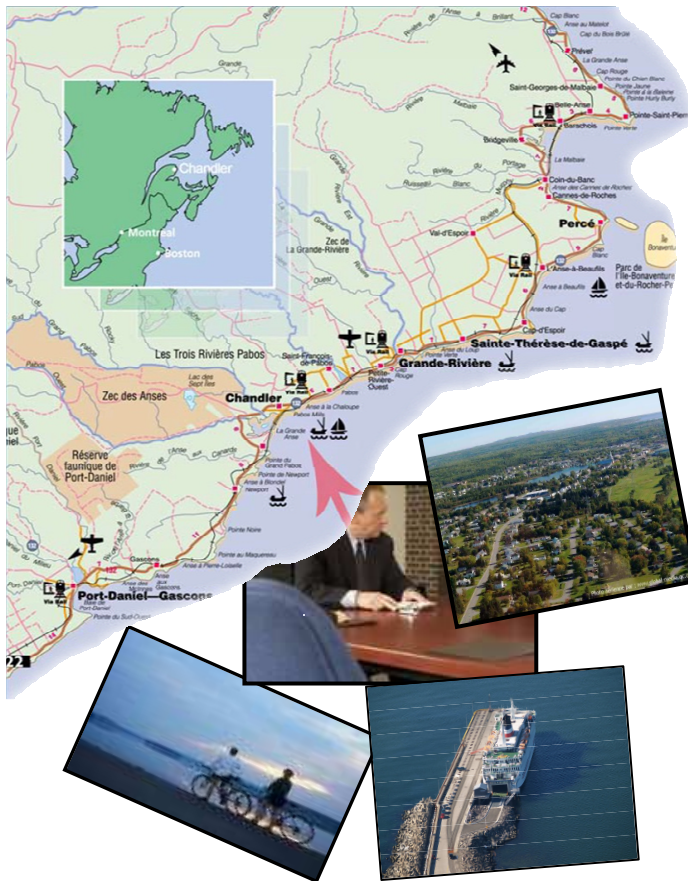




## Chandler ... A Sea of Possibilities!



The City of Chandler is a Gaspesian municipality of 8 500 citizens that is known for its dynamic and constant involvement in diversifying its economy.

In addition to offering an exceptional environment to businesses, the City of Chandler with its economic diversification fund and numerous agencies dedicated to economic development favors implementing personalized programs and agreements to help you start up your business.

Different economic development agencies located within a one kilometre distance from each other facilitates easy access to information and insures rapid and efficient service.



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## Exclusive Advantages

Actively involved in diversifying its economy, the City of Chandler has put everything in place to guarantee economic development on its territory. In order to encourage the development of new businesses, the City offers the following exclusive advantages listed below:

- ✓ The City of Chandler offers free of charge, industrial zoned lots and proposes rental fees for lots for as low as one dollar, renewable every five years;
- ✓ You can benefit from a land tax credit for a duration of five (5) years;
- ✓ Financial aid, in the form of a subsidy, up to 20 percent (20%) of your total investment;
- ✓ Collaboration in setting up buildings, land and services such as water, sewage, streets, etc.
- ✓ A considerable industrial park and available industrial buildings;
- ✓ A sea-port opened 365 days per year without the necessity of ice breakers;
- ✓ A railroad linking the industrial park and Gaspesia to the sea-port;
- ✓ A highly qualified labor force;
- ✓ A turn over in personnel of less than 1%;
- ✓ A financial rate up to 50% of the promoters investment;
- ✓ An environment auspicious to performance and efficiency;
- ✓ A constant support from regional agencies;
- ✓ High speed fiber optics network offering optimum capacity, absolute security and rapid access to world markets.





## Infrastructure

### Industrial park

The City of Chandler has invested in the creation of an imposing industrial park. This park with a surface of more than 5 181 600 square meters (17 million square feet), accessible via route 132, is situated 3,2 kilometers from the seaport and also offers rail transportation, sewage, electricity and drinking water.

### Industrial building (Gaspésia)

The City of Chandler offers you the possibility to acquire an industrial building, and at a more competitive rate. Equipped with a rail line linked to the seaport, the Gaspesia plant is a strategic place for your business venture. Moreover, after the sale of equipment, you stand to benefit from a re-launching fund for the start-up of your enterprise.

### Sea port

A precious infrastructure affording a unique access to the St. Lawrence Gulf, the deep water port is a place for commercial transit in the Gaspé. Accessible 12 months of the year, ice breaking is not necessary, therefore allowing important savings. The sea port is a link to rail transport and also offers services required by shipment; drinking water, minor repairs, fuel stevedores and electricity.

