

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Your

dreams,

Hello and welcome to the annual General Assembly of the Société d'aide au développement de la collectivité de la région de Coaticook. This year, as "innovation" seems to be the buzzword on everybody's lips, we, too, have decided to innovate for our annual General Assembly in a way I believe marks a first in Quebec. We have invited D-Track, a slam artist, rapper, and poet, to present our annual report and to emcee the assembly.

The SADC's directors and employees work tirelessly to help improve and foster community interest in the quality of life, living environment, and living standard of the Coaticook region. They also strive to connect all parties who share the same vision, so that everyone works together. It gives us great pride today to present you with our beautiful achievements. We will be even prouder, one day, to be able to say that we have fully succeeded in the areas of cooperation and partnership—areas which, in all honesty, still require work, even if positive progress has been made. To quote the Raymond Lévesque song, "When men will love for love, there will be no more misery."

stepping into the unknown. But when it is widely understood that each organization and each party has its own part to play, that there is no competition and that we are not competitors, our region will enter a brighter future, and we will be able to hold a grand and festive assembly indeed. Each of us has a different, complementary mission. As various parties' commitment to the 2015-2020 Regional Development Plan has demonstrated, we must work together to be the best we can to attract workers and new citizens, and to avoid withdrawing and closing off our municipalities. We must ensure our passion... that our children come back after their studies because our region offers them jobs and opportunities for business creation... and because it's a fantastic place A sustainable to live. What a vision! But is all this possible? The truth is that it is up to relationship. each of us to make it possible, and the Coaticook SADC is here to help make this dream a reality.

Change can be frightening because it sometimes means we need to change our way of thinking or doing things; it means

OUR **MISSION**

Firmly rooted in its environment, the Coaticook region SADC contributes to the development and well-being of its community.

In closing, I would like to thank our provincial network, Canada Economic Development, our directors and employees, and all our partners, who help us make your dreams, our passion, a sustainable relationship.

According to a study by Statistics Canada,

BUSINESSES THAT RECEIVE GUIDANCE FROM AN SADC OR CAE HAVE A HIGHER SURVIVAL RATE:

74% compared to **50%** for others

INVESTMENT ACHIEVEMENTS

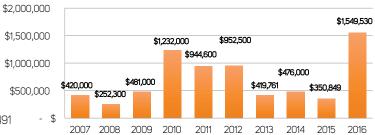
Over fiscal year 2015-2016, the Investment Committee has authorized

amounting

\$1.549.530

enabling recipients to obtain additional loans for a combined total of \$6,094,491

Evolution of loans granted by the SADC over the past 10 years



LOANS GRANTED OVER YEAR 2015-2016

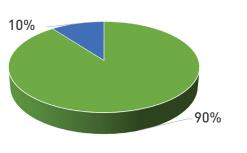
The loans issued during fiscal year 2015-2016 are divided between

the Regular Investment Fund

0% and 10%

Investment Fund

the Youth

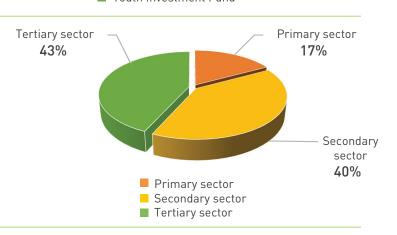


■ Regular Investment Fund Youth Investment Fund

PORTFOLIO DISTRIBUTION (NUMBER OF LOANS) BY ACTIVITY SECTOR IN 2015-2016

Since it was founded, the SADC has granted

308 loans intelliging \$10,814,301



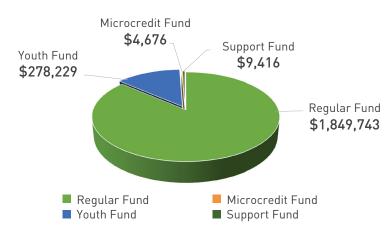


(data forthcoming)

Approximately active loans divided amono husinesses Since 1989. have received SADC

quidance.





COMMUNICATIONS **ACHIEVEMENTS**

TWO NEW PROMO VIDEOS

- Governance: How to become a member of the Coaticook SADC?
- **Services:** What can the Coaticook SADC do for you?

22,000 VISITORS **PAGES** on the Coaticook SADC website

SADC COMMUNICATIONS **ALSO INCLUDE:**

and socio-economic directory.

2 BULLETINS

and 10 BLOG postings

• 5 RADIO SHOWS

for the May 2, 2015 public consultation

day with a view to drawing up the

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

FOR THE COATICOOK MRC

8 MEDIA MESSAGES

in various local, regional and national newspapers

THE SADC CARRIES **OUT PROJECTS**



• Inc.spiration talk by Sébastien Sasseville



- Workshop by Marco Baron on maximizing the efficiency of Boards of Directors meetings
- Strategic governance guidance provided to an NPO



Project on sustainable development (green) accounting with students from Université Laval and the company Jardin des Trouvailles

All SADC publications and media messages ARE AVAILABLE IN **BOTH OFFICIAL** LANGUAGES.

THE SADC PARTNERS UP



- Coordination for the 2015-2020 Regional Development Plan
- Organization of the May 2, 2015 public consultation day (paving the way for the 2015-2020 Regional Development Plan)



• Workforce recruitment and retention guidance with Marc Éthier (three businesses adopted the approach: J. M. Champeau, Gober Portes d'armoires, and Bois Ouvrés Waterville)



Coordination of the TCR (regional round table)





• Financial partner for the youth activities of Place aux jeunes en région and Séjours exploratoires, as well as the Coaticook MRC's TCC (cultural round table).

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT **GUIDANCE**

(PROVIDED BY THE ADDERE ORGANIZATION AND FINANCED BY THE SADC)

FROMAGERIE LA STATION



Waste management assistance, carbon certification research. strategic assistance

MARCHÉ DE LA **FERME BEAULIEU**



Waste management

\$34,000 and \$800 hours invested

\$13,450

SERVICES FOR THE **ENGLISH-SPEAKING**

HOURS OF SUSTAINABLE **DEVELOPMENT** GUIDANCE

NUMBER OF

582

Waste management assistance research

RESTO

LA PLACE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Serge Gosselin, Chair

Gaétan Labelle, Vice-Chair of Investment

Lyne Lacroix, Vice-Chair of Local Development

Sylvie Fauteux, Secretary-Treasurer

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> DE LA RÉGION DE COATICOOK

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

Gaétan Labelle, Legal & Finance sector

Judith Bolduc, Trade & Services sector

Gladys Bruun, Public (municipal) sector (stepped down October 15, 2015)

Sylvie Fauteux, General Representation

Lionel Giroux, Agrifood sector

Serge Gosselin, General Representation

Émilie P. Audet, Youth sector

OVER

430 hours of volunteer

WORK DONE BY

THE MEMBERS OF THE BD

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Lyne Lacroix, Community sector

Marie-Soleil Beaulieu, Agrifood sector

Sylvie Giguère, Training and Education sector

Serge Gosselin, General Representation

Johanne Provencher, Industry sector



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and

Gabrielle Richer, summer employee in communications from June 1 to August 21, 2015