



CHANGING LEADERSHIP AT THE FQCF'S MANAGEMENT

Québec, May 25, 2020– The Québec Federation of Forestry Cooperatives (FQCF) is announcing that its Executive Director, Mr. Jocelyn Lessard, is leaving his position and that he will be replaced by Deputy Executive Director Ms. Annie Beaupré.

After 21 years at the helm of the federation, Mr. Lessard will leave in mid-July to take on a new challenge in international development in Morocco. Over the years, he was involved in every struggle at the FQCF, advocating for its members, promoting the cooperative forestry sector and contributing to the establishment of the FQCF as a major player on Québec's forestry scene.

"In the name of all the members of the FQCF, I wish to express my gratitude for his loyal service over the course of all these years. Mr. Lessard was a tireless worker, and an engaged Executive Director who brought his vision of a cooperative forestry sector to the forefront of his work. He was appreciated by all. I also wish him the best of luck in pursuing his career with our cooperative partner SOCODEVI," states President Stéphane Gagnon.

The FQCF will be in good hands with his successor, Ms. Annie Beaupré, a qualified and trustworthy individual the organization can count on. Forestry engineer by training, Ms. Beaupré started working for the Federation a little over a year and a half ago as Deputy Executive Director in order to prepare for the transition.

Thus, Ms. Beaupré is already familiar with the organization and the challenges she faces. Before joining the FQCF, Ms. Beaupré already had extensive experience in the forestry sector and in management, having been Executive Director of the Sectoral committee of manpower in forest management for nine years. She also worked for the Coalition of Quebec forest management companies, known today as "Groupements forestiers Québec," as well as for the Quebec Association of forestry silviculture contractors.

"Being able to count on a new Executive Director who is trustworthy is crucial, as we need to help our members overcome the COVID-19 crisis, and position the FQCF to face future challenges," adds Mr. Gagnon. The FQCF will be seeking to fill the Deputy Executive Director position that was previously held by Ms. Beaupré. The hiring process will begin shortly.

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