referred to are under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Wildlife;

WHEREAS the Ministry of Natural Resources and Wildlife owns, manages and takes responsibility of the bridges and the forestry roads on Crown land for the Quebec government.

WHEREAS the Regional County Municipality of Pontiac (MRC Pontiac) has received, under the Ministerial Order number AM 2010-048, the authorization to perform maintenance and repair of prioritized roads;

WHEREAS the MRC Pontiac doesn't want in any case, to release the Quebec government, the municipalities and the forest industry from their responsibility for the bridges and forestry roads located on Crown land.

WHEREAS the MRC Pontiac aims to ensure safe and quality access in favor of industrial, commercial, and tourism development of the MRC Pontiac;

WHEREAS the MRC Pontiac obtains funding for work as follows : general fund and special tax for Lac Nigault TNO cottagers, special tax for outfitters, fixed rate to Brookfield Power, specific agreements with their public and private partners and financial assistance programs from the Quebec government for the maintenance and accessibility to the multi-resource roads on Crown land.

WHEREAS the reduction of the activities by the forestry companies in the protected areas and in the TNO will increase the need for financial assistance programs from the Quebec government for the maintenance and accessibility to the multi-resource roads on Crown land.

It is agreed as follows:

### **Identification of the main priority roads:**

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The principal roads prioritized by the MRC and referred to in By-Law 159-2010 are: Rapides des Joachims, 59 km, Schyan, 62 km, Bois Franc/Jim, 95 km, Picanoc/Usborne, 75 km, Traverse Charrette, 29 km, Traverse Manitou, 11 km, and Rte 20/ Roland, 44 km, for a total of 375 km. The roads are also part of the main access road network to the Crown land of the Outaouais.

### **Funds for the maintenance and repair of main roads:**

The funds allocated for maintenance and repair, as well as the fund for emergency repair of forestry roads are from the TNO budget, which is approved at the beginning of each year by the Pontiac TNO Council.

### **Annual Planning:**

The annual planning of maintenance work and the budget allocated per road are presented at the Land Use Committee for recommendation to the TNO Council in May of each year.

### **Management of the program for maintenance and repair of forestry roads:**

C.M.2010-11-30

It was resolved in November 2010 to transfer the mandate of forestry roads to the forestry department of the MRC Pontiac. It was equally resolved that the delegation given to the CDE by the municipalities affected by the prioritized forestry roads be transferred to the forestry department of the MRC Pontiac.

### **For the maintenance and minor repair of roads prioritized by the MRC:**

When forestry operations are carried out on the territory, forestry companies are responsible for regular road maintenance and for returning the roads to their initial condition at the end of forestry transportation.

The Regional County Municipality of Pontiac will ensure regular maintenance of prioritized roads outside of forestry operations, in collaboration with the municipalities concerned and partners on the territory.

The maintenance budget not used on prioritized roads because of the presence of a forestry company may be reassigned in the same sector for the maintenance of the primary road network to access Crown land in the Outaouais that has not been prioritized by the MRC, or for the maintenance of a secondary road.

In the case of an urgent situation such as a wash out, wind or ice storm, the road maintenance budget not used in a sector may be reassigned to another sector.

**For major repairs for TNO forestry roads (appendix 1):**

**On the roads prioritized by the MRC located in the TNO:**

Before undertaking major repairs on TNO forestry roads, the MRC shall seek assistance from the Government or a forestry company. In the case where no emergency aid, government program or grant is available, the MRC may be the promoter of the project in collaboration with private partners (ZEC, outfitters...) for cost sharing for major repairs. The emergency fund for major repairs may be allocated for repairs following recommendation from the Land Use Committee and approval from the TNO Council before work begins.

**On the network of secondary TNO roads:**

The MRC may be a partner with the promoter of a private project and contribute up to a maximum of 10% of total repair costs. The project must be recommended by the Land Use Committee and approved by the TNO Council before work begins.

**For major repairs on municipal forestry roads:**

**In the network of roads prioritized by the MRC located in the municipalities:**

Before undertaking major repairs on forestry roads located in the municipalities, the municipality, in collaboration with the MRC, shall seek assistance from the Government or a forestry company. In the case where no emergency aid, government program or grant is available, the MRC may partner with a concerned municipality. An inter-municipal agreement must be signed to define the role and responsibility of each, as well as the cost sharing for the work based on the property values served by the road (appendix 2). The inter-municipal agreement for the project must be recommended by the MRC Land Use Committee and approved by the TNO Council before work begins.

**On the network of secondary roads** located within the municipalities, the MRC may be a partner with the municipality promoting the project and contribute to a maximum of 10% of the total costs of a major repair. The project must be recommended by the Land Use committee and approved by the TNO council before work begins.

## **APPENDIX 1**

### **For Major Repairs of Forestry Roads:**

<b>TYPE OF ROAD</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>PROJECT LEAD</b>	<b>CONDITION</b>
Road network prioritized by the MRC Pontiac	Municipalities	Shared responsibility between the municipality concerned and the TNO	Shared costs between municipalities proportionally to the evaluations of properties served by the road. The project must be approved by the TNO Council before work begins.
Network of roads prioritized by the MRC Pontiac	TNO	TNO	Look for partners to share the costs. The project must be approved by the TNO Council before the work begins.
Secondary road network	Municipalities	Municipality concerned or private promoter	Contribution to a maximum of 10% of the total costs. The project must be approved by the TNO Council before work begins.
Secondary road network	TNO	Private promoter	Contribution to a maximum of 10% of the total costs. The project must be approved by the TNO Council before work begins.  TNO-2011-06-03

## APPENDIX 2

### Length of the Road in Kilometers

Municipality	Rapides des Joachims	Sheenboro	Mansfield & Pontefract	TNO lac Nigaut	TOTAL
RDJ	18			41	59
Schyan		21		41	62
Bois franc			20	75	95

### Number of Assessment Units per Municipality

Municipality	Rapides des Joachims	Sheenboro	Mansfield & Pontefract	TNO lac Nigaut	TOTAL
RDJ	49			159	208
Schyan		57		106	163
Bois franc			177	300	477

### Property Values per Municipality

Municipality	Rapides des Joachims	Sheenboro	Mansfield & Pontefract	TNO lac Nigaut	TOTAL
RDJ	1 401 100			1 494 100	2 895 200
	48 %			52 %	100 %
Schyan		2 237 900		1 045 100	3 283 000
		68 %		32 %	100 %
Bois franc			8 468 200	3 937 300	12 405 500
			68 %	32 %	100 %