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A MULTI-SPORT CENTER COULD OPENED IN CHELSEA

Chelsea, December 7, 2022 - Chelsea's Municipal Council unanimously approved a request to the MRC des Collines-de-l'Outaouais to review its revised Schéma d'aménagement et de développement (SAD) in order to allow for the development of a multi-sport center on its territory. The project could be built at 47, route 105, near the Alonzo bridge.

This multi-sport center would allow for the practice of soccer, but also several other sports. Approached by Gestion ARSO, the Municipality welcomed the project with enthusiasm. In addition to being the first of its kind in Chelsea, this regional project would meet a growing need.

The desired building for the multi-sport center is located in a multifunctional land use area. However, in order for the project to proceed, the MRC des Collines de l'Outaouais must approve Chelsea's request to authorize this type of use within this area. The Municipality will then have to amend its urban plan and zoning by-law.

"This is great news for all the athletes in Chelsea and the region. This is a great project for us and we have no hesitation in getting on board. We would be pleased to host the first multi-sport center on our territory. I have already begun discussions with the MRC to inform them of our desire to move forward with this project. We strongly hope that they will make the necessary changes so that thousands of athletes can benefit from a suitable infrastructure that meets their needs. " Pierre Guénard, Mayor

"The Municipality welcomed us with open arms when we told them about our multi-sport center project. We felt that there was a desire on both sides to meet the growing needs of the residents of Chelsea, first and foremost, but also the residents of the region. It is an exciting project and we will put all the necessary efforts to make it happen. The next steps will be crucial as they will determine whether or not the project can move forward. " Richard Gravel, General Manager of Soccer Outaouais and Gestion ARSO

A Growing Demand

Soccer and other sports continue to attract athletes from the region. In 2022, Soccer Outaouais experienced a significant increase in membership with 2,000 more registrations than the previous year for a total of 8,500 members. Futsal is also becoming more and more popular with a 30% increase in its clientele. In 2021, a feasibility study commissioned by Gestion ARSO showed the need for two multi-sport centers in the region to meet the demand.



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Gestion ARSO has been in existence for 20 years and operated the former sports center in the Foundry building in Gatineau for 20 years. They have acquired a solid experience in the management of multi-sport centers. In addition to the Foundry, they have developed numerous synthetic soccer surfaces, notably in various primary and secondary schools in the region.

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