
LINGWICK



ISSUE: Building on attracting new residents

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Presentation of the issue:

The population is declining; the municipality is losing its young inhabitants. Very few lots are available to build a residence. The price for vacant land of 100 acres or more is not within the reach of most young families.

The township of Lingwick has an area of approximately 26,000 hectares; nearly half of this area belongs to Domtar. The company land is mainly zoned white. Land belonging to private owners is mostly located in green zones.

Presentation of the project:

Through its decisions and the work completed, the municipality for the Township of Lingwick aims to maintain and increase its population:

- by managing the residential development activities, as well as the establishment of businesses;
- by promoting community life and recreational activities;
- by highlighting the natural and man-made heritage, as well the local products and services;
- by promoting tourism development, while respecting the environment.

The presentation for URQ 2013 – Estrie focuses on a residential development initiative.

In 2008, the city council met with representatives of Domtar to present an offer to purchase a parcel of land zoned white, located just outside the boundaries of the Gould municipality. The purchase agreement for a land area of 12.82 hectares (31.68 acres) from Domtar was signed on May 24th, 2011.

The land was surveyed and staked to be divided into 14 lots of the same size: approximately, 100 meters of depth by 63 meters frontage on Belvedere Road. The City remains the owner of a fifteenth of the land, equivalent to 4.02 hectares (9.93 acres), near the Salmon River, and home to a future public park.

The sale price of each property is set at \$4,500.

The buyer must commit to build a permanent residence of a minimum value of \$125,000 including the lot.

Four lots have been sold, and a request for a fifth is pending. Two other constructions should begin within a few weeks.

Monies derived from the sale of the residential land is placed by the Municipality in a reserved fund. The Municipality wishes to buy another piece of land zoned white along Route 108, and affect it to the development of small businesses and industries.

The key elements to remember according to the promoters:

- under the National Rural Development Policy No. 1 (Rural Pact 2002-2007), the projects implemented have helped highlight the local heritage, which had a ripple effect and stimulated pride, gatherings, recreation in an attractive environment, participation, creativity and engagement;
- under the National Rural Development Policy No. 2 (2007-2014), CLD's Rural Development Officer worked with the Municipality to initiate a development approach. Key elements:
 - participation and involvement of the Advisory Committee for Change;
 - mobilization of the citizens;
 - commitment from the council members in regard to the population issue;
- additional elements for the residential development project:
 - adoption of a policy on access to property;
 - adoption of a policy on welcoming new residents;
- innovation;
- local culture;
- ownership and responsibility;
- citizen participation;
- open-mindedness;
- integration and adaptation.

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

NOTE: All linked documents (PowerPoint, Prezi, etc.) are only available in their original French version.

PowerPoint of the day: the slides associated with this initiative start on page 15.