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La Pêche, August 20, 2021 – In order to better respond to the growing concern of domestic violence in the MRC des Collines region, it is with great pride that the Service de la Sécurité Publique de la MRC des Collines-de-Outaouais (SPMDC) informs you of the creation of a multidisciplinary team within its service that will focus exclusively on these specific cases. The **MAINTenant ensemble** project will be implemented in the fall of 2021.

On May 6, 2021, the ministère de la Sécurité publique [announced funding](#) to better support victims of domestic violence and increase the monitoring of offenders. This funding includes an amount over five years for additional specialized domestic violence staff within Quebec police forces and correctional services.

As part of this initiative, the [Service de la Sécurité publique de la MRC des Collines-de-l'Outaouais](#) (SPMDC), has obtained \$433,440 in funding over a five-year period to implement its MAINTenant ensemble project.

On August 19th, at the MRC des Collines' Mayors' Council meeting, a resolution was adopted to authorize the [hiring of a social worker, specialized in domestic violence](#).

The [Maison Libère-Elles](#), which is an organization offering specialized assistance and housing to women who are victims of violence or who have temporary difficulties on the territory of the MRC des Collines, will enhance its already well established collaboration with the SPMDC by acting as the main partner of the project.

According to the Maison Libère-Elles statistics, calls received and interventions in the community have increased by 74% and 38% respectively between 2019-2020 and 2020-2021, while 2021 is still in progress. SPMDC anticipates a 30% increase in domestic violence cases over last year.

"It is with honour and anticipation that the Public Security team of the MRC des Collines welcomes this project to counter this societal problem and that will allow our population to benefit from a quality of service unparalleled in Quebec. This achievement was made possible thanks to an extraordinary collaboration with the Maison Libère-Elles, the [Directeur des poursuites criminelles et pénales](#) (DPCP) and several other organizations of our region".

Mr. Yves Charette, Director of Public Security of the MRC des Collines-de-l'Outaouais

"This innovative project will allow the addition of mobile interveners 24/7 from the Maison Libère-Elles who will support victims of domestic violence at the very moment of police intervention. It is vital to act at this moment to reassure the victims (women and children) and to do everything possible to avoid the irreparable. The team specialized in domestic violence will then accompany the victims in their various

steps. Over the years, the SPMDC and the Maison Libères-Elles have developed an enviable collaboration from which women victims of domestic violence and children exposed to violence benefit. »

Ms. Céline Lefebvre, Executive Director, Maison Libère-Elles

Details of the project will follow in the coming weeks.

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