### Airport

An industrial and commercial airport providing a landing strip of 1 219,20 meters (4 000 feet) and offering a charter for flight service.





## Manpower and Training

### **Labor-force available**

Qualified as an industrial city, Chandler has a labor force that is competent, bilingual, available and highly motivated to answer requirements of any enterprise.

### **A low turnover rate of personnel**

In order to be competitive on the world market, it is necessary to have a labor force that is loyal and honest. Our region shows an annual turnover rate in personnel of less than one percent (1%). This situation results in substantial savings in costs of training and upgrading of personnel, and also creates expertise in the enterprises.

### **Customized training**

Professional and technical training centers are accessible and committed to answer efficiently to urgent training needs. At the cutting edge of technology training programs, we are in constant evolution and can adapt rapidly to your needs.

### **Financial incentives**

Emploi-Québec offers technical and financial help to target your training requirements, to carry out your project and evaluate your program efficiency. Emploi-Québec can offer you financial aid equivalent to 50% of your training costs.

Emploi-Québec can also support the setting up of a human resource service for your enterprise. This help can be 50% of the salary paid to an employee for up to a maximum of 1 year.

The subsidized employment salary allows an employer to be reimbursed up to 50% of a salary paid, up to 7.75\$ per hour, and according to the period of time determined by Emploi-Québec.





## Financial Aid to Enterprises

### FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

**A Canadian Program to support the Economy of the Gaspésie and the Magdalen Islands.**

Development of medium size enterprises

- ✓ New enterprises necessitating capital costs exceeding 500 000\$.
- ✓ Maximum contribution rate of 50% of admissible capital costs.

### GOVERNMENT OF QUÉBEC

**A support Program for Economic Development in the Gaspésie**

- ✓ Ministry of Economic and Regional Development
- ✓ Support programs for Economic Projects (PSPE)
- ✓ Diversification fund for the Gaspésie Economy (FDE)
- ✓ Diversification fund for Tourism in the Gaspésie (FDIG)
- ✓ Income Tax Credit Incentives for the Gaspésie (ACCORD)

### OTHER GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATIONS DEALING WITH ECONOMIC PROJECTS

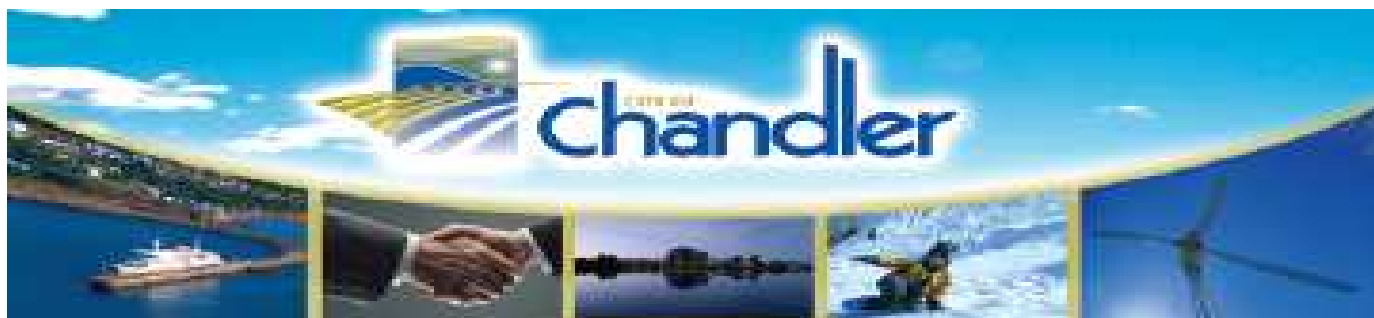
Employment Québec offers technical and financial assistance for the evaluation of your training requirements, the undertaking of your project and program efficiency assessment. Employment Québec can offer financial aid equivalent to 50% of training specific costs within your project.

Employment Québec can also assist with the implementation of HR services within your business. Financial assistance can attain a level of 50% of the salary paid to the employee, for a maximum period of 1 year.

**The Local Development Center**, through their local investment fund, can grant an interest-free loan.

**The community Futures Development Corporation and Canada Economic Development** offer a Venture Capital fund for business start-ups in the regions.





