

Resolution 2019 01 04 (english translation)

Opposition to the Quebec Firearms Registration Act

WHEREAS the former Premier of Quebec, Mr. Philippe Couillard forced the creation of the SIAF (*Service d'immatriculation des armes à feu du Québec*) registration by not allowing the free vote of his deputies in June 2016;

WHEREAS the act for the registration of non-restricted firearms in Quebec came into force on January 29, 2018, stating that firearms must be registered by the end of January 2019;

WHEREAS the implementation of this registry (\$ 17 million for the establishment and \$ 5 million annually for the operation) does not provide any concrete security measures to combat the importation, manufacture and possession of illegal weapons;

WHEREAS the SIAF tends to demonize firearms and honest owners with the required federal permits, but completely ignores criminals procuring weapons on the black market;

WHEREAS on December 20, 2018, one month before the deadline, 82% of Quebec's weapons (1.6 million) were still not registered;

WHEREAS the SIAF project is likely to suffer the same fate as the Canadian Firearms Registry (from \$ 2 million to \$ 2 billion), given the weak results so far;

WHEREAS abandoning the registry would release significant amounts that could be put to much better use (in mental health, for example);

CONSEQUENTLY,
it is moved by Bruno Côté
and resolved

THAT the Municipality of the Township of Potton invite the other municipalities of Quebec to ask the deputies, the Minister of Public Security of Quebec and the Prime Minister to backtrack on the law on the registration of firearms without restriction ;

THAT the municipal Council expresses its solidarity with hunters, sports shooters, collectors and citizens who consider this register intrusive and ineffective;

THAT the Council requests the Government of Quebec to concretely support initiatives against the importation, manufacture and possession of illegal weapons;

THAT the Council proposes to the Government of Quebec to put in place necessary information and education programs to stop the stigmatization of firearms and the demonization of their owners.

THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier of Quebec, the Minister of Public Security of Quebec, the MRC of Memphremagog and all of its municipalities.