

Translated information from original Power Point presentation by Jean-Pierre Hamel, presented on July 6^h 2021

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Information presented on June 15^h 2018 and July 6^h 2021

Purpose

- Conformity to ensure a clear difference between camping and cottages (we are camping)
- Many stakeholders (MFFP, MDDELCC, MERN, MAMOT, MRC, municipalities, OGZ, DPF, etc.)

Background information

- ZECs were created in 1978. This allowed for proper oversight of campgrounds and their users, ensuring environmental impacts were minimized. Regulations were set out to control size and type of equipment permitted as well as length of stay.
- In 2000, more than 500 campgrounds in Quebec. Ministry recognized the need for better regulations in order to protect the environment as well as ensuring sustainability.
- 2000-2008, ZECs are asking for a more feasible regulatory body.

2012, modifications and regulations for ZECs

- A) 4 criteria that must be met to be considered a legal campsite/equipment
 1. Camping equipment

2. Mobile
3. Temporary
4. Not attached to the ground in any way

B) 3 types of campgrounds

- Serviced Campground
- Rustic Campground
- Tent site

March 2013

-dissatisfaction throughout ZECs and Crown Land

June 2013

-Committee put in place by Minister Yves-François Blanchet

- Discovery phase (problem finding)
- Will draft report
- Recommendations

January 2015

-Minister L. Lessard accepts committee report and makes 3 recommendations

1. Creation of the “5 rules” to follow for camping accessories (porch/shed)
2. Regions have 18 months to create plan
3. ZECs and campers have 5 years to meet new regulations (July 2021 is deadline)

“5 rules” to follow for camping accessories IN ADDITION to the 4 criteria

1. Equipment must be directly on ground or on loose blocks
 2. The total square footage of all accessories must NOT exceed the living square footage of the camping equipment (Trailer/Camper) (1:1 Ratio)
 3. Height of accessories must not exceed height of camping equipment (Trailer/Camper), with the exception to allow for opening of the camping equipment's entrance door.
 4. Camping accessory (porch/shed) can NOT be attached/tied/fix ed to camping equipment (Trailer/Camper)
 5. Absolutely no insulation, plumbing, or electrical wires. This includes, but is not limited to, walls, floors, roofs or ceilings. (cannot be livable)
- ****these “5 rules” apply to camping accessories (porch/shed)****

Important notes

- Municipal by-laws and regulations supersede these regulations
- Accessories must follow any building code that applies to the region as well as any additional regulations set out by respective ministries.
- *The most restrictive rules/regulations will apply*

These rules and regulations have been created by multiple government agencies

These rules and regulations are province wide and MUST be followed

Paying property taxes does NOT exclude you from these rules and regulations

If they so choose to, municipalities may insist on building permits

Definitions

Serviced Campground (Camping aménagé): minimum of 8 campsites, has ministry authorization/ permit, annual (12 month) camping is permitted (if ZEC chooses), user has lease contract to which they must abide to

Rustic Campground (Camping Rustique): no minimum campsites, per use payment schedule, all camping equipment and accessories must be removed 48 hours after large game hunting season and no later than November 30^h of each year, cannot place any camping equipment/ accessories on campsite until April 15^h of each year.

Storage yard (Aire de remisage): “parking lot” for users of rustic campsites to store camping equipment during the WINTER PERIOD only, ZEC can charge a fee, must be approved by ministry (article 107 of LCMVF)

Abitibi-Témiscamingue territory overview

6 ZECs

8440 sq km

75 Campgrounds

500 Campsites

All types of campsites

Zec Restigo Overview (2015-2016)

1269 sq km

7 "Camping Aménagé" (serviced)

70 campsites

4 rustic campgrounds

0 Storage Yards

Gray water absorption systems being installed

PLEASE SEE ORIGINAL SLIDE SHOW FOR
PICTURES/EXAMPLES OF ILLEGAL CAMPSITES (Last
slide contains info on ZEC Restigo)

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