

Gaspé



A town with Resources
A town with Services

The human side of the Town of Gaspé

- Population : 15 000
- Active population :
12 300
- Language spoken:
French : 65%
English : 6%
French and english : 29%



Geographical position of the town of Gaspé

- Maritime environment
- Gulf of St-Lawrence
- Gaspé bay
- Close to Eastern
U.S. markets



Health Services

Gaspé is a regional center for health services :

- A general hospital and a gerontology center;
- Several specialized clinics;
- Health and Social Services Agency
- Various family physician units



Education

- Gaspé's schools offer the whole range of education levels in Quebec: elementary, high school, college and university.
- Equivalent services are also available to the English-speaking sector.



Le Centre intégré de formation professionnelle et technique

(Technical and professional integrated training center)

The center provides the basic training required for working in the wind power sector.



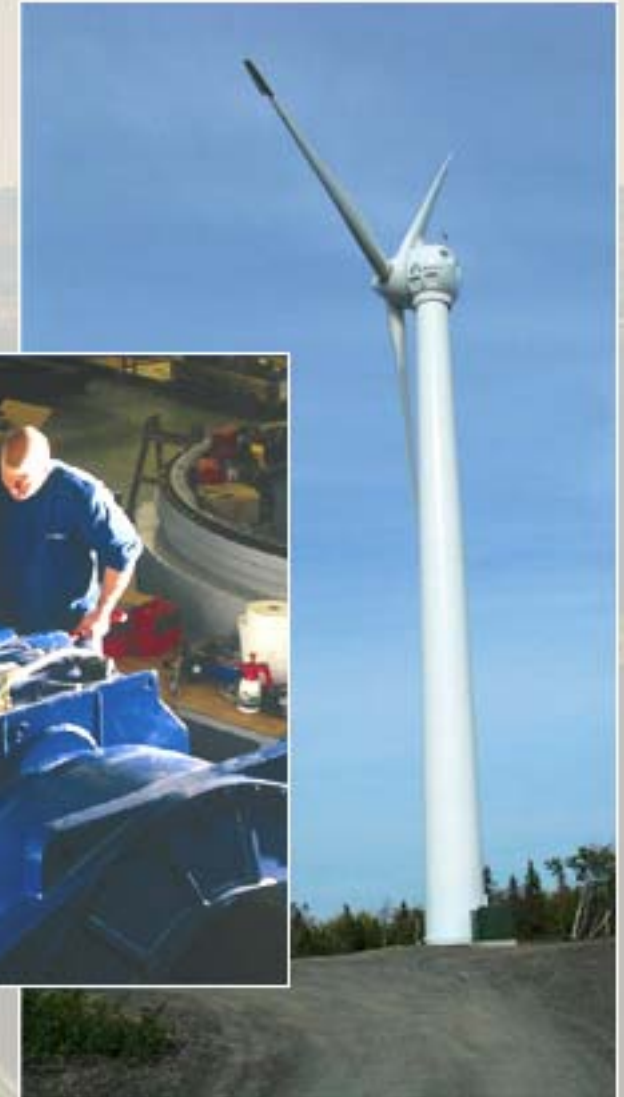
- **High school :**
 - Machining techniques
 - Metallurgy-welding
 - Electromechanics for automated systems

- **College :**
 - Forestry technology (and use)
 - Industrial electronics technology
 - Industrial maintenance technology

The groupe Collégia is developing a training program designed for wind tower maintenance.

Together with the school board, the Groupe is also ready to develop training programs in view of factories coming to Gaspé, design for :

- **assembling nacelles**
- **manufacturing vanes**



Transportation and communications

- Airport
- Train
- Roads
- Seaway
- High-speed Internet access



Industrial Development

Gaspé has three industrial parks provided with all public utilities.

- York
- Rivière au Renard
- Sandy Beach



Sandy Beach Industrial zone

40 hectares of lots available at 10¢ per square meter; property tax break for up to 5 years; municipal utilities available; train and deepwater port located 10 minutes from the airport.



