



### Spokespersons' Committee

#### An Overview of important elements concerning the June 15, 2022 Committee Meeting:

- \* Transport Services (see next page for details concerning the LI-MIT project).
- \* At the next Spokespersons' Committee meeting, Jean-Frédéric Lemay, the consultant who conducted the Réseau's evaluation last spring, will present some of his findings.
- \* The homelessness committee, which stems from the homelessness issue, is now acting as an advisory group in Brome-Missisquoi. This committee will also have a spokesperson. One of the committee's first objectives is to set up two drop-in centers on the territory. On fixed days, a facility will be available to develop ties with people experiencing homelessness (to keep them warm and to feed them as well).
- \* A Ministère de la Famille childcare services pilot project will be developed in Brome-Missisquoi by the *Bureau coordonnateur Les Pommettes Rouges*. The idea behind the project is to offer daycare services to workers in or near their workplace and for 12 multi-age children to be cared for in a facility that meets all the regulatory safety standards.

Basically, it's a type of childcare service close to the workplace.

- \* The Réseau website is now available online at [www.rdsbm.org](http://www.rdsbm.org)
- \* The General Assembly will be held on November 23. An event facilitating firm, *En mode solutions*, will accompany the RDSBM in this process. See the next page for more details.
- \* Francis Komedza has replaced the newly retired Chantal Bélanger in her functions at the SERY (Solidarité ethnique régionale de la Yamaska); This organization helps immigrants find employment and settle in Brome-Missisquoi, and also acts as a bridge between immigrants and community organizations throughout the six geographic areas of Brome-Missisquoi offering them their help in different matters.
- \* The Brome-Missisquoi Housing Forum was held in Bromont on June 8, where about a hundred people met to discuss the current crisis. Several partners from various fields of expertise, such as the community, real estate developers, elected officials, etc., gathered to think up solutions together. Summary presenting the findings that resulted from this event will be shared at the next Table logement meeting on October 13.

**Next spokespersons' committee : November 9, 9 A.M.**

### The General Assembly

General Assembly constitutes a day of collective analysis discussing the outcomes of the evaluation carried out among the different tables last spring, in order to resolve some of the kinks affecting the RDSBM's operation. All the territory consultation partners are invited to the meeting in order to participate in the development of the Réseau. More information is available on the following page.

### Community development approach in Estrie

Last September 13 and 14, the Estrie region community development approach summit was held. The regional event called *Cantons jasant DC: l'Estrie s'allume* was presented by the *Observatoire estrien en développement des communautés*. Its goal was to mobilize the different stakeholders of the MRCs covering the entire region in order to collectively talk about the development of our different communities. The summit also discussed the subjects of citizen participation, the evaluation process, common local issues and regional equity. Furthermore it served to prepare stakeholders who will represent the Estrie region at the *Rendez-vous national en développement des communautés*. The picture on the right shows our representatives from Brome-Missisquoi at the event.



From left to right, Manuel Grosset, project manager of the Réseau de Développement Social, Nathalie Haman, community organizer at the CIUSSS de l'Estrie-CHUS, Tania Szymanski, community development coordinator at the MRC, Isabelle Tardif, community organizer at the CIUSSS de l'Estrie-CHUS and Cédric Champagne, development agent at the CDC.

# THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE RÉSEAU DE DÉVELOPPEMENT SOCIAL DE BROME-MISSISQUOI

- \* **November 23, 2022**
- \* **8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**
- \* **Club de golf de Cowansville (225, chemin du Golf, Cowansville)**

This day will provide an opportunity to collectively exchange views relating to the Brome-Missisquoi Social Development Network, following the evaluation carried out last spring within the consultation groups on the territory. This event will allow us to discuss the Réseau's outcomes, some kinks, and to examine together how we can improve our network. A detailed invitation is expected to be sent out shortly. However, save the date! We look forward to seeing you there!



- Lunch included -

## Sustainable mobility project

Project LI-MIT, what is it exactly? LI-MIT is the acronym for Laboratoire d'Innovation en Mobilité Intelligente et Territoriale. Project LI-MIT aims to create a sustainable mobility ecosystem through the implementation of test beds and the deployment of a socially inclusive and sustainable transportation network. The project LI-MIT is supported by the MRC and is intended to be a living laboratory focusing on offering services to citizens and businesses. It focuses on innovative and alternative transportation solutions for the collective issues facing our region. A work plan will later be sent to the MAMH. At which time, the other ministries will in turn be consulted on the conformity of its application, as well as on the possibility of obtaining a supplementary grant, if the project meets the terms and conditions of the current programs. The MRC should, in theory, receive approval within 2 to 3 months following the request.

Following the signing of the agreement, the first priority for 2022 is to find a transport project manager to take over the LI-MIT project. The position was posted in September 2022. The collaboration of all the region's organizations, companies and municipalities is, of course, highly recommended in order to mobilize and respond to the various transportation-related challenges. For example, the present labour shortage, one of the major challenges in the territory, could be resolved by adding various innovative transportation solutions. People who live in more rural areas and/or who cannot travel to a place of employment could benefit from a new service adapted to their needs. Our territory is such that several pilot projects can be developed according to the specific challenges of an area. We can

all agree that, for instance, Bedford doesn't deal with the same realities as the Town of Brome Lake or Sutton. The MRC equally hopes to propose a joint project with the Haute-Yamaska region since many services on both territories are available to the population of both MRCs, for example the CEGEP in Granby, the Granby Hospital, etc.

The LI-MIT project does not exclude any options, be it social economy or private enterprise solutions. A collaboration could also be explored with the Réseau via its FLAC budget. The idea behind this laboratory is to find long-term solutions for transportation and to improve the current offer. The MRC's transport department doesn't necessarily want to create expectations about specific needs, but wants to respond globally and ensure its viability over time.

As with many budgets, the main issue is often the same: without long-term funding, the proposed projects will inevitably remain temporary. The challenge will be to support the partners involved in their development and to ensure the sustainability of the service offer. The general objective of the MRC's territory transport service is to develop multimodal mobility throughout the territory.

For more details about the LI-MIT project, you can contact Mélanie Thibault, manager MRC-CLD finances and transportation.

For more information, consult the [www.rdsbm.org](http://www.rdsbm.org) website or contact Manuel Grosset by email at [rdctbm@gmail.com](mailto:rdctbm@gmail.com)