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The Court of Appeal rules in favour of the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion: the burned down gas station on Cité-des-Jeunes Boulevard must be torn down

Vaudreuil-Dorion, July 9, 2018 – In a judgment rendered on July 5, 2018, the Court of Appeal decided that the owner of the gas station located at 2146 Cité-des-Jeunes Boulevard had lost any acquired rights of use given a loss of value of over 50%. The building had been heavily damaged following a fire in 2010.

This judgment overturns the one rendered by the Superior Court on August 4, 2016, which concluded that the relevant provision of the municipal by-law requiring rebuilding in accordance with the applicable regulations did not take standards of usage into consideration.

This ruling from the Court of Appeal stipulates that the owner has 60 days to carry out demolition and cleaning of the site, failing which it will be done by the City. In the latter case, costs will be incurred by the owner and can be listed as a debt against the building. It is worth noting that the Tribunal administratif du Québec, in a decision dated November 28, 2013, had concluded that the building had lost all value following the fire.

Recall that this building is the subject of a notice of reservation sent by the Centre intégré de santé et de services sociaux de la Montérégie-Ouest for the purposes of building the new hospital.

To consult:

- the judgment from the Court of Appeal: http://t.soquij.ca/Jb4i5
- the judgment from the Superior Court: http://t.soquij.ca/b3C2B
- the decision from the Tribunal administratif du Québec : http://t.soquij.ca/d6B3L