## Principal Business Development Agencies

### **MRC ROCHER-PERCÉ EMPLOYMENT CENTER**

101, COMMERCIAL WEST, CHANDLER (QUEBEC) G0C 1K0  
TELEPHONE : (418) 689-2201 - FAX : (418) 689-5746  
WWW.EMPLOIQUEBEC.NET

### **LOCAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER**

129, RENE-LEVESQUE BOULEVARD WEST, P.O. BOX 728, CHANDLER (QUEBEC) G0C 1K0  
TELEPHONE : (418) 689-6678 - FAX : (418) 689-5807  
HTTP://ROCHERPERCE.QC.CA/CLD

### **MRC ROCHER-PERCÉ CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

35, COMMERCIAL WEST, P.O. BOX 129, CHANDLER (QUEBEC) G0C 1K0  
TELEPHONE : (418) 689-6998 - FAX : (418) 698-2428  
WWW.CCROCHERPERCE.ORG

### **CANADA ECONOMIC CENTER (CED)**

120 DE LA REINE STREET, 3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR GASPÉ, QUEBEC G4X 2S1  
TELEPHONE : (418) 368-5870 - FAX: (418) 368-6256  
WWW.DEC-CED.GC.CA

### **INVESTMENT QUEBEC**

500, DAIGNEAULT AVENUE, OFFICE 10A, P.O. BOX 156, CHANDLER (QUEBEC) G0C 1K0  
TELEPHONE : (418) 689-2549 - FAX: (418) 689-2672  
WWW.INVESTQUEBEC.COM

### **MINISTRY OF MUNICIPALITIES AND REGIONS**

500, DAIGNEAULT AVENUE, OFFICE 10-B, CHANDLER (QUEBEC) G0C 1K0  
TELEPHONE : (418) 689-5024 - FAX : (418) 689-4823  
WWW.MAMR.GOUV.QC.CA

### **MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INNOVATION AND EXPORT (MDEIE)**

500, DAIGNEAULT AVENUE, OFFICE 10 A, P.O. BOX 1360, CHANDLER (QUEBEC) G0C 1K0  
TELEPHONE : (418) 689-2019 - FAX : (418) 689-4108  
WWW.MDEIE.GOUV.QC.CA

### **SECRETARIAT FOR MARKET DEVELOPMENT FOR THE GASPÉSIE AND MAGDALEN ISLANDS (SMMGIM)**

377, RENE-LEVESQUE BOULEVARD WEST P.O. BOX 370, CHANDLER (QUEBEC) G0C1K0  
TELEPHONE : (418) 689-4690 - FAX : (418) 689-4266  
WWW.SMMGIM.QC.CA

### **COMMUNITY FUTURES DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (SADC)**

129, RENE-LEVESQUE BOULEVARD WEST, P.O. BOX 186, CHANDLER (QUEBEC) G0C 1K0  
TELEPHONE : (418) 689-5699 - FAX : (418) 689-5556  
WWW.RESEAU-SADC.QC.CA/PERCE/





## Windmill Sector

The City of Chandler wants to participate in the emerging green sector, by building various windmill components, (towers, blades, cones, pads, etc.)

In the framework of the project ACCORD (Regional Concerted Cooperation Action Development), the wind power sector is an excellent specialty field for the Gaspésie and Magdalen Islands.

Socio-Economic development agencies in the region are vigorously involved, multiplying their contacts and keeping up to date on new technologies in the area of wind power development by participating in conferences devoted to this subject.

Economic development agencies work in partnership in view of ensuring the reception and integration of enterprises.

### Qualified Labor Market

The Collegia Group works actively to support local development in ensuring quality training and personal follow-up.

### Expertise

Since the year 2000, the Wind-Power TechnoCenter, has been vigorously participating in the industrial windmill sector and has thereby allowed local industry to be competitive in foreign markets in equipment and services. They wish to collaborate in the concertation of public and private sectors to make the Gaspésie – Magdalen Islands, “**leaders**” in the Quebec wind power industry.

### Infrastructure

In addition to offering numerous exclusive advantages, the City of Chandler offers investors the possibility of acquiring the Gaspesia plant which can easily be converted into an industrial complex for the windmill sector. The plant has rail access to the seaport that has a loading ramp.





## Forestry Sector

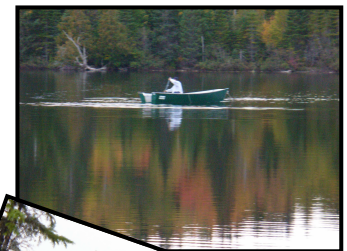
Fully aware of the potential and proximity of the public forest, the City of Chandler has contributed towards the elaboration of two important studies. The goal of these studies was to portray the exact forest potential.

