

"Please be kind enough to let us know the number of plainclothes officers who will infiltrate our event so we can order the appropriate catering." - Gatineau Chamber of Commerce on Bill 78

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Hot off the Twitter presses, courtesy of [@NieDesrochers](#) of Radio Canada, comes this letter from the Gatineau Chamber of Commerce:



Gatineau le 18 mai 2012

Service de police de la Ville de Gatineau
590, boulevard Gréber
Case postale 7000
Gatineau (Québec) J8P 7H

AVIS DE MANIFESTATION DE PLUS DE 10 PERSONNES

Veuillez prendre avis, en vertu de l'article 16 de la loi 78, que la Chambre de Commerce de Gatineau tiendra un « attroupement de plus de 10 personnes » le mardi 29 mai 2012 entre 17 heure et 19 heure.

Les participants prendront le départ du stationnement de l'aéroport de Gatineau peu avant 17h et marcheront environ 300 mètres en direction ouest le long de la rue Arthur-Fecteau pour se rendre au hangar des Ailes d'Époques à l'adresse 1699 de cette rue.

Sur place, les participants discuteront et échangeront puis ils écouteront quelques brefs discours. Par la suite ils souligneront la nomination de l'équipe du mois : la Laiterie de l'Outaouais.

Entre 18h30 et 19h15, les marcheurs réemprunteront la rue Arthur-Fecteau en direction est vers le stationnement de l'aéroport de Gatineau où ils se disperseront.

Nous estimons le nombre de participants attendus à 200 personnes.

Veuillez avoir l'amabilité de nous informer du nombre d'agents en civil que vous prévoyez infiltrer lors de l'évènement afin de nous aider à prévoir le nombre de canapés et autre hors d'œuvres à être commandés.

Le président,

Antoine Normand

NOTICE OF A GATHERING OF MORE THAN 10 PEOPLE

The letter is a notice to the Gatineau police force, pursuant to the Special Law that the Quebec Government has quickly passed to block student protests.

The law, in part, requires that all gatherings of ten or more people that will take place in a public venue must provide written notice at least eight hours in advance to the police of the location, route, date, time, number of attendees, and must comply with any changes ordered by the police. This law is likely unconstitutional in its broad application.

The letter from the chamber of commerce reads:

Please take note that, pursuant to section 16 of Bill 78, the Chamber of Commerce of Gatineau will have a group of "more than 10 persons" on the 29th of May 2012 between 5:00pm and 7:00pm.

The participants will leave from the parking lot of the Gatineau airport a bit before 5:00 and will go about 300 metres west along Rue Arthur-Fecteau to arrive at the Wings of History Hanger which is at 1669 Rue Arthur-Fecteau.

Here, the participants will engage in discussion and will listen to brief speeches. This is to highlight the 'team of the month': the Laiterie de l'Outaouais.

Between 6:30pm and 7:15pm, the participants will go back along Rue Arthur-Fecteau to the parking lot where they will leave.

We anticipate that there will be about 200 people attending. Please be kind enough to let us know the number of plainclothes officers who will infiltrate our event so that we may be able to order the appropriate catering and other orders.

Antoine Normand, President

This is pretty awesome, and shows the flaws in the Special Law that aims to stop student protest. There's now a rumour that the government will consider an amendment to change the number of people at a gathering that would require notice from 10 to 25, which does nothing to fix the flaws in the law.