



For three of the candidates of the Citizens Party / Stephane Plante Team, dynamism and a new outlook prevail

**Deux-Montagnes – September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2005** –Today, the Deux-Montagnes Citizens Party / Stephane Plante Team is introducing three new candidates, namely Chantal Theoret, Nathalie Chayer and Denis Martin.

For Stephane Plante, leader of the party and mayoralty candidate, having two women as candidates is a milestone: "When I accepted to leadership of the Citizens Party, I wanted to ensure that our team was as balanced as possible. It makes sense that experience and innovation are fundamental. Nevertheless, the participation of Chantal and Nathalie is crucial since it will allow us to offer a strong voice and a significant presence for the women of Deux-Montagnes on the Municipal council. "

Candidate for the Grand-Moulin district, Chantal Theoret explains her entering into municipal politics by a sincere desire that the women in our community may participate in the Municipal council's decisions. "It is important that women take their place in politics. The municipal administration is the level where decisions are taken that touch the citizens the most. As far as I am concerned, it is the desire to influence positively our quality of life that motivated me to get involved in municipal politics" declared the candidate for the Grand-Moulin district.

"In my district, I want to make sure that all citizens can reach me. The duty of a municipal councillor is not only to get elected every fourth year. We must also remain in contact with the citizens. We must be present in our district and be the voice of all fellow citizens rather than that of an organization. My deep knowledge of the Grand-Moulin area, my involvement in the community milieu, particularly with the Maison des jeunes, and my joining the Citizens Party / Stephane Plante Team will allow me to handle the campaign with confidence in the weeks to come" concluded Chantal Theoret.

For the candidate of the la Gare district, Nathalie Chayer, her great interest in political issues regarding young families incited her to join the Citizens Party / Stephane Plante Team. To her, municipal politics seemed perfectly suited to her desire to influence her environment in a positive way.

According to Nathalie Chayer, representing the citizens of a district on the Municipal council is both an honour and a commitment. "It must be understood that the role of a municipal councillor is made up of great responsibilities. Beyond the party, we are first and foremost the representatives of all the citizens in our district. Furthermore, as a woman, I must ensure that the decisions taken by the Municipal council take into account the realities of mothers as well as the young or elder women in our community. Besides, in all districts, women must often mix family and work, just like I do. Their agenda is busy and the time for leisure is rather scarce. It is by sharing these women's concerns that I begin the present campaign," said Nathalie Chayer.

To complete this "youthful" trio of the Citizens Party / Stephane Plante Team, Denis Martin will run in the Coteau district. Denis is a candidate who is very representative of the Coteau voters. Married, father of two children and working in Montreal, he is well aware of the reality of the people in his area. Already involved within the municipal administration as a member of the Urban Planning Advisory Committee for the last 12 years, holder of an MBA and working in the management field for more than 20 years, Denis Martin wishes to put his knowledge to the service of the municipal administration.

For the candidate of the Coteau district, "The town of Deux-Montagnes has enjoyed a tight and efficient management during the last 15 years. After analysing our municipal financial situation, I can affirm that our team will be able to manage the municipal finances as rigorously as they were before. Like all taxpayers, I want our town to maintain its current excellent financial health over the coming years."

The three candidates also stressed their great enthusiasm for the Cité des jeunes project that will soon begin on the land of the polyvalente Deux-Montagnes. For Chantal Theoret, moving the Maison des jeunes behind the PDM is very logical since it will be more accessible for all of the children in Deux-Montagnes. Also, the kids will benefit from the equipment located in the vicinity such as the skateboard park, the basketball court or the beach volleyball court. Nathalie Chayer and Denis Martin also believe that the Cité des jeunes will better answer the needs of the young families of the la Gare and Coteau districts.

Denis Martin also underlines the important role of the Cité des jeunes as a link between the Coteau and the la Gare districts and the other districts in the municipality: "The lands of the polyvalente Deux-Montagnes will finally be used to their full potential. We only need to think of the athletic track around the football field that will be transformed in the winter in an ice rink for skaters, or of the addition of lands for soccer. The safety aspect is not to be neglected since adult representatives will be present at the Maison des jeunes and will ensure a better surveillance of the site."

Finally, Stephane Plante reiterated his invitation to all the citizens of Deux-Montagnes to complete and return the survey that was distributed door to door at the end of last week. For the Citizens Party / Stephane Plante Team, it is a major consultation that will allow his party to better meet the expectations of the citizens of Deux-Montagnes.

"The survey and the meetings that we hold presently will allow us to put our program in line with the true expectations of the citizens. We will listen, propose and then, we will carry out the suggestions made by the citizens," concluded Stephane Plante.

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