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Dear Fellow Citizens,

I'd like to bring you up to date on the disastrous flood conditions still rampant in Deux-Montagnes at this very moment.

The flooding our city has experienced is truly unbelievable, cresting at 24.78 metres. An unheard-of figure in the history of Deux-Montagnes!

We launched emergency measures and operations as soon as flooding began on April 26, 2017. All public works crews and fire department brigades were mobilized. Later, when we saw how serious the situation was becoming, I personally appealed to the Canadian Forces to secure our municipal infrastructure. Scores of volunteers also joined in this tremendously struggle with Mother Nature. I applaud their outstanding efforts, even though Mother Nature did get the upper hand, with the tragic results we've all witnessed. Over 150 of residents have been hit hard by the flood.

An emergency centre was opened, in cooperation with the Red Cross, when this unfortunate situation first came to light. I would like to invite any residents affected by the flood to please take advantage of the services we have available, if you haven't already done so.

According to meteorological and hydrological models we've received today (May 11, 2017), it appears that flood levels are continuing to subside (24.54 metres observed at 7:00 am), and before too long our operations will switch to "The Big Community Cleanup." Volunteers who wish to take part in this operation are invited to register with the Deux-Montagnes recreation and community services department.



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Just for now, however, we must remain cautious and take care not to go back too quickly into houses that are still flooded. Resident safety is at stake here. Which was, after all, the reason why we had to declare a state of emergency in the first place.

Instruction sheets have been produced, based on our emergency plan, to inform residents affected by flooding about what steps they should take in the days ahead.

Information sessions will be organized with the Quebec Department of Public Security next week. Please visit the City's website and watch our digital notice boards to keep track of future developments. What appears on these sources is official, and is the only information you can really count on.

I'd like to sincerely thank all the volunteers and City employees who devoted themselves completely to helping their fellow residents during this terrible ordeal. I'd also like to thank my councillors, who were on the scene with me everywhere, not only to relay your needs to the appropriate authorities, but also to help fill sandbags and assist you at the emergency centre.

I'm extremely proud of our community, which has rolled up its sleeves and taken care of itself during this disastrous flood of 2017.

Denis Martin, Mayor