



## **Request for a collective exemption**

**Deux-Montagnes, September 26, 2017** – Some of the homes affected by the 2017 spring flooding in Deux-Montagnes are currently located in a heavy overflow zone (0-20-year zone).

All homes located within the 0-20-year zone that have suffered damages greater than 50% of their value cannot be rebuilt according to City of Deux-Montagnes zoning by-law 1369, article 8.19, in agreement with the MRC interim control by-law and under various elements of the Government of Quebec's Policy on the Protection of Shoreline, Coastal and Flood Plains (PPRLP).

On the other hand, it should be pointed out that much of the affected area would not have been flooded if a 20-100-year zone had not been breached. Indeed, a sizeable portion of the 0-20-year zone lies behind a 20-to-100-year zone. Consequently, the land between Lac de Deux-Montagnes and a good part of the 0-20-year zone should have been protected by the higher zone (20-100 year).

Considering these elements and the fact that some affected residents would like to be able to rebuild, and that not rebuilding many of the homes would lead to a devitalization of the sector, the City of Deux-Montagnes has applied to the Government of Quebec for a collective exemption. This type of exemption is provided for in Article 10 of Decree 777-2017 adopted by the Government in July 2017.

The area to be covered by this exemption is bounded by the following streets and addresses:

- 11e Avenue between addresses 100 and 84
- 12e avenue between addresses 112 and 70
- 13e Avenue between addresses 69 and 32
- 14e Avenue between addresses 94 and 90
- 15e Avenue between addresses 84 and 68

The City of Deux-Montagnes would like citizens in this sector to be able to rebuild even if their homes are damaged beyond 50% of their value. On the other hand, those who do not wish to rebuild would not be obliged to do so.

As soon as the Government of Quebec announces its decision on the collective exemption, the City of Deux-Montagnes will let the affected residents and the general

