

Canada's Governor General becomes a member of Caisse populaire Desjardins de Lévis

On a visit to Lévis on September 21, Governor General David Johnston and his wife Sharon became honorary members of the first credit union founded in North America, thus continuing a long tradition established by seven previous governors general.

The visitors started with a tour of Maison Alphonse-Desjardins to immerse themselves in the history of Desjardins Group's first financial services cooperative. Their Excellencies then visited the headquarters of Caisse populaire Desjardins de Lévis, where they were officially made honorary members. The visit concluded with lunch at the offices of the Fédération des caisses Desjardins with the Chair of the Board, President and CEO of Desjardins Group, Monique F. Leroux, and a number of officers.

The first Canadian governor general to become an honorary member of Caisse populaire Desjardins de Lévis was Lord Earl Grey in March 1907. He served at the time as honorary



Governor General of Canada, David Johnston, and his wife, Sharon Johnston, with Monique F. Leroux, Chair of the Board, President and CEO of Desjardins Group, and Clément Samson, President of Caisse de Lévis, during their visit to Maison Alphonse-Desjardins.

president of the International Cooperative Alliance and had supported a bill in the Canadian parliament to protect and provide a legal framework for the Lévis caisse. The others were the Right Honourable Vincent Massey in 1953, Jules Léger in 1977, Edward Schreyer in 1979, Jeanne Sauvé in 1987, Adrienne Clarkson in 2002, and Michaëlle Jean in 2007.

It is always a pleasure for the officers of Caisse populaire Desjardins de Lévis to welcome a new member to their cooperative, but they are doubly proud when the new member is the Governor General of Canada. ■



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