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## **CSSPO, Chelsea Municipality, and Chelsea Foundation Reach Compromise on School Location**

**April 11, 2024 (Chelsea, QC)** The Chelsea Foundation welcomes today's announcement by the CSSPO that it will redesign the footprint for Chelsea's new elementary school to preserve the integrity of the community's three soccer fields.

"This is very good news! It is a common sense compromise that preserves the integrity of the Foundation lands and brings added value to the community," said Chelsea Foundation President Fiona Duguid. "We look forward to discussing with the CSSPO how the Foundation parking lot lands could be used to service the new school and how we can work in partnership with the Municipality of Chelsea, CSSPO and the Western Québec School Board to make the new French school and the existing Chelsea Elementary School a dynamic community hub including our fields, green spaces, and the Meredith Centre."

Duguid also thanked all those residents and community leaders who rallied behind the call for a compromise to preserve the fields.

"The Chelsea Foundation and all the founding members are passionate and protective towards upholding the legacy of the Meredith family's generous donation of land to the Foundation for community recreation space – lands for the community to enjoy in perpetuity," she said. "The efforts by the Foundation to protect the lands from expropriation, which created a lively debate in the community, now has a positive outcome, a much appreciated compromise by the CSSPO that benefits the residents of Chelsea and maintains the integrity of the intended land donation."

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### **About the Chelsea Foundation:**

Celebrating its 27<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Chelsea Foundation's mission is to sustainably operate community hubs and support community initiatives delivering sports, recreation, arts, and culture programs in both official languages. The Foundation is the steward of the lands surrounding the Meredith Centre and through an agreement with the Municipality of Chelsea, the Foundation operates the Meredith Centre.

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