



The citizen's summit – June, 1st and 2 – City of Deux-Montagnes

Community programs

In an attempt to revitalize its environment and create a sense of belonging, the City of Deux-Montagnes has always tried to support the efforts of certain organizations working in social spheres with specific citizen groups (children, families, women, seniors, etc.). This has meant providing, by and large, one-time human resource contributions, lending premises and equipment as well as providing financial help to these not-for-profit organizations. These contributions represent \$346,000 per year.

Over the years, the City has established certain parameters which are used as guidelines in choosing which organizations or groups the city will support and which also help determine the value of subsidies to be allocated.

Should we review our choices? Our guidelines? Reduce the help provided or increase it?

In your opinion, what are the benefits gained by the City from providing these community contributions?

What would happen to our seniors', children's, families' and women's groups if we decided to decrease our contributions?

- Increase in vandalism?
- Increase in crime in general?
- Increase in obesity or sedentary lifestyles?
- Increase in suicides?



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Public infrastructures made available to the population for community services are specified hereafter:

- La Maison du citoyen
- SOS Jeunesse
- Nouveaux Horizons center
- La Maison des jeunes
- Part of the Legion

Global cost of these infrastructures: \$ 69,000

- Manoir Grand-Moulin, phase I
 - Belongs to the citizens. Even though this venue is intended for an older clientele, the city does not receive any governmental subsidy for the operation of the Manoir. The Manoir posts annual losses of more than \$100,000, due mostly to the purchase costs and repair work performed seven years ago which required investments of more than \$3,000,000 for the 37 units.
- Manoir Grand-Moulin, phase II
 - The Manoir, phase II was built two years ago. The Manoir does not produce any profit. It does bring in \$83,000 in annual taxes for the City because of the Accès Logis Program, amongst others. This program allows 31 of the 62 tenants to have access to subsidized reduced rates.

What should we do with the Manoir, phase I?

- Should we ask the government to take back the infrastructure along with the financial responsibilities that implies? Should we ask the government to contribute financially to the annual operating costs?



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- Should we continue to manage, as we have in the past, and keep absorbing the losses?
- Should we raise the prices of units or cut some services?

Should we review municipal infrastructure usage policies with respect to community services?

The City also subsidizes various associations which lend assistance to our population and extends the use of the following premises or resources:

4 CORNERS FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER	9 290
ANTENNE UNIVERSITAIRE 3E AGE	200
ARCHERS DEUX-MONTAGNES	300
ASS CULTURELLE DEUX-MONTAGNES	10 000
ASS. BALLE-MOLLE DEUX-MONTAGNES	3 500
ASS. BASEBALL LAC DEUX-MONTAGNES	2 500
ASS. BÉNÉVOLE CHSLD VIGER DM	500
ASS. HOCKEY FÉMININ LAURENTIDES	1 000
BASKETBALL DEUX-MONTAGNES	1 000
CARRFOUR PÉRI-NAISSANCE	150
CENTRE D'ACTION BÉNÉVOLE	100
CÉSAME	300
CLUB ÂGE D'OR DEUX-MONTAGNES	1 000
CLUB BOULINGRIN DEUX-MONTAGNES	1 500
CLUB DE PÉTANQUE DEUX-MONTAGNES	100
CLUB INFORMATIQUE 64 NORD D.M.	350
CLUB LIONS DEUX-MONTAGNES	10 000
CLUB PHILATÉLIE DEUX-MONTAGNES	300
COMITÉ D'AIDE ALIMENTAIRE DES PATRIOTES	350
COMITÉ DE LOISIRS DES RÉSIDANTS MANOIR	3 000
DÉPANNAGE ST-AGAPIT INC.	2 000
ÉCOLE LIBERTÉ JEUNESSE	150
EXCEL-GYM	1 000
FONDATION ÉMILE Z. LAVIOLETTE	1 000
GIRL GUIDE OF CANADA	150
GRENIER POPULAIRE BASSES-LAUR.	500
GROUPE SCOUT GRAND-MOULIN	1 800



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HABITAT POUR L'HUMANITÉ	3 500
LA CHACUNIÈRE	200
LA COMÉDIE HUMAINE	1 000
LA MOUVANCE CENTRE DE FEMMES	500
LES MATINÉES MERES-ENFANTS	300
MAISON DES JEUNES DEUX-MONTAGNES	5 000
MEALS ON WHEELS	1 000
MOUVEMENT AKINACHINA	300
NOURRI-SOURCE	150
PARADE DU PÈRE NOËL	10 000
QUÉBEC-SECOURS	350
RUTAPD (REGR. USAGERS TRANSPORT	500
SENIOR CITIZEN CLUB	5 000
S.O.S. JEUNESSE INC.	1 000
SOCIÉTÉ D'HISTOIRE RÉG. DM	1 000
SOC. HORTICULTURE DEUX-MONTAGNES	650
SOCCER DEUX-MONTAGNES	11 500
TOPS QU 4262 DEUX-MONTAGNES	200
VENTUS / DÉFI DEUX-MONTAGNES	1 500
WOMEN'S TIME OUT	550
ASSOCIATION DES PARENTS DE ST-AGAPIT INC.	2 000

Total cost of subsidies = \$98,440

Should the City review its involvement in these sectors?

What would the consequences be if we decreased our various contributions?

Lastly:

The City of Deux-Montagnes was built because of its community spirit. The present situation, however, makes it necessary for us to question some of the benefits and also our methods.

The biggest question to answer during this workshop will be:

Should we review the City's choices and involvement in these specific sectors of our Deux-Montagnes community?

Other comments and suggestions.