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**The Disciplinary Council of the Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec strikes Gilles Surprenant from the roll for a period of five years**

**Montreal, January 20, 2016** – The Disciplinary Council of the Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec rendered its decision on sanction in the case of Gilles Surprenant, who will be struck from the roll for a period of five years. In its decision, the Disciplinary Council also ordered Mr. Surprenant to pay all costs in connection with the proceedings, including publication costs.

Mr. Surprenant was found guilty of violating six sections of the Code of Ethics of Engineers and one section of the Professional Code in connection with various pipeline and sewer projects between 2000 and 2009, while he was employed by the City of Montreal.

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 [full version of the Disciplinary Council's decision](#), including the summary of charges, is available on the OIQ's Web site.

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