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## **Hydro-Québec to begin work on 120-kV Grand-Brûlé–Saint-Sauveur supply line**

Planned clearing operations for the construction of the 120-kV Grand-Brûlé–Saint-Sauveur supply line will begin in the next few days in the municipalities of Mont-Tremblant, Saint-Faustin–Lac-Carré and Montcalm. Work in Saint-Adolphe-d’Howard, Val-David, Val-Morin and Sainte-Adèle will start around mid-October. Throughout the project, Hydro-Québec will keep lines of communication open with affected residents and municipalities to ensure that the construction of the line goes smoothly.

### **Hydro-Québec’s analysis of the partial undergrounding proposal put forward by Saint-Adolphe-d’Howard**

According to Hydro-Québec’s experts, the proposal does not provide for a sufficient number of cables and specifies an inappropriate type of cable. Furthermore, it does not include the overhead-underground junction stations required to connect the overhead and underground parts of the systems. In addition, the proposal’s author has underestimated construction costs for the underground line. The actual cost of the partial undergrounding scenario proposed by the municipality would be closer to \$59 million, or more than twice the \$28 million cited in the proposal. This discrepancy would increase the total costs of the project from \$98 million to \$157 million for the undergrounding of less than 25% of the route selected.

Hydro-Québec must responsibly manage the costs of line projects serving its customers in Québec, as these costs have an impact on electricity rates, which are a key concern for most Quebecers. The project must now go ahead as approved in order to adequately meet the growing needs for electricity in the Laurentides region.

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