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**REGULATORY FRAMEWORK ON WATER MANAGEMENT AND EROSION CONTROL:
THE BROME-MISSISQUOI POPULATION IS INVITED TO PROVIDE ITS INPUT**

The territory of Brome-Missisquoi has been affected by an assortment of problems relating to surface water management in the last few years: epic flooding, torn-up roads and other damage to infrastructures, problems with water quality and issues involving potable water intakes, the high cost of replacing improper storm-water pipes, the proliferation of cyanobacteria (blue-green algae), etc.

Storm-water and erosion management when there are incidents of extreme weather every year is a major issue in terms of potable water supply, public security, and the quality of water and ecosystems.

In compliance with the three-year comprehensive water sustainability action plan, the MRC Brome-Missisquoi Council of Mayors adopted a consultation document in June 2013 regarding a new regulatory framework aimed at better controlling the volume, velocity and quality of water during rainy periods, especially when there are torrential rains.

New standards are being proposed to bolster the provisions for protecting shoreline buffer areas, keeping soil on construction sites, changing maintenance and road-design practices, for building on steep slopes, for managing storm-water in areas that are already built-up, and for the preservation of wooded areas and natural environments. It will require the efforts of every stakeholder with an interest in these issues, including homeowners.

Having already consulted with target-interest groups - representatives from the agricultural community, excavation-company entrepreneurs, real-estate promoters and engineering-consultant firms - we are now inviting the population of Brome-Missisquoi to provide their input.

The regulatory framework being proposed for the management of surface water and erosion will be the subject of a public consultation, on August 18, 2014, at the MRC Brome-Missisquoi, from 7 to 9 p.m.

A summary document and a wealth of information are available on the www.virage-eau.ca website. Brome-Missisquoi residents can provide their input in three ways: by sending a brief or an opinion letter, by filling out a survey online, or by participating in the public consultation on August 18, 2014.

The MRC Brome-Missisquoi is hoping it can count on the involvement of the population to enhance a regulatory framework that will provide a harmonious and sustainable development of the territory and continue to ensure a high quantity and quality water supply for every citizen.