



News release

Wentworth and Lakeside Residents Express a Common Solidarity

NO to the Destruction of Lake Roger!

Wentworth, Tuesday, November 27, 2012 - At a public information meeting, citizens and residents of Lake Roger and the Township of Wentworth have joined forces to obtain a delay against the threat of Revenu Québec to create a breach in the Lake Roger dam, for hypothetical reasons of security, which would have the dramatic result of draining the lake and turning it into a stream.

"Transforming a lake into a stream for administrative reasons, without conducting an environmental impact study, without considering the devastating effects of such a decision by Revenu Québec, is unacceptable for both the property owners around Lake Roger as well the entire population of Wentworth and we are objecting vigorously to these actions", said the Mayor of Wentworth, Mr. Edmund Kasprzyk.

The dam, which regulates the discharge of Lake Roger, is located on private property and has been considered by Revenue Quebec as an "orphaned structure" due to the bankruptcy of the developer, Les Investissements Grace Park inc.

Wentworth citizens have expressed their deep concern with representatives of Revenu Québec and the Centre d'expertise hydrique de Québec (CEHQ), citing the historic character and utility of Lake Roger, used as, among other things, drinking water intake for several residences. *"Our community is committed to finding a solution to a possible potential risk of a rupture, but we need a reasonable length of time to do so, especially since the engineering firm CIMA+, commissioned by the municipality to study the situation challenged by the CEHQ, states in its report that the risk of the dam rupturing is low in the short term. We are stunned that Revenu Québec did not give proper consideration to the observations made by the engineers of CIMA+, the Ministry listening only to engineers it hires and remunerates."* underlines Mayor Kasprzyk.

In the coming weeks, the Township of Wentworth and the citizens around Lake Roger shall propose an action plan for a sustainable solution to preserve the lake, and everyone involved agrees strongly to oppose the draining of this body of water.

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