

# Discover Desjardins Group's historical buildings

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## 8 rue du Mont-Marie

Site of the very first caisse populaire and the birthplace of Desjardins, this neo-Gothic architectural-style residence was built for Alphonse Desjardins between 1882 and 1884. It was home to the headquarters of Caisse populaire de Lévis from 1901 to 1906.

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## 36-40 avenue Bégin

The Laurentien building is significant to Desjardins's history for two reasons. From 1916 to 1920, it served as the head office of Caisse populaire de Lévis (before it moved to 16 Avenue Bégin). It was also the birthplace of Desjardins Life Assurance company (or Desjardins Financial Security, as we know it today).

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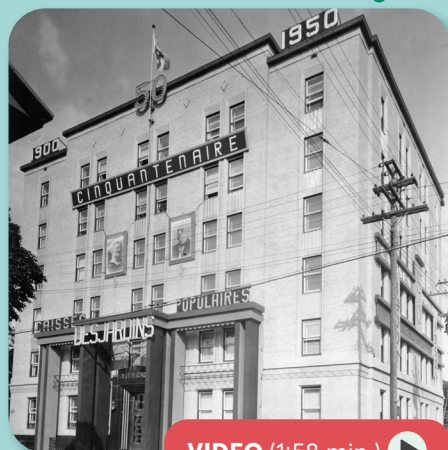


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## 39 rue Guenette

This building was the headquarters of Caisse populaire de Lévis from 1969 to 1993. Its architectural style is a clear nod to the USSR pavilion featured at the 1967 World's Fair in Montreal.

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## 59 avenue Bégin

Open to the public in 1950 to celebrate the semicentennial of Caisse populaire de Lévis, this modern, art deco structure was the first high-rise building in Lévis. It served as a symbol of unity because it brought the formerly dispersed components of Desjardins under the same roof.

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## 55 avenue Bégin

This example of Beaux-Arts architecture was built in 1925. From 1970 to 1981, it was home to Compagnie internationale de développement régional, or what we know today as Développement international Desjardins.

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## 16 avenue Bégin

In 1920, Caisse populaire de Lévis made its third move and took up residence at 14 Rue Eden (today that's 16 Avenue Bégin). For the first time, the caisse owned the building that housed its head office.

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## 108 Côte du Passage

After operating out of the Price Building in Quebec City since it was founded in 1932, the Fédération de Québec des unions régionales de caisses populaires Desjardins (known today as the Fédération des caisses Desjardins du Québec) moved to Lévis in 1945. It was headquartered in this building until 1950.

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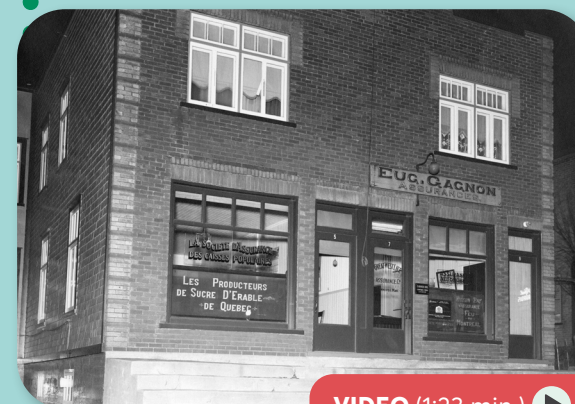


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## 8 avenue Bégin

In 1900, this was the site of a historic event for the province of Quebec: the meeting that founded Caisse populaire de Lévis, North America's first savings and credit cooperative.

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## 5-7-9 avenue Bégin

The first head office of Société d'assurance des caisses populaires (now called Desjardins General Insurance Group), founded in 1944, was located in this building. The company stayed here from 1945 to 1946.

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## 48 Côte du Passage

The second location of the Société d'assurance des caisses populaires (Desjardins General Insurance Group today) was this building at 50 Côte Du Passage (today it's 48 Côte Du Passage). The company took up part of the building in 1946 until it moved to the Desjardins Building in 1950.

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