



**STRATEGIC PLAN FOR
TEMISCAMINGUE COUNTY
2017-2021**

WHAT IS STRATEGIC PLANNING

- A long term plan
- Values, goals and policies for the territory
- A tool to promote development
- Visions and practical actions
- Evolutionary and dynamic process
- Focuses on achieving results

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

SDT (Development Corporation)	CSLT (French language school board)
Caisse Desjardins du Témiscamingue	Chambre de commerce Témis-Accord
MRC	Tembec
CJET (Youth employment hub)	UQAT (Université du Québec)
CISSSAT (Regional Health and Social services)	Citizens
CDCT (Community Development Corporation)	

THE COMMITTEE'S MANDATE

- Plan strategic projects for the territory
- Develop and deliver actions from the strategic plan
- Ensure discussions with the community
- Identify important issues facing the territory

RENEWAL OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN

Sector of activity	Accomplishment
Arts and culture	FINAL
Community and volunteer action	FINAL
Agri-food industry	Sept. 28th, 2016
Businesses and services	FINAL
Entrepreneurship	October 6th 2016
Education/Employment/Skills	FINAL
Forestry	FINAL
Municipal/land use	Sept. 9th, 2016
Health and social services	FINAL
Tourism	October 2016
Youth	consulted

CROSS-CUTTING ISSUES

that affect the entire population and every range of activities in Temiscamingue County.

- Demography
- Governance and stewardship
- Business climate
- Quality of life
- Skills development, persistence in school and educational success
- Access to services
- Social acceptance of major projects

WHY THE NEED FOR GOVERNANCE AND STEWARDSHIP?

- Because the committee has a role in the territorial vision
- Because it's a timely topic
- Because citizens are concerned about the maintenance of infrastructures and continuation of services
- Because the MRC and some municipalities have initiated a consultation process.
- Because the status quo is no longer possible against the backdrop of budget cut and transfer of responsibilities by the government.

ANSWERS

What impact does governance and stewardship have on my sector of activity?

- Reduction of services
- Many regulations
- Disincentive for entrepreneurship
- Loss of funding
- Obligation to speak with all the municipalities in order to work on files that affect the territory
- Inadequate funding of services
- Impact on cooperation

ANSWERS

Can governance and stewardship of the territory be improved?

- Be involved and open to change
- Conduct more consultations to better understand the issues
- Develop partnerships
- Be able to recognize that territorial services and equipment do exist
- Reduce the number of elected representatives and group together services.
- Have more young people and women on municipal councils.
- Clarify the roles and responsibilities of everyone.

ANSWERS

Do you believe there should be
municipal reorganizations in Temiscamingue County ?

- Risk of centralization
- Grouping instead of mergers, sharing of costs
- By sector or according to proximity
- Grouping of services and even some municipal mergers
- Mergers by sectors or municipalities that are close to each other
- One MRC = One City with districts
- Simplify the current structure
- Act quickly

BOLD STATEMENTS MADE BY MR. JEAN-PIERRE BOIVIN

- Elected representatives will have to adapt
- In 2016, it is imperative to recognize that changes are inevitable; it is no longer possible to govern like in the past and expect to move forward.
- Are we developing individually or are we developing a territory?
- We must propose a model of development to share our resources
- If we want to change, we must accept changes.
- We must always look to build consensus
- A mayor works for his territory first and foremost
- People who do nothing will gradually go out the window

THE SEQUEL...

- Hold discussions with the remaining groups
- Conferences: Business climate and quality of life
- Collect online questionnaires
- Pool the answers concerning the 7 cross-cutting issues
- Write Temiscamingue County's new strategic plan for 2017-2021
- January 2017: Unveiling of the strategic plan