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## Longueuil Urban Agglomeration Reform: Minister Coiteux goes to ground

**Longueuil, February 17, 2017** – In the wake of yesterday's Longueuil Agglomeration Council meeting, the mayors of Brossard, Saint-Bruno-de-Montarville and Saint-Lambert feel forced to comment on the lack of willingness to revamp the governance and operation of the Longueuil Urban Agglomeration.

Since its creation in 2006, the Agglomeration has been largely dysfunctional. Over time, several elected representatives have sat on the agglomeration council and all have come to the same conclusion.

“The Minister of Municipal Affairs recognizes that the Longueuil Urban Agglomeration has suffered from persistent problems since its founding, but still refuses to legislate a solution,” said the mayor of Brossard, Mr. Paul Leduc.

The three mayors are shocked at the lack of will to make legislative fixes to the problems they have raised, which have persisted for more than ten years.

“The observation is simple: “Longueuil has total control of a structure that is unfair to the other municipalities,” added the mayor of Saint-Bruno-de-Montarville, Mr. Martin Murray.

The efforts of the cities of Brossard, Saint-Bruno-de-Montarville and Saint-Lambert to bring reform to the Longueuil Urban Agglomeration are at a dead end.

“Last October, we called on the Minister of Municipal Affairs to reform or dismantle the Longueuil Urban Agglomeration. With no chance of reform, our only option to correct this unfair situation for our residents will be to consider leaving the agglomeration,” said the mayor of Saint-Lambert, Mr. Alain Dépatie.

In the next few weeks, the Mayors will announce a plan of action aimed at leaving the Longueuil Urban Agglomeration.

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