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Sum of money paid to obtain a contract from the City of Montreal
**The Disciplinary Council of the Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec strikes Patrice Laporte
from the roll for a period of six months**

Montreal, October 4, 2016 – The Disciplinary Council of the Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec (OIQ) rendered its decision on guilt and penalty in the case of Patrice Laporte, who is struck from the roll for a period of six months. In its decision, the Disciplinary Council also ordered Mr. Laporte to pay all costs in connection with the proceedings, including publication costs.

Mr. Laporte was found guilty of violating section 3.02.09 of the Code of Ethics of Engineers for paying the sum of \$25,000 as a benefit, rebate or commission in order to obtain a contract from the City of Montreal for his employer. The alleged offences took place between July and December 2010, when Mr. Laporte was employed by SOGEP Inc.

The penalties imposed by the Disciplinary Council are enforceable when the appeal period has expired. They are intended to protect the public, dissuade professionals from repeating offences and set an example for other members of the profession.

The decision of the Disciplinary Council contains all elements of this case that are public in nature. Since certain exhibits, as well as the testimony concerning these exhibits, are subject to a non-disclosure, non-publication and non-broadcast order, the OIQ will make no further comments. The decision is [available on the OIQ's Web site](#).

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