

# **Order of engineers files complaints against SNC-Lavalin engineers**

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## **Quebec's Order of Engineers has filed disciplinary complaints against two engineers in connection with the Ville Marie Expressway tunnel collapse more than three years ago.**

The two engineers, both of whom are employed by SNC-Lavalin, were involved in preparing the plans and specifications for repair work on the walls under the Viger Tunnel's paralumes — grid-like structures designed to shade drivers from the sun's glare. On the morning of July 31, 2011, a 20-by-20 metre section of the paralume structure in the Viger Tunnel came crashing down onto the roadway below. There were no cars passing underneath at the time, and there were no injuries. The eastbound section of the tunnel was closed for several days in the wake of the incident.

In February 2012, two independent investigators concluded that the repair plans and specifications drawn up by a consortium that included SNC-Lavalin, Dessau and CIMA+ were "inappropriate" and didn't conform to industry standards.

The disciplinary complaints filed this week by Quebec's Order of Engineers concern violations of the Professional Code and the Code of Ethics of Engineers, said [a release](#) issued Thursday afternoon. If the Order's 15-member disciplinary council determines that the two engineers involved in the repair work did violate those codes, they could face the permanent loss of their memberships or their engineering licenses.

In the three years since the collapse, Transport Quebec has been quietly but steadily removing the remaining paralumes from its highway network in Montreal.