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Collusion in Gatineau: The Disciplinary Council of the Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec strikes Michel Famery from the roll for a period of 10 months

Montreal, January 28, 2016 – The Disciplinary Council of the Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec rendered its decision on guilt and penalty in the case of Michel Famery, who will be struck from the roll for a period of 10 months. In its decision, the Disciplinary Council also ordered Mr. Famery to pay all costs in connection with the proceedings, including publication costs.

For setting up and participating in a contract sharing scheme that allowed him to circumvent the City of Gatineau's competitive bidding process, Mr. Famery was found guilty of violating three sections of the Code of Ethics of Engineers pertaining to integrity, the use of dishonest or doubtful practices and situations of conflicts of interest.

Mr. Famery's offences were committed between 2003 and 2007, while he was Regional Vice-President of the firm Dessau.

The penalty imposed – enforceable when the appeal period has expired – reflects Mr. Famery's excellent cooperation during the Office of the Syndic's inquiry. In its decision, the Disciplinary Council stated that, had it not been for this cooperation, it “would not have hesitated to be tougher and strike his name from the roll for a longer period” to achieve the objectives of example-setting and dissuasion that the penalty must convey to 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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