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THE RIVERS AND LAKES FOUNDATION OF CANADA JOINS FORCES  
WITH TQM PIPELINE  
TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT

**Coaticook, August 25, 2000** — Confident that it is entirely possible to reconcile economic development and protection of aquatic and riparian ecosystems, **Trans Québec & Maritimes Pipeline** (TQM Pipeline) concluded a partnership agreement with the **Rivers and Lakes Foundation of Canada** in 1998. This partnership enables the Foundation to pursue its objectives of protecting and restoring lakes and watercourses.

The Foundation is proud to present concrete results of this collaboration, particularly in regard to work done in the Municipality of Stanstead along the Tomifobia River and in the Banting-Holmes Park. This presentation will take place in the park itself, in the presence of Mrs. Monique Pépin, Mayoress of Stanstead, and representatives of the Foundation and TQM Pipeline.

The Tomifobia River crosses the Municipality of Stanstead and the Banting-Holmes Park located there. As part of a vast restoration program, the shores of the Tomifobia River and the Banting-Holmes Park were the subject of stabilization and re-naturalization work. This work, realized by the Rivers and Lakes Foundation of Canada, consisted in re-shaping the banks of the river, cleaning the Banting stream, seeding the banks of the river and stream and re-vitalizing the park's flora. The park layout work was done by the Municipality of Stanstead.

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As a result of its partnership with TQM Pipeline, the Rivers and Lakes Foundation has been able to carry biostabilization work of exceptional quality. The Foundation intends to continue its efforts to protect lakes and rivers in the Eastern Townships, the Montérégie and in all other locations where its expertise may prove useful.

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