Sandy Beach port

500-meter wide entrance canal

20-meter constant depth

Safe and accessible all year long

Berth length : 180 meters

Berth water depth : 11 meters

Operating area : 30 meters

Potential capacity : 56 kPa

Storage capacity : inside : $\pm 130\text{m}^2$; outside : $\pm 6500\text{m}^2$

Loading capacity : 45 000 tm^3



Administration of residual waste in the Town of Gaspé

The administration of residual waste is a high order priority for the Town of Gaspé. In this respect, the town has developed high performance treatment and recycling equipment to deal with all residual waste. The town also administers, conjointly with the MRC du Rocher-Percé, a recycling center where recyclable materials, such as glass, plastics and paper are recovered.

The new technical waste treatment facility permits the disposal of various wastes in a very safe way and in total conformity with the new norms emitted by Québec's environment ministry. The technical facility began its services in June of 2003 and was designed to have a functional life of thirty (30) years. It is presently the only such residual waste treatment facility in the eastern part of the province of Québec.

Advantages offered by the Town of Gaspé

Private Bill concerning the Town of Gaspé:

The Town of Gaspé is the only municipality in the Gaspésie / Magdalen Islands region benefiting from a private Bill accorded by the Québec government in order to favour economic development over its territory. Bill # 201 was adopted by the National Assembly on December 18th, 2003. This law allows the Town of Gaspé to offer a range of highly competitive advantages to enterprises wishing to establish their operations in the Rivière-au-Renard or Sandy Beach (Gaspé harbour) industrial parks. Among these advantages are the following :

- a property tax credit for a maximum of five (5) years;
- financial aid for real estate, land and buildings, as well as services, such as water, sewage, streets, etc. . . .
- hiring of professional resources;
- etc. . .

Advantages offered by the Town of Gaspé **Private Bill concerning the Town of Gaspé:**

The amount of financial aid is established after negotiations between the enterprise and the municipality in relation to the socio-economic impact of the project.

Note that the Town of Gaspé's « private Bill » advantages are exceptional and can be complemented with other Québec and Canadian government financial aid programs. Thanks to the flexibility of this private Bill, we are convinced that the Town of Gaspé will be able to respond to requirements difficult to satisfy in other towns or regions.

Advantages offered by the Town of Gaspé **Industrial properties :**

The Town of Gaspé offers properties appropriate for industrial activity at very competitive prices. These high surface properties are generally offered to enterprises at the nominal cost of 0, 10\$ per square meter. These properties are conveniently located near the seaport, the railway and the regional airport at Gaspé, for the Sandy Beach industrial park.

The Rivière-au-Renard industrial properties benefit from the most highly modern fisheries infrastructures and equipment in the province of Québec and are located adjacent to the Rivière-au-Renard seaport, capitol of Québec's fisheries.

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A personalized collaboration with the Town of Gaspé:

Beyond the many specific financial aid programs, the Town of Gaspé offers its total collaboration and flexibility to promoters wishing to establish their operations on its territory in order to facilitate the realization of their entrepreneurial project. Gaspé is a town of many resources with a quality of life among the highest in Canada. Its population offers an available and varied workforce, able to respond to future enterprises' needs.

Emploi Québec, with offices located at Gaspé, offers numerous financial aid programs relative to training of personnel. College and professional educational institutions at Gaspé offer instruction and training for future employees.

Main government assistance programs

Government of Canada

The Canadian Gaspé Peninsula - Magdalen Island
Economic Support Program

Mid-sized business development

- For starting new businesses requiring investments of at least 500,000.00\$
- Maximum contribution : 50% of eligible costs

Main government assistance programs

Government of Québec

Support programs for economic development in the Gaspé Peninsula :

Ministère développement économique et régional

- **PSPE : Programme de soutien aux projets économiques (Support program for economic development)**
- **FDE: Fonds diversification économique de la Gaspésie (Economic diversification fund for the Gaspé Peninsula)**
- **FDTG: Fonds de développement touristique de la Gaspésie (Tourism development fund for the Gaspé Peninsula)**
- **ACCORD: Crédit d'impôt pour la Gaspésie (Tax credit for the Gaspé Peninsula)**

Emploi Québec

- **3 composants : work force training, salary subsidies, labor relations (human resources consulting mandate)**

