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HAWKESBURY, ONTARIO - November 10th, 2016, Judge Kane of the superior Court of justice of Ontario has took decision in the case of the Corporation of the Town of Hawkesbury vs Le Chenail Inc.

Briefly, the Court rejected the request of the Town for an order obliging Le Chenail to leave the rented facilities at the Maison de l'Île a historic building situated at 2 John Street, in Hawkesbury.

To summarize this matter, the Town had been attempting since January 2015, to establish its tourism information offices in a section of the building. Considering that the discussions with Le Chenail were unsuccessful, the Town decided to appeal to the court to evict Le Chenail considering its refusal to allow the installation of the tourism information center in the premises. The Town was convinced to have exercised its rights according to the terms of the lease and to the relevant laws.

It is obvious that the Town is disappointed by the decision of Judge Kane. Very disappointed by its findings of fact according to which the Town acted in bad faith by trying to exercise its contractual rights. Having said so, it is important to note that this judgment does not affect at all the rights of the Town to reduce the space rented for the activities of the Town, including the installation of the tourist information center. The intention of the Town was always to arrive at an agreement with Le Chenail to allow the Town to have its tourism information center in the Maison de l'Île. The Town intends to respect the modalities of the lease and the relevant laws. The Maison de l'Île remains the best location for the tourism information center. For that purpose, the Town has the intention to pursue actively the discussions with Le Chenail in a respectful and constructive manner.

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