

MMA agreement: Desjardins donates \$150,000 to the Lac-Mégantic community
Creation of a development fund with two local caisses

Lévis, May 4, 2016 – Desjardins General Insurance Group, Caisse Desjardins de la Région de Mégantic and Caisse Desjardins du Granit have announced the creation of a development fund to help revitalize the Lac-Mégantic community.

Desjardins Insurance is donating \$100,000 and the two caisses that will be managing the fund and selecting key projects to help the community bounce back are donating \$50,000.

Desjardins Insurance's donation is further to an agreement with the creditors of Montreal, Maine and Atlantic Railway (MMA) that will allow the company to recover a portion of the claims it paid out after the summer of 2013 disaster. The insurer has decided to reinvest the proceeds in the community.

Desjardins Group and local caisses were among the first on site after the derailment, providing support to Desjardins employees and members and local residents through a helpline, donations and a Red Cross fundraising campaign across the caisse network.

With today's contribution, Desjardins has raised over \$250,000 for the Red Cross and the Lac-Mégantic community since the tragedy hit.

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