### Conclusion of the studies:

These studies show that the City of Chandler is a strategic location for the establishment of an integrated project of hardwood processing, namely for the following reasons:

- ✓ Ideal site in regards to the hardwood allocations of the Gaspé Coast and the concentration of stands in the public forest.
- ✓ Perfect site with respect to the significant volume of hardwood judged "available" in the private forest.
- ✓ Proximity to the public forest and convergence of access roads allowing overload haulage, inevitably reducing transportation costs.

The City of Chandler is a dynamic municipality that does not hold back to diversify and develop its economy. The industrial complex project, meant to enhance the wood industry on the Gaspé Coast, is a priority in our development. All serious projects that can be integrated into the complex will be thoroughly supported and guided. In order to do this, the municipality has ensured the assistance of socio-economic agents on the territory who will persevere to assist you in your endeavors.





## Technology and communication sector

### Chandler ... A city linked to the world

A fiber optic network circles the Gaspésie from Sainte-Flavie passing through Chandler. Of superior quality, the network insures uncontestable advantages, an internet connection of superior caliber and a performance without equal.

In addition to offering a continuous optimum capacity, an absolute security and a cost comparable to those in urban centers, the network also offers the flexibility of the IP protocol and heightened surveillance 24 hours per day.

### Infrastructure and equipment

The network possesses a conveyance link of the Sonet OC-192 type, composed of two fiber optic cables, 16 distribution centers and close to 300 access places.

### An infallible network

Due to its two fiber optic cables, the network allows information to flow dynamically in one direction at a speed of 10 gigabits per second, while the other cable insures the overflow. In this way the network guaranties sturdiness, dependability, and integrity in case of a breakdown or technical fault.

### A high performance network

In order to support applications sensitive to transmission delays, the network's performance goals are evaluated according to calculations of traffic statistics used for waiting lines based on maximum in/out time limits. Theses time limits are in keeping with norms established by the CRTC and telecommunications environment.

### A secure network

Due to the technology « virtual private network, multi protocol label switching » (VPN/MPLS), the network insures superior confidentiality and absolute security to users.





## Tourist Attraction and Activities

### The three Pabos Rivers

Hiking, trails and 140 kilometers of rivers of which 50 are available for angling.

### Mackerel and Capelin Fishing

It is very easy to fish from the wharf and Chandler beaches.

### The Marina

Office, restaurant and bar, public toilets, laundry, public telephone and exterior terrace.

### ATV and Snowmobile Club

More than 90 kilometers of federated trails with signage. Resto-Bar stopover, showers, ATV-wash and services close by.

### CTMA Ferry Cruises

Destination to Montreal and to the Magdalen Islands. The Ferry-Cruise Ship "Le Vacancier CTMA" docks in Chandler from May to mid-October.

### Beaches

Magnificent sandy beaches all along the Chandler coastline.

### Vachon Lake Promenade

Hiking trails and unique bird-watching area.

### Bellefeuille Open Air Camp

A family vacation center, summer camp, day camp, chalet, canoe and kayak rentals.

### ZEC des Anses

Many lakes for trout fishing, chalet and boat rentals, with fishing permits available on site.

### Bourg de Pabos Park

Historical site, wooded camping area, beach, walking and cycling trails, snack bar and belvedere.

### Mary Travers – dite "LA Bolduc" Historical Site

"La Bolduc" will be happy to receive and entertain you with songs, dancers, jigs, stories and legends.

### Chandler Golf Club

Superb 18 hole golf course. Package prices and equipment available on site.





## Health Services

### Rocher-Percé Health and Social Services

As of April 30th, 2004 the Hospital and CLSC-CHSLD PABOK Services have merged.

### Missions

1. Hospital mission,
2. CLSC mission
3. Lodging mission.

### Main challenge

Answering to the population's needs by offering a full slate of integrated health and social services.

### Description

- ✓ 52 beds for short term care;
- ✓ 49 beds for long term care (USLD);
- ✓ 5 beds for psychiatric care;
- ✓ 62 beds in the CHSLD (Senior Citizens Home) of which 2 are for temporary lodging;
- ✓ A CLSC situated in Chandler with two satellite offices, one in Gascons and one in Percé where bio-psychosocial re-habilitation and medical services are dispensed;
- ✓ An intermediary resource for mental health with 5 places and an intermediate resource of 9 beds for senior citizens.

### Specialized services

- ✓ General Surgery
- ✓ Gynecology
- ✓ Obstetrics
- ✓ Pediatrics
- ✓ Psychiatry
- ✓ Nuclear medicine
- ✓ Radiology
- ✓ Anaesthetics

A team of General Practitioners dispense emergency services, intensive care, every day health, general services for short term care and long term and short term geriatric care as well.

