

THE FAMILY POLICY




VILLE DE DEUX-MONTAGNES



TO GROW
together

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What does family mean?

In the old days, we used to define a family as being a father, a mother and children living under a same roof. Today's reality is quite different and that is why we have defined the family as follows:

"A living environment composed of one or more adults fulfilling a parental role towards one or more children."

This definition encompasses traditional, single-parent or blended families, and includes the grandparents.

Basis of the Family Policy

- The Town believes that the families' good living standards, well being and growth are necessary in order to improve tomorrow's society.
- The Town believes that the citizens comprising these families have the potential, skills and solutions to answer all of their needs and grow harmoniously. For its part, the Town insists on supporting them in their tasks, their goals and their projects.
- The Town believes that together, **we can mutually support each other...** and that is enriching! We must work together. School boards, social and health services, private companies, community organizations and municipal services unite to share their resources in order to support families in their development.



**The hearth
of social activities**



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Description of Deux-Montagnes

Population

17,080

0 to 19 years old	5,035
20 to 44 years old	6,745
45 to 64 years old	3,800
65 years old and over	1,500

Number of households

6,335

Families with one or more children	2,410
Single-parent families	18%
Blended families	30%
Average number of children per family	1.2

*** 2001 census**



Brother, sister, half-brother, half-sister
Father, mother, stepfather, stepmother
Grandfather, grandmother

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Beneficial

achievements...

Here is a list of the municipal achievements that have particularly influenced the lifestyles of families in Deux-Montagnes over the past years.

Urban Planning

- Construction of a second train station
- Construction of the Olympia, a sports and cultural complex
- Improvements to the parks network
- Preservation of the wooded area

Recreation

- Expansion of the library
- Layout and maintenance of the bicycle paths
- Day care service in the playgrounds
- Family prices for some activities

Communications

- Bilingual monthly newsletter
- Web site

Safety

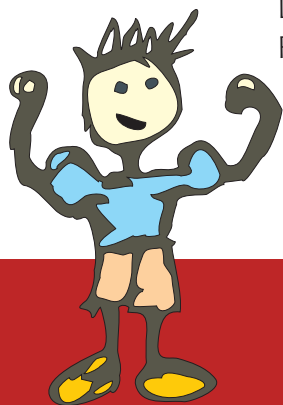
- Passport program in schools
- Hiring of school crossing guards
- Fire Emergency plan in schools
- Bicycle verification

Finances

- Instalment plan for the property tax bill
- Financial support to community organizations

Public works

- Monitoring the use of pesticides and herbicides
- Recycling program



Our town and the family
form a long lasting relationship



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Unite the families



Action Plan

In the pages that follow, we will present the projects that we wish to carry out over the next three years in order to improve the quality of life of Deux-Montagnes' families.

2005 – 2006 – 2007

Objective : Reunite families in order to prevent many social issues.

Actions :

- Create an information kit to be distributed to families moving into our territory to ease their integration. It will contain information on Deux-Montagnes' municipal services, community organizations and merchants.
- Organize one or two annual events with community organizations in our town to allow families to meet and interact.
- Make information more readily accessible to families on the various services offered by organizations in our community.



To create
a solid network

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Assist underprivileged

families

2005 - 2006
- 2007 -



Objective : Improve the community services in order to meet the specific needs of certain families.

Actions :

- Set up the Citizens' House so it can offer food services to underprivileged persons.
- Invite all organizations offering assistance services to families to group together in the Citizens' House.
- Improve the accompanying service for children with disabilities or limited mobility who wish to participate in the day-camp program.
- Review the community organizations' assistance programs in order to identify those that could benefit from additional support according to the Family Policy.



**Draw from the
community sources**



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Plan according to age groups

2005 - 2006
- 2007 -



Objective : Take the necessary measures to encourage families to remain in Deux-Montagnes their whole life.

Actions :

- Open the Manoir Grand-Moulin, a home for Deux-Montagnes' self-sufficient seniors.
- Take the necessary financial measures to motivate owners to renovate their homes and create intergenerational dwellings, such as houses with a dwelling for the owners' children or parents.
- Improve children's recreational activities by implementing a layout program for recreational equipment on the site of the polyvalente Deux-Montagnes.



Live surrounded by your family...
forever !

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Protect

our youths...

2005 - 2006
- 2007 -

Objective : Improve youth's safety

Actions :

- Increase children's safety around schools and parks by establishing a comprehensive action plan in collaboration with the Public safety department, parents and school board personnel.
- Increase surveillance in parks and schools.

Conclusion

The Municipal Council has mandated the Commission de la famille to ensure the follow-up on this triennial action plan and report once a year, suggest modifications or additions according to the growth of our community.



We invite you to send your comments on this plan by mail to
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