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Transcription of the Facebook Live message from Mayor Gomes on Wednesday, February 12 2025 in the evening, following the announcement of the results concerning the zonage by-law.

Hello everyone

I would like to reassure all Cantley residents following the register that has just been completed.

First of all, I'm happy to see that the people of Cantley still have that fighting spirit that has distinguished us since 1989, when we split from Gatineau in order to preserve our living environment.

I'm also happy to see that many citizens have taken part in the democratic life of our municipality. I've always said, and I'll say it again, that for me, transparency, respect and citizen participation are essential values.

Tonight, the people of Cantley have overwhelmingly chosen to oppose the zoning by-law before us.

I'm still of the opinion that the bylaws are very restrictive and make it possible to limit the densification demanded by our governments, much more so than the previous bylaw dating from 2005.

I'd like to clarify that the signed register only affects the zoning by-law and not the subdivision by-law, which regulates lot size.

Now, following this major citizen mobilization, here's what I intend to propose to the municipal council:

- 1- Review the zoning by-law, urban perimeter, densification zone, etc.
- 2- Impose a moratorium on all construction within the urban perimeter until we have the results of the environmental studies we have begun.
- 3- Even if it wasn't part of the register, amend the subdivision by-law to review lot sizes, even if our by-law becomes non-compliant.

This is now possible, thanks to the public outcry and the openness of the MRC representatives, who stated at the information session that they did not wish to intervene in the municipality, and on the contrary, would help us defend our point of view with the Quebec government.

I did try to contact the various levels of government to discuss government orientations prior to the process of modernizing our bylaws, but when they to replied I was always told that the process was very clear and well defined for the whole of Quebec.

Now, with the MRC on our side and popular support, I'm sure we'll succeed in making ourselves heard.

I'll be back soon with more information.

Thank you and good evening.

David Gomes

Mayor of Cantley

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