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1	Q	 Can you assure us that we will see similar safety measures installed at the intersections of the Voie Verte with our steep hills in the northern part of Ward 5 (specifically, the roads between the intersections of the trail with ch de la Riviere and St. Clement)? When will the Velo QC study be tabled at Council? We are anxious to see the recommendations in the report. Will you assure us that concerned citizens will be able to review the report as soon as possible?
	R	 Vélo Québec representatives have given advice to the Community Trail committee. We also have EXP's report, and the Public Works Department is analyzing the situation. Trail committee members will be working closely with the Public Works staff to present a recommendation by the end of this month. The advice received by Vélo Québec will be used as a tool for the Public Works Department and the Community Trail committee. Therefore, this document will not be tabled to Municipal Council.
2	Q	1. Following adoption of resolution 365-20 on 03NOV2020, the Municipality has given notice that it is acquiring lot 2923983 pursuant to section 72 of the Municipal Jurisdiction Act. Question: What does the Municipality plan to do with this lot? Supplementary Question: Has the owner of the property adjacent to this lot at 393 Route 105 been advised of this acquisition and the plan for this lot? Supplementary Question Has Gladys Newton, or her successors if she is no longer alive, been advised of this acquisition?
		2. Will you request the chair of the CSC to forward these 3 completed studies to the Council so they can be released at the next Council meeting?3. When will the promised consultation meeting on public access to the Gatineau River take place?
	R	 The Municipality believes it will be useful for the trail, offering greater visibility for users and motorists. A notice was published to inform anyone interested that the Municipality intends to acquire the property, and a 2nd one will be published in February, pursuant to the Law, indicating that we have acquired the property. The studies are not final yet. We are looking to tabled them once finalized. An online consultation (Cocoriko) has been prepared and will be launched January 18, 2021. We are encouraging people to share their comments on public access to the Gatineau River.
3	Q	Can the following signage be installed on the trail where it crosses the steep roads along chemin de la Rivière? A stop sign and a vehicle on steep slope sign. Other Rail to Trail conversions have stop signs on the trail. We also need parking signage at the foot of our roads such as: Private parking only – public parking at the Farm Point rink or Parking -Winnisic residents only, Carnochan residents only etc public parking at the Farm Point rink.
	R	The Public Works Department and Community Trail committee are studying the safety of each intersection and parking signs such as "RESIDENTS ONLY" or "PRIVATE PARKING".
4	Q	Can the Municipality install private parking signs and signs that indicate that trail users should park at the municipal rink or community centre?
	R	The Public Works Department and Community Trail committee are studying the safety of each intersection and parking signs such as "RESIDENTS ONLY" or "PRIVATE PARKING".
5	Q	 Why has the Municipality agreed to spend 13M in connection with River Rd, and seems unwilling to plan for and carry out similar repairs to the portion of Meech Lake Rd bordering the lake which would cost 11M? Has the Municipality conducted any environmental studies to determine the impact on the lake of a return to gravel and accompanying need to control dust with calcium chloride or other substance? The impact on the health of residents caused by dust?



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		3. Has the Municipality conducted a cost benefit analysis comparing the upfront costs of a paved road to the long-term upkeep costs of a gravel road? Will the Municipality continue to provide snow clearing etc when it own policy on adoption of roads requires a road to be paved? Has the Municipality considered other options such as repairing in stages - focusing first on those areas of Meech Lake road that are in highest need of repair?
		4. Are you hoping that the federal and/or provincial governments will contribute to the costs of repair, and if so, has the Municipality taken any steps to secure funding?
		5. When will you be undertaking consultations with residents?
	R	1. At this point, they are two years of preparation before the work can be done. Municipal Council is not going to be proceeding with the work. The next Municipal Council will be looking to that.
		2. Certainly, there will be attention giving to dust control. The Public Works Department has already investigated this matter. For chemin du Lac-Meech, no specific environmental studies have been carried out. For chemin de la Rivière the studies are being done and a contract for professional services has been awarded.
		3. Different options and estimates were presented and studied by the Municipal Council and were approved in the Triennial Capital Expenses Program. The chemin du Lac-Meech remains a municipal road and snow clearing services will continue to be provided. All the options were considered. There was not much choice given the high cost of the repair is a total rebuild of the road along chemin du Lac-Meech.
		4. We continue to work with both levels of government and the NCC, but we are told there is no funding available for the chemin du Lac-Meech now.
		5. We do not have a specific date, but residents along chemin du Lac-Meech will be consulted to discuss the next three-year investment plan.
6	Q	En tant que citoyen, quelle est la façon de m'opposer à une demande de dérogation mineure qui est soumise à une séance du conseil municipal ?
	R	Il y a deux façons de vous opposer à une demande de dérogation mineure. Vous pouvez transmettre vos commentaires au Service de l'urbanisme afin que ceux-ci soient transmis aux membres du conseil avant la séance du conseil ou participer à la consultation publique qui se déroule au début de la séance du conseil municipal. Dans votre cas, nous avons reçu vos commentaires et nous les prendrons en considération lors de la prise de décision ce soir.
7	Q	1. Has Vélo Quebec or any member of the Trail committee or Municipal staff come to see the road?
		2. Will you be advising residents of your decision before putting up the signs?
	R	1. The members of the Community Trail committee, a representative from Vélo Québec and our staff have visited the road.
		2. The signage concern will be submitted to Municipal Council in a few weeks. For the parking, we are still working to identify solutions.
8	Q	1. We have electric fat bikes who do not respect the speed limit, and who don't look at the road intersections?
	R	1. We are continuing to work with Voie Verte Chelsea and Sentiers Chelsea Trails. We are having discussions regarding an ambassadors (volunteer) program to educate and raise awareness with users.
9	Q	1. Can repairs be done to sections of the Lac Meech Road?
	R	The federal government should be providing funding. The Municipality has been putting pressure on them. We want them to contribute financially before making expensive repairs.