

Storm Debby: Post-disaster recovery in Pincourt

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Renovation permit fees suspended following Storm Debby

Following the major flooding caused by Storm Debby on August 9, the Town of Pincourt is announcing the immediate suspension of all renovation permit fees for affected property owners. This exceptional measure has been taken by the Town Council to ease the financial burden of residents whose properties have suffered damage.

Affected homeowners are invited to contact the Urban Planning Department for further details on this measure and the steps to be taken, at the following coordinates: 514 453-8981, option 2 or <u>permis@villepincourt.qc.ca</u>.



Support for affected residents

The Town wishes to support its residents in their efforts to restore and rehabilitate their buildings. In addition to suspending permit fees, a number of initiatives have been put in place to help residents through this difficult period.

The Town's teams are assisting residents with the <u>collection and disposal of building</u> <u>materials</u>. What's more, the Town has added on to its regular collection of bulk waste on August 28 with an additional and earlier special collection on August 21.

Commitment to climate change and anticipated upheavals

"The rainfall of rare intensity we experienced during Storm Debby, with nearly 190 mm of rain in less than twentyfour (24) hours, demonstrates the need for us to adapt, particularly by looking at the resilience of our infrastructures, but also our way of developing and occupying the land. For several years now, the Town of Pincourt has been working hard to meet the challenges posed by the increasing occurrence and recurrence of extreme weather events. We have already put in place various measures, such as repairing underground infrastructures, greening mineralised areas, planting forests and increasing our response equipment, to help our community deal with these issues, and we will continue to do so. Other investments and training for our citizens will be announced in the coming months to strengthen our resilience in the face of these extreme phenomena," said Pincourt Mayor Claude Comeau.

"The Municipal Council, the Organisation multimunicipale de sécurité civile and I will continue our efforts to build a resilient community to deal with the various hazards, including hydroclimatic ones, and in the spirit of shared responsibility in civil security, we encourage our citizens to follow the same path," concluded the Mayor of Pincourt.

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