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**Collusion in Gatineau: The Disciplinary Council of the Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec fines two former Dessau employees**

**Montreal, November 17, 2014** – The Disciplinary Council of the Ordre des ingénieurs du Québec rendered decisions on sanction in the cases of two engineers and former Dessau employees, who, under duress from their superiors at the firm, participated in a contract sharing scheme designed to circumvent the City of Gatineau’s competitive bidding process. The Disciplinary Council issued two \$1,000 fines for Maxime Asselin and three \$1,000 fines for Dave Boulay. Both engineers were also sentenced to cover all costs of the proceedings.

Mr. Asselin was found guilty of failing to maintain his professional independence and for lacking integrity by participating in a collusion scheme while he was in charge of programs at Dessau between 2004 and 2005.

Mr. Boulay was found guilty of failing to fulfill his professional obligations by participating in a contract sharing scheme designed to circumvent the competitive bidding process of the City of Gatineau. He was also found guilty of failing to maintain his professional independence and for lacking integrity by participating in a collusion scheme. Mr. Boulay’s alleged offences were committed while he was a director at Dessau between 2006 and 2009.

The sanctions were imposed by the Disciplinary Council to protect the public, dissuade these professionals from repeating the offences and set an example for other members of the profession.

The full versions of the Disciplinary Council’s decisions, including their summary of charges, are available in the “[Recourses and decisions](#)” section of the OIQ’s Web site.

Other disciplinary complaints in connection with the collusion scheme in Gatineau are entered on the [hearing roll](#) and will be heard by the Disciplinary Council in the coming months.

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