

One step closer to a decision on the Mont Foster issue

Since work at the Domaine Mont Foster came to a standstill in April of 2012, property owners in the development have been blocked from building their homes, even though they have been paying taxes to the municipality for some years.

Work was stopped because the developers had not obtained the appropriate certificate of authorization for road construction from the MDDEFP. Soon after that, the MRC of Brome Missisquoi effectively banned new road construction outside of urban perimeters. As a result, the development could not expand beyond the road already 'legally' built.

Unfortunately, even the owners of the seven lots on the 'legally constructed' road are unable to build until the MDDEFP issues a certificate of authorization for the road. And the MDDEFP could not consider the file until the project conformed to all municipal regulations.

Recently, the seven landowners on legal road presented us a plan that conforms to our regulations, allowing us to recognize Phase 1 - for the development of 7 lots - and issue a certificate of conformity. This certificate clears the way for the MDDEFP to study the file and make a decision.

We expect eventually, in Phase 2, to receive the plan for the subdivision of four additional properties in the development, bringing the total to 11 properties, the maximum now permitted on a dead-end road.

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