



## Covid-19



Dear Residents,

Like all of you, the City of Deux-Montagnes is very concerned about the global crisis being caused by the COVID-19 virus. Rest assured that we remain in close contact with the ministry of health and the ministry of public security to carefully assess the situation on a daily basis.

From the very start of the pandemic, a number of measures were taken by your city in coordination with government authorities to ensure the safety of everyone, residents and municipal employees alike. These measures include the temporary suspension of all cultural, sports, and leisure activities to limit gatherings, the closure of public offices to limit the spread of the virus, and the closure of parks and playgrounds. I encourage you to visit our website on a regular basis to stay up to date on any new initiatives we take to keep you safe while COVID-19 runs its course.

The most recent measure we adopted is designed to reduce the tax burden on residents and businesses in our jurisdiction by suspending interest and penalties on any unpaid tax, debt, and transfer tax due for the current year until June 30, 2020. We hope that this will help relieve some of the financial pressure felt by many Deux-Montagnes families and businesses during this difficult time.

You can also count on your city to fully maintain all essential services, including drinking water management, public safety (firefighters and police), road maintenance, and garbage collection, to name but a few. As for our non-essential services, some employees will be reassigned to community work in order to provide assistance to non-profit organizations in our territory and to seniors who need help. Our teams continue to work with the greatest of care and vigilance.

I call on residents to continue exercising vigilance in all they do as well. Whether you're enjoying the day outdoors or going out to do your shopping, remember to follow social distancing guidelines. By protecting yourself you really do save lives.

I also urge a show of solidarity in caring for our seniors and in buying local whenever possible. By working together as a community, we will come out of this challenging period stronger than ever.

I am very grateful to Deux-Montagnes residents for the great respect they have shown in adhering to public health directives and guidelines.

While we all wait for life to get back to normal, I want you to know that your elected municipal officials and the Deux-Montagnes team continue to follow up on issues of concern to everyone...like monitoring the spring flood and keeping an eye on what is happening on the ground to ensure the effectiveness of our new permanent dyke.

We are here for you and always just a phone call or email away to answer any questions you might have.

I'm very proud to be part of a community where people have such great respect for public regulations and know how to be resilient and supportive in both good times and bad.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Denis Martin". The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive.

Denis Martin, Mayor