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Reference: Formal notice

- Defamation of the MRC de Pontiac and of Mr. Jonathan Pagé

O/F: 40050-003 (FS)

Mr. Goyette,

We are the lawyers of the MRC de Pontiac (hereafter the "MRC") on behalf of which we send to you this formal notice.

Your recent publications on Facebook stemming from our client's decision to request that a credit card be emitted to Mr. Jonathan Pagé, copied below, have been brought to the attention of our client:

(https://www.facebook.com/groups/878108523190876/)



C.M. 2023-08-06

14.2 VISA DESJARDINS

Il est proposé par la Conseillère Mme Colleen Larivière et résolu de faire une demande auprès de Desjardins pour une carte Visa MRC de Pontiac au nom de Jonathan Pagé avec une limite de crédit de 1 000\$.

ADOPTÉE À L'UNANIMITÉ

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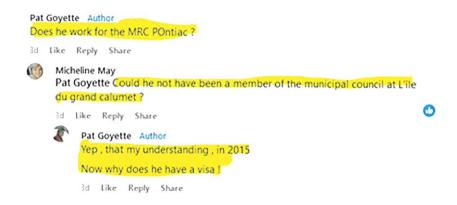
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Bill McCleary Employee working in TNO 3d Like Reply Share Pat Goyette Author Bill McCleary ok, Works for the MRC Pontiac! What is his position! Under what condition, he get a visa! There no justification to this action? no accountability? Just don't get these decision? **(1)** 3 3d Like Reply Share Pat Goyette Author Bill McCleary He wouldn't have another job? would he! The MRC jobs is that is principal employment? Pat Goyette Author Bill McCleary So i assume he's a game warden? and doesn't work has a game warden no more. Or does he works for the MRC at the same time as he working as a game I think you call that moonlighting? Lots of questions if so? Does he get paid those expense from the gov. too? when working as a game warden? Double dipping? By the way , that employees that left , did he have a visa ? And who is that employee so i can check? Thanks for answering the questions, we certainly need transparency on were our money is going? Just handing out visa without explanation is morally incorrect.





Although our client fully recognises your fundamental right to freedom of expression and your right to question its decisions, you know, or should know, that these rights must be exercised in accordance with the requirements of good faith, and it must not be exercised with the intent of injuring another person.

The preceding publications are both tendentious and gratuitous, in that they are highly suggestive that the MRC would be a party to nothing less than fraud being committed by Mr. Pagé while being entirely hypothetical and based on absolutely no minimally-verified facts. Your statements clearly aim at calling into question the integrity and transparency of both the MRC and of Mr. Pagé, are unreasonable, excessive and contrary to the requirements of good faith to which you are, by Law, held, are defamatory, and, as such, result in the MRC's and Mr. Pagé's reputations being harmed.

For the record, you are hereby formally advised that Mr. Pagé has been an employee of the MRC de Pontiac since June 2023, after having voluntarily left his employment with the Ministère des Forêts, de la Faune et des Parc as a game warden, that he has since then been employed exclusively by the MRC, that a credit card has been issued to him to facilitate payment of the expenses associated with the MRC vehicle that he uses in the performance of his duties, and that Mr. Pagé must account for the expenses he incurs on this credit card.

Consequently, you are hereby served formal notice to <u>immediately</u> stop publishing, on any media whatsoever, including, but not limited to, Facebook and other social media, any postings which call into question, directly or indirectly, the integrity and transparency of both the MRC and of Mr. Pagé regarding Mr. Pagé's employment with the MRC, including, but not limited to, Mr. Pagé's use of the credit card which has been issued to him by the MRC.



Furthermore, you are hereby further served formal notice to publish an unreserved retraction of all comments you have made regarding Mr. Pagé's employment with the MRC, including, but not limited to, Mr. Pagé's use of the credit card which has been issued to him by the MRC, <u>within 24 hours of receiving this letter</u>, on Facebook at the same site as that where the comments copied herein were published, specifically at https://www.facebook.com/groups/878108523190876/.

Be advised that should you fail to do so, the MRC intends to undertake all useful recourses to exercise its rights and protect its reputation, as well as that of Mr. Pagé, without further notice or delay, and in so doing, the MRC will hold you responsible for, and will claim from you, all damages resulting from your defamation, including all extrajudicial costs incurred.

YOU HAVE BEEN DULY ADVISED. DO ACT ACCORDINGLY.

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