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Hello everyone

I'd like to give you another quick update on our regulatory overhaul in view of tomorrow's city council meeting.

After the rejection of the zoning and subdivision bylaws at the February 18th municipal council meeting (following my veto), the municipal council went back to the drawing board and modified two main elements that were widely mentioned by citizens:

- Reduced residential density (lower building heights) by removing housing types (three- and multi-family) from almost the entire territory, with the exception of the MV-2 zone.
- Return to previous standards (2005) for lot sizes within the urban perimeter

Most of the new regulations remain unchanged, since they are much less permissive and more restrictive than those of 2005.

Here, I'd like to make it clear that although we'll be voting on this new bylaw tomorrow (with the two changes mentioned above), all your comments and questions will be taken into account and listened to over the next two weeks, right up to the citizens' consultation meeting to be held on March 25. This is the way the process works. After that, the

Board will have all the information it needs to make any necessary changes.

As I have stated, with the support of over 2800 citizens, it is now politically possible for me to file a non-conforming by-law with the MRC without compromising the municipality's credibility.

Last week, I also met with the prefect of the MRC des Collines-de-l'Outaouais, Marc Carrière, who confirmed once again that he had no intention of imposing anything on Cantley. He also gave us his full support in our endeavours.

Finally, in his company, I went to meet the Gatineau MNA, Mr. Robert Bussière, to announce future changes in our regulations and ask him to facilitate a meeting with the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Ms. Andrée Laforest. This meeting will be scheduled at a later date, and its purpose will be to amend, in part, the applicable legislation.

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

I'll be back soon with more information.

Thank you and have a nice day.