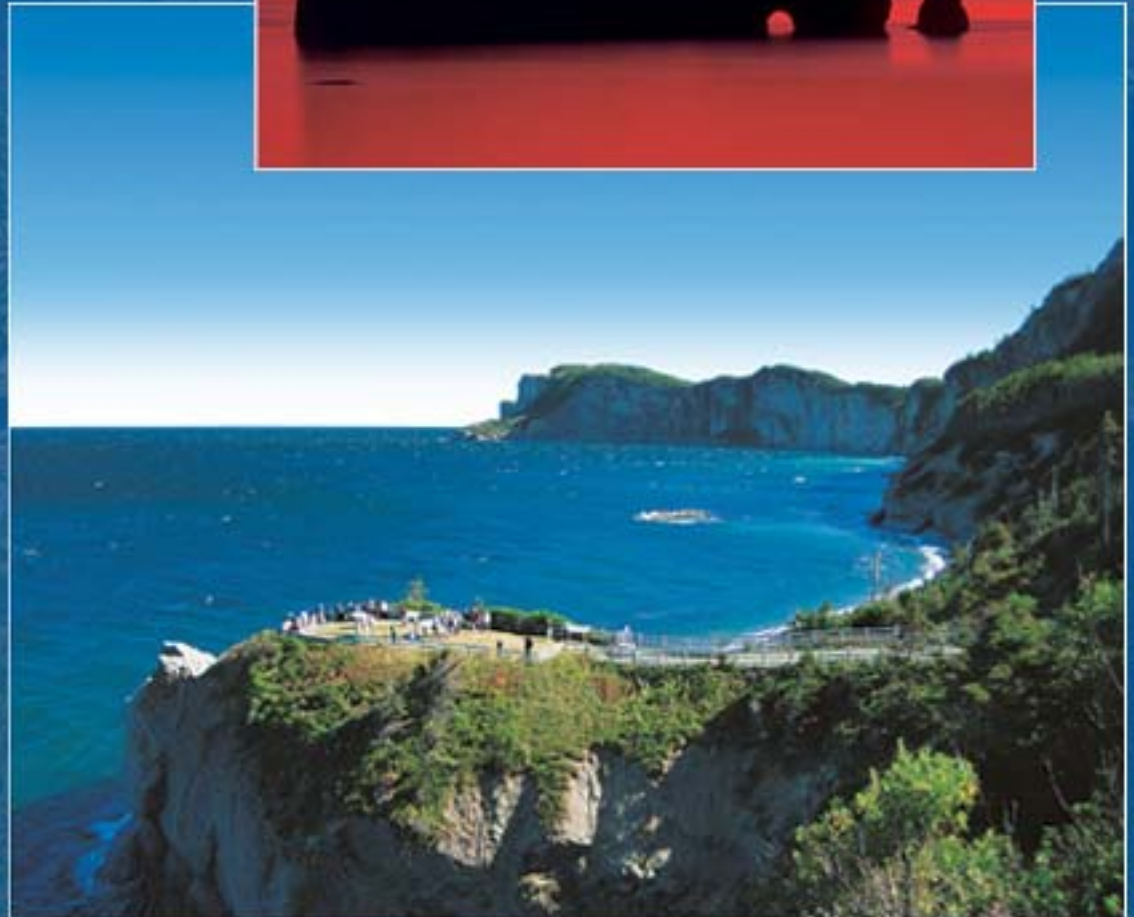
Other governmental bodies that can furnish assistance for economic projects :

- **Fonds de solidarité de la FTQ (Fonds des Travailleurs du Québec)**
- **Investissement Québec**
- **Centre Local de développement**
- **Innovatech régions ressources**
- **Centre Local d'emploi (in Gaspé)**

Tourist Attractions

Gaspé is located right in the heart of one of the biggest natural tourist areas in Quebec, revolving around :

**Parc de la Gaspésie
and the
Forillon-Gaspé-Percé
area.**



Many festivals and cultural events take place every year.



- Fête de Cartier
- Canada Day
- La Saint-Jean (Québec Day)

The quality of life in Gaspé

- Sportfishing
(three salmon rivers)
- Hunting



The quality of life in Gaspé

- Ice fishing
- Snowmobiling
- Trekking
- Cross-country skiing
- Downhill skiing
- Sliding
- Trapping
- Hockey
- Outdoor rinks



The quality of life in Gaspé

- Golf,
- Tennis,
- Soccer,
- Baseball,
- Sea kayaking,
- Horseback riding



The quality of life in Gaspé

- Ocean view
- Beaches
- Water activities
- Walking and hiking



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