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### MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Following the announcement of the Prime Minister's resignation, many people are asking what will happen to the important issues for our community. I want to reassure you: the Prime Minister stays in office until a new one is officially chosen. This process usually takes four to six months.

As soon as the announcement was made, I contacted his office to make sure our files would keep moving. The answer was clear: for Temiscaming, it is business as usual. We are staying in close contact with the Prime Minister's Office and the ministries, and we will keep working to move forward on the issues that matter most to our community.

### LOOKING BACK ON THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO TEMISCAMING

Before the holiday season, the Town of Temiscaming welcomed the Prime Minister of Québec and Minister responsible for Abitibi-Témiscamingue, Mr. François Legault. His visit took place at a time when several important issues were affecting our community.

Aware of the challenges faced by our residents—especially the loss of the healthcare corridor with Ontario and the economic situation linked to the RYAM company—the Prime Minister came to Temiscaming to show his support for our community and for local economic partners.

The meeting allowed several priority issues to be discussed in a spirit of openness and cooperation. Conversations were honest and focused on real solutions, with a shared desire to move forward.

### RYAM

The Prime Minister confirmed that, for several months, different ministries have been in advanced talks with RYAM to look at possible financial support. This work is part of studies on a potential restart. These studies are now in a key phase of analysis on RYAM's side and will continue in the coming years.

The Town repeated its confidence in RYAM, known as a responsible corporate citizen, as well as in its management team and union leadership. This partnership shows a shared will to improve and a strong commitment to the future of both the company and our community.

The Town remains hopeful and looks forward to a joint announcement from the government and RYAM in the near future.

### HEALTHCARE CORRIDOR WITH ONTARIO

The Prime Minister was clear: the CISSS of Abitibi-Témiscamingue and Santé Québec have all the tools they need to restore the administrative measure that makes access to care in Ontario easier.

Follow-ups must continue between his office and Santé Québec to make sure this measure is put in place as quickly as possible.

The Town continues to say that the delay is both hard to understand and unacceptable. It is also unacceptable that the CISSSAT has not communicated properly with the public or with its own staff at the Temiscaming facility.

### GAS PRICES IN BORDER TOWNS

Mayors asked the government to look at a way to adjust the gasoline tax for border communities. Temiscaming was used as an example, as it faces one of the hardest situations because of its close competition with Ontario.

Even though the government does not plan to remove the carbon tax, elected officials stressed the need to fix an unfair situation that hurts local businesses. They reminded the government that a similar program existed in the past to help in this type of situation. They clearly asked for this support program to return quickly to protect local businesses and the local economy.

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## **FORESTRY IN TEMISCAMINGUE**

Discussions also focused on the future of forestry in the Temiscamingue region. Elected officials reaffirmed how important this sector is to the regional economy and to many families, while stressing the need for clear and structured government support.

They shared their concerns about comments made by the Prime Minister in the media, suggesting that many forestry jobs could be lost in favor of mining. The Prime Minister said the government is open to projects that transform and modernize the sector, but made it clear there is little interest in only offering short-term support to the same business model. The long-standing competitiveness challenges of the forestry industry were clearly identified, and everyone agreed that the sector must reinvent itself to ensure long-term stability.

## **HOUSING**

Mayors also raised the issue of housing. Even though a new law now allows municipalities to build, own, and rent housing, current financing conditions make it very hard to apply this in the regions.

High construction costs lead to rents that do not match the local market, or require very large down payments. As a result, many developers are stepping back from projects.

The Town of Temiscaming explained that it is working on new and creative financing ideas that it hopes to present soon to the government and to lenders. The Prime Minister showed openness to having the government take on part of the risk, which could help create solutions better suited to regional realities.

## **CONCLUSION**

Other municipalities also raised their own local priorities. For example, some are dealing with drinking water problems that require major investments—costs that are very hard for towns with fewer than 1,000 residents to carry.

This meeting made it possible to clearly present the concerns of Temiscaming and the Temiscamingue region and to highlight what matters most to our community. The discussions showed real openness and a shared desire to keep working toward real results.

The Town of Temiscaming will stay present, proactive, and involved at every table. We believe that dialogue, teamwork, creativity, and determination are what drive change. We will continue our work with confidence and commitment.

Because the future of our community is built together.

**Alain Gauthier**

Mayor of Temiscaming

## **A BIN NOT COLLECTED OR AN ISSUE WITH YOUR WASTE?**

**Have you noticed that your bin was not collected, a wheel is broken, or you have a question about collection?**

Contact the Fabre Ecocentre directly: 819-634-2233

They will be able to provide information and take the necessary follow-up.

Thank you for your cooperation.



## **2026 MUNICIPAL TAX BILLS**

2026 tax bills will be mailed in mid-February. If you change your address, it is your responsibility to notify the Town in writing.

Your notice must include, for each of your properties:

- the roll number or civic address;
- the name(s) of the owner(s);
- a valid phone number;
- an email address.

**By email :**

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This information helps us keep your file up to date and ensure proper follow-up of your tax bills.



## **JOB OPENING – LEISURE (PART-TIME)**

The Town of Temiscaming is looking for a part-time Recreation Operator / Labourer.

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