

POLICY CONCERNING THE FINANCING OF WORKS FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND REHABILITATION OF MULTI-RESOURCE FOREST ROADS ON LANDS OF THE DOMAINE THE STATE.

(Updated March 2018)

Regional County Municipality (MRC) of Pontiac.

Endorsed by the Council of the MRC Pontiac
Resolution C.M.2018-04-21

CONSIDERING THAT the Ministry of Wildlife Forests and Parcs owns and manages the Quebec Government's bridges and roads on public lands and is responsible for them;

CONSIDERING THAT the Regional County Municipality (MRC) of Pontiac has received authorization from the Ministry for the maintenance and repair of multi-resource roads described in section 1, under an agreement for the maintenance and repair of roads multi-resources on lands in the domain of the State;

CONSIDERING THAT the Regional County Municipality of Pontiac does not wish, under any circumstances, to release the Quebec Governmen, the municipalities and the forest industry from their responsibilities with respect to bridges and multi-resource roads on the lands of the domain of the State;

CONSIDERING THAT the purpose of the Regional County Municipality of Pontiac is to ensure quality and safe access to the territory to promote the industrial, commercial and tourist development of the MRC Pontiac territory;

CONSIDERING THAT the Regional County Municipality of Pontiac provides for the financing of the work as follows: general funds and specific tax for cottages leases in the TNO of Lac Nilgaut, management and development fund from leases management agreement, specific tax to outfitters, a lump sum payment to Brookfield Energy, specific agreement with public and private partners and a state assistance program to maintain accessibility to lands in the wildlife and multi-resource domain;

It is agreed as follows:

1- IDENTIFICATION OF PRIORITY MULTIRESOURCE FOREST ROADS:

The main roads prioritized by the MRC and covered by 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
Rte 20/ Lac Rolland	44 km	TOTAL	375 km

This local network of roads totals 375 km. These roads are also part of the strategic road network to access the public territory of the Outaouais. (REFERENCE: RESOLUTION TNO-2010-02-02)

2- FUNDING MODE:

2.1- TNO Regular Budget:

The amounts allocated for the maintenance and rehabilitation of forestry roads prioritized by the MRC come from the TNO budget. The annual TNO budget is adopted by the TNO Council Meeting, Pontiac County.

2.2- Development Fund:

Special projects for the rehabilitation of multi-resource roads on lands in the domain of the State will be financed by the Cottage Lease Development Fund, subject to the approval of the project by the council of mayors of the MRC. (REFERENCE: RESOLUTION C.M. 2015-11-16)

2.3 - Contribution of the partners:

Some specific projects may be funded in part by the contribution of the partners.

2.4 - State Assistance Program:

Through the state aid program for the restoration of watercourse crossings, when available.

3- ANNUAL PLANNING:

The annual maintenance planning for forest roads prioritized by the MRC will be presented and adopted annually by the TNO Council in April.

4- MAINTENANCE AND REHABILITATION OF PRIORIZED ROADS:

The MRC Pontiac will provide basic maintenance of priority multi-resource forest roads.

The maintenance budget not used on a prioritized road may be reallocated in the same area for the maintenance or repair of a secondary multi-resource road.

The TNO Council may reallocate a portion of the unused budget to another area on a priority road.

The MRC Pontiac will consider the presence of potential partners (forest industry, ZEC, municipality) before undertaking the maintenance or repair of a multi-resource forest road.

5- MAJOR REPAIR (Annex 1):

5.1 General rule

The MRC Pontiac will give priority to stream crossing restoration projects located:

- 1- On the road network prioritized by the MRC (art.1);
- 2- On the strategic road network of access to the public territory of the Outaouais;
- 3- On the secondary multiresource roads.

The selection of projects will be based on the annual budget available. Prior to undertaking major rehabilitation work, the MRC will have to verify the eligibility of the project for state assistance programs for the restoration of watercourse crossings, where available.

5.2 On the multi-resource road network located in the TNO:

The MRC may be the promoter of a major refurbishment project. A major refurbishment project must be authorized by the TNO Council prior to the commencement of the work.

5.3 On the multi-resource roads network located in a municipality:

The MRC may partner with a local municipality for a major refurbishment project. An intermunicipal agreement will have to be concluded to define the role and responsibility of each one as well as the sharing of the costs of the works. The intermunicipal agreement for the project will have to be approved by the TNO Council before the work begins.

5.4 For the multi-resource path network located in a structured territory in the TNO:

The MRC may be a partner for a project with the manager of a structured wildlife territory (ZEC, outfitter, etc.). An agreement will have to be concluded to define the role and responsibility of each one as well as the sharing of the costs of the works. The project agreement must be approved by the TNO Council prior to the commencement of the work.

ANNEX 1

MAJOR REFORMS OF MULTI-RESOURCE FOREST ROADS:

TYPE OF PATH	LOCATION OF THE ROAD	PROJECT MANAGER	CONDITION
Multi resources	TNO	TNO	The project must be authorized by the TNO Council before the work begins.
Multi resources	Local municipalities	Local municipalities	An agreement must be reached to define the role and responsibility as well as the cost sharing. The project must be authorized by the TNO Council before the work begins.
Multi resources	Structured territory	Territory manager	An agreement must be reached to define the role and responsibility as well as the cost sharing. The project must be authorized by the TNO Council before the work begins.