



**PRESS RELEASE**  
for Immediate Release

## Housing Assessment in Tête-à-la-Baleine

**Chevery, Québec. June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021:** Following the Coastal Summit Series in the fall of 2020, an action committee was formed comprised of members from the Local Committee of Tête-à-la-Baleine, Centre de services scolaire du Littoral, Coasters Association, Municipalité Régionale de Comté du Golfe-du-Saint-Laurent (MRC), and the Municipalité de la Côte-Nord du-Golfe-du-Saint-Laurent. The focus of this working group was to address the specific concerns and needs identified by the community of Tête-à-la-Baleine during the community consultation. Through several discussions, it was determined that one of the concerns and needs of the community surrounds the current housing situation and its associated challenges.

An advisory committee was formed and recommended a thorough housing assessment for Tête-à-la-Baleine to be carried out. Through the financial commitment of the Municipalité Régionale de Comté du Golfe-du-Saint-Laurent (MRC) the project (study) that was funded under the Quebec Social Initiatives Fund (FQIS), will be guided by a local advisory committee composed of interested citizens from the community, with the preliminary focus of reviewing the housing and/or accommodation needs of residents in the village. The invitations for this committee will be sent out in the coming weeks. At the end of this study the community will have a detailed portrait of the current situation and the specific housing needs and possible solutions.

The Coasters Association has been contracted by the Municipalité de la Côte-Nord du-Golfe-du-Saint-Laurent to complete the study. Paige Buffitt, a Civil Engineering Technician from the Lower North Shore, has been employed to complete this mandate. Ms. Buffitt will be supported by Katie Roberts, Director of the Northern Research Center (NRC), and together they will work collaboratively with the local advisory committee and the Municipality on the housing assessment and final report.

Our sincerest appreciation to the entire population of Tête-à-la-Baleine for supporting this important work, and we look forward to this partnership between the Municipalité de la Côte-Nord du-Golfe-du-Saint-Laurent and the Coaster Association in making this initiative a success.

*Over the next few weeks surveys will be carried out to assess current, and future, housing needs and situations in Tête-à-la-Baleine. Please watch for publicity coming to your municipality in the near future as well as an invitation to join the working group.*

**For more Information and/or questions, please contact one of the following:**

Crystal Rowsell, Municipal Inspector, MGSL  
Email: [crystal.rowsell@gmail.com](mailto:crystal.rowsell@gmail.com)  
Telephone: 418-787-2246

OR  
Cornella Maurice, Executive Director  
Email: [cornella.maurice@coastersassociation.com](mailto:cornella.maurice@coastersassociation.com)  
Telephone: 418-379-2024

Katie Roberts, Director of Northern Research Center (NRC) OR  
E-mail: [katie.roberts@coastersassociation.com](mailto:katie.roberts@coastersassociation.com)  
Telephone: 514-466-6077

Paige Buffitt, Civil Engineering Technician (NRC)  
E-mail: [paige.buffitt@coastersassociation.com](mailto:paige.buffitt@coastersassociation.com)  
Telephone: 418-965-3567

