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Nearly \$2.3 million for major road work in Pontiac

PONTIAC, July 28, 2021 – In order to support the Municipality of Pontiac in the improvement of its local road network, the Quebec government has granted it financial assistance totalling \$2,287,925 under two components of the Ministry of Transportation's Local Roads Assistance Program *Programme d'aide à la voirie locale (PAVL)*.

\$1,042,528 of this funding was provided for the road rehabilitation project on de la Montagne Road under the *Accelerated Local Road Investment* component. The other \$1,245,397 was awarded for the road rehabilitation project on Tremblay Road under the *Recovery and Acceleration* component.

<u>Quotes</u>

« The condition and safety of the road network is a priority for our government. That's why we have set aside a budget of over \$355 million for 2021-2022 to support municipalities. Thanks to this government support, the Municipality of Pontiac can ensure the rehabilitation of Tremblay and de la Montagne roads, so that citizens can benefit from efficient and safe infrastructures. »

Mathieu Lacombe, Minister of Families and Minister responsible for the Outaouais region

« This is excellent news for the citizens of the Municipality. These investments are essential to the improvement of our road infrastructure and will undoubtedly contribute to the development of our local community. »

Joanne Labadie, Mayor of the Municipality of Pontiac

<u>Highlights</u>

Work on de la Montagne Road

• The financial assistance granted to the Municipality made it possible to begin the first part of the road repair work last Fall on de la Montagne Road, from Crégheur Road towards Chelsea, over a length of 2.1 km

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- The second part of the work is scheduled to start this August and should be completed by October 2021.
- The work this year consists mainly of changing culverts and repairing the structure.

Work on Tremblay Road

- The financial assistance granted will allow the Municipality to proceed, over the next few weeks, with the profiling of the ditch, the repair of the structure and the paving of Tremblay Road.
- The section targeted by the rehabilitation work is located from Lamoureux Road to Highway 148 over a length of 4 km.
- The work began on July 5, 2021 and will continue until October 2021. It will be done in several phases so as not to impede access to properties for local residents.

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