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Introduction

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AS the Gouvernement du Québec adopted Order in Council 1166-2001 respecting the amalgamation of Ville de Thetford Mines, Ville de Black Lake, Partie sud du Canton de Thetford, Village de Robertsonville and Municipalité de Pontbriand on 3 October 2001;

As the Order in Council was published in the *Gazette officielle du Québec* on 17 October 2001;

As sections 26 and 27 of the Order in Council provide that the cost of work done under Loan By-law 1841 of the former Ville de Thetford Mines (drinking water research and supply) are to be apportioned between the former Ville de Thetford Mines and the former Partie sud du Canton de Thetford based on the proportions indicated in those sections;

As it has been proven that the prospecting work will also benefit the owners of immovables of the sectors served in Village de Robertsonville and Municipalité de Pontbriand;

As it is therefore expedient to provide for a different apportionment of the cost of work done under Loan By-law 1841 of the former Ville de Thetford Mines;

As it is expedient to amend the Order in Council and the amendment required is not an amendment provided for in section 214.2 of the Act respecting municipal territorial organization (R.S.Q., chapter O-9);

As, following the amalgamation, it is in the interest of Ville de Thetford Mines that it be able to contribute to the installation of the electric power distribution system on land intended for residential use;

THE PARLIAMENT OF QUÉBEC ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Section 25 of Order in Council 1166-2001 respecting the amalgamation is replaced by the following section:

“25. From 1 January 2005, the annual payment of the instalments in principal and interest under all the loan by-laws of the former Ville de Thetford Mines (including those of the former Municipalité de Rivière-Blanche) adopted before the coming into force of this Order in Council, with the exception of By-law 1698 and the portion of By-law 1841 to be borne by the former Partie sud du Canton de Thetford, the former Village de Robertsonville and the former Municipalité de Pontbriand under section 26, shall be charged to all the taxable immovables of the sector made up of the territory of the former municipality, in a proportion of 52%, based on their value as it appears on the assessment roll in effect each year.

From 1 January 2005, the annual payment of the instalments in principal and interest under all the loan by-laws of the former Ville de Thetford Mines (including those of the former Municipalité de Rivière-Blanche) adopted before the coming into force of this Order in Council, with the exception of By-law 1698 and the portion of By-law 1841 to be borne by the former Partie sud du Canton de Thetford, the former Village de Robertsonville and the former Municipalité de Pontbriand under section 26, shall be charged to all the taxable immovables served by the waterworks and sewer system of the sector made up of the territory of the former municipality, in a proportion of 48%. For the purpose of paying that portion of the instalments, the council may charge an annual tariff to the users of the sector made up of the territory of the former municipality or a special property tax based on the value of the taxable immovables connected to the service in the sector made up of the territory of the former municipality.

The taxation clauses provided for in the by-laws and section 12 of Order in Council 1641-94, dated 24 November 1994, respecting the Amalgamation of Ville de Thetford Mines and Municipalité de Rivière-Blanche shall be amended accordingly.”

2. Section 26 of the said Order in Council is replaced by the following section:

“26. From 1 January 2005, the cost of work done under Loan By-law 1841 of the former Ville de Thetford Mines (drinking water research and supply) shall be apportioned between the former Ville de Thetford Mines, the former Partie sud du Canton de Thetford, the former Village de Robertsonville and the former Municipalité de Pontbriand, based on the proportion of the total value of each municipality’s taxable immovables with waterworks service in relation to the total value of the taxable immovables with waterworks service of the four former municipalities. The total value used shall be the value determined for the municipalities as of 31 December of the fiscal year preceding the fiscal year in which this Order in Council comes into force.”

3. Section 27 of the said Order in Council is replaced by the following sections:

“27. From 1 January 2005, the annual payment of the instalments in principal and interest under Loan By-laws 137, 145, 150, 169, 175 and 263 of the former Partie sud du Canton de Thetford, the former Village de Robertsonville and the former Municipalité de Pontbriand and the portion of By-law 1841 of the former Ville de Thetford Mines to be borne by the former Partie sud du Canton de Thetford under section 26, shall be charged to all taxable immovables of the sector served by the waterworks and sewer system referred to in section 18 of By-law 304 of the former municipality, based on their value as it appears on the assessment roll in effect each year.

The taxation clauses provided for in the by-laws shall be amended accordingly.

“27.1. From 1 January 2005, the annual payment of the instalments in principal and interest of the portion of By-law 1841 of the former Ville de Thetford Mines to be borne by the former Village de Robertsonville and the former Municipalité de Pontbriand under section 26 shall be charged to all taxable immovables of the sector served by the waterworks system of each of those former municipalities based on their value as it appears on the assessment roll in effect each year.”

4. Despite the last paragraph of section 1 of the Municipal Aid Prohibition Act (R.S.Q., chapter I-15), Ville de Thetford Mines may, by by-law, contribute, by means of a loan or otherwise, up to the entire cost of the installation, within its territory, of poles, wires, conduits and apparatus for the transmission of electricity for residential purposes. The by-law, even if it enacts a loan, shall be subject only to the approval of the Government.

5. This Act comes into force on *(insert the date of assent to this Act)*.

