

Three people are in the running for the position of Desjardins Group president

Lévis, (QC) February 2, 2016 – At the close of the nomination period for the election of the Desjardins Group president, which ran from January 25 to February 1, the following three people have submitted their candidacy:

- Mr. Guy Cormier, Senior vice-president, Cooperative Network and Personal Services, Desjardins Group
- Mr. Robert Ouellette, Senior vice-president, Technology and Shared Services Centre, Desjardins Group
- Mr. Daniel Paillé, private advisor for businesses and individuals, external candidacy

The election period, which is the next step in the electoral process, begins today and runs through to March 18, 2016. During this period, candidates will have the opportunity to present their vision and meet privately, in camera, with members of the electoral college.

The electoral college is composed of 256 persons who are members of the regional councils in Quebec and Ontario and the Group Caisse Council. They will meet in camera to elect the next Desjardins Group president on Saturday, March 19.

The new president will take office on April 9, 2016, at the end of the Desjardins Group Annual General Meetings.

An election committee, chaired by Hélène Lee-Gosselin, member of the Québec-Ouest and Rive-Sud Regional Council, ensures that the electoral process is conducted according to the established rules. **Ms. Lee-Gosselin would like to remind all media representatives that under these rules, candidates are not allowed to give interviews during the whole electoral process.**

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