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Another Blow Relating to the Saint-Hubert Airport

Longueuil, October 1, 2021 — The management problems at the Saint-Hubert Airport raised by Jean-Marc Léveillé continue to generate a lot of ink. Today, an article in La Presse reveals a conflict between Développement de l’Aéroport de Saint-Hubert – Longueuil (DASH-L) and the École nationale d’aérotechnique (ÉNA).

In an email reported by the journalist, the Chairman of the Board of Directors of DASH-L, Charles Vaillancourt, would have stressed that the land of the ÉNA is “extremely strategic for the airport - which wishes to attract low-cost carriers in order to offer domestic flights and to sun destinations - because it is located on the edge of the runway.” (From the article in La Presse)

“By not recognizing the strategic value of the ÉNA, Mr. Vaillancourt confirms once again that DASH-L has no vision for economic development. Without a lease since 2018, the development of the school has been paralyzed for 3 years by the conflict. The ÉNA is even at risk of losing its facilities. It’s totally irresponsible! DASH-L is jeopardizing the leadership position of one of our largest Québec aeronautical institutions for discount carriers.” - Jean-Marc Léveillé.

Also, according to the article, the Québec Council of Ministers adopted on April 9 a decree to expropriate DASH-L from the land where the ÉNA is located, a procedure that DASH-L is now contesting. In the eyes of the mayoral candidate, this confirms that the only approach DASH-L understands is that of force.

“For 4 years, DASH-L has shown no real openness to dialogue with anyone. Even the Council of Ministers of the Government of Québec is forced to go into expropriation to save a jewel of aeronautics. There is a serious problem with the management of the airport. If I am elected on November 7, the Government of Québec will find an ally with our team. DASH-L must understand that they need the City of Longueuil much more than we need them to intelligently develop the airport area.” - Jean-Marc Léveillé.