

COMMUNIQUÉ DE PRESSE

**WATER METERS  
MOVING TOWARDS DRINKING WATER CONSERVATION**

Rawdon, February 15<sup>th</sup> 2018 – On February 15<sup>th</sup> 2018, the Municipality of Rawdon adopted its draft by-law 119-2018 on water meters. This new regulation is part of the provincial government's adopted water conservation strategy *Stratégie québécoise d'économie d'eau potable*, which aims to reduce drinking water production in the province by 20%. This by-law is also part of the Municipality of Rawdon's strategic sustainable development plan and the objectives set out in its *2016-2030 Integrated Action Plan*.

Beginning this spring, owners of institutional, commercial and industrial buildings, serviced by an aqueduct network, will be informed of the details pertaining to the distribution and installation of water meters.

The water meter is a device that measures the volume of water consumed, in real time, in cubic metres (m<sup>3</sup>). It is connected to the service entrance of a building and measures consumption continuously.

This approach to drinking water conservation is beneficial to the whole population and will ensure the sustainability of this invaluable resource for future generations.

Any new construction connected to the aqueduct network will also have to be equipped with a water meter. Through the installation of water meters, the Municipality also intends to conduct a sampling, to evaluate water consumption in residential buildings (selected randomly).

Any request for information may be addressed to the municipality's Department of Public Works – Environmental Health Division.