

The Township of Russell hires new Economic Development Director

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EMBRUN - The Mayor of the Township of Russell, Jean-Paul St-Pierre, the members of council along with the Chief Administrative Officer, Jean Leduc are proud to announce the nomination of Daniel Gatien as the newest addition to our managerial team who will assume the role of Director, Economic Development effective September 6.

During the last municipal election, the Mayor and the elected members of council had advocated the importance of moving forward with a Township economic development strategy becoming one of the uttermost priorities within the administration strategic planning.

"The township is currently going through some major growth and increased opportunities sustained by our infrastructure investments such as the new water connection and the improvement to our sanitary lagoons, just to name a few. As we came into office, we have set out a mandate for our CAO and its team to bring us to the next level by maximizing the investment profitability which must

lead us to the expansion of our commercial and industrial development base" said St-Pierre. "Mr. Leduc introduced us to an exceptional opportunity and we truly believe that this new addition to our administrative team will assist us in leading the township to our successful endeavour."

"The mandate issued by the members of council is ambitious yet achievable from my perspective," said Jean Leduc, Chief Administrative Officer. "Without neglecting the current financial constraints, the arrival of Mr. Gatien to being part of our team will certainly contribute to reaching this mandate. His knowledge base, his network of contacts and resources as well as his proven expertise in economic development growth makes him an invaluable asset toward reaching our main goal: creating a sustainable community for our residents. We wish him the warmest welcome in our community and the best of luck in this new undertaking."

Gatien graduated with a Bachelor degree in Business Administration at Queen's University in Kingston. He has over 30 years of experience in



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municipal administration: since 1996, he's held the positions of Chief Administrative Officer, Clerk and Director of Human Resources at the City of Clarence-Rockland. As Director, Economic Development he will be responsible to manage the economic development for the township of Russell as well as create and maintain financial and strategic partnerships in order to ensure the sustainable growth of municipality's four communities.