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PRESS RELEASE

VAL-DES-MONTS HOLDING PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS ON OFF-ROAD VEHICLES

Val-des-Monts, October 21, 2022 – This is to notify residents, vacationers and other stakeholders that Val-des-Monts is conducting public consultations on the use of off-road vehicles (ORVs) in the area.

Helping the Municipality with this multifaceted interactive exercise is a company called **Table ronde Participation publique**, with the overarching goals being to...

1. enhance the interconnectivity between “federated” trails and the Municipality’s service points by extending the current trail
2. consult the stakeholders involved to identify special measures that reduce the impact on residents’ quality of life
3. bolster tourism and economic development in the Municipality while meeting the needs of ORV users.

Of course, we’re holding the consultation because we want to hear your ideas and views on the use of ORVs on certain public roads. Be you a permanent or seasonal resident, a vacationer or another stakeholder, you have until November 13, 2022, to take part in the first phase of the consultation through our online platform, **Cocoriko**. The initial focus will be to get your overall assessment on the potential development of ORV trails in Val-des-Monts.

In the second phase of the consultation, we’ll meet with targeted groups of stakeholders (residents, businesspeople, organization representatives, etc.) to explore more detailed aspects of this issue, including a potential axis or artery that would link the Saint-Pierre sector to our “federated” trails.

In the third phase of the consultation, interested residents can come to an open-house exchange at the municipal offices to learn more and share thoughts with others.

Finally, for the fourth phase, we’ll tap into the Cocoriko platform anew to validate or clarify specific aspects of the ORV portfolio.

This exercise will help our elected officials make sounder decisions in matters of development as they consider the views and concerns raised by participants during each phase. What’s more, the information and observations gathered throughout the consultation will be compiled and analyzed in a report that will go to Municipal Council and be made available to the public as well.

We invite you to check the Municipality’s website and Facebook page for regular updates and details on each phase of the consultation. And thanks to everyone in advance for making your voice heard!

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