



## CURLING VALLÉE-DE-LA-GATINEAU

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SUBJECT: SOLICITATION FOR CONTRIBUTION FROM TEMPORARILY WITHDRAWN MEMBERS

Some news from your Curling Club, in times of pandemic ...

As you can imagine, the current year is particularly special and difficult in many respects. For the past few days, the engines to prepare the ice have been running. The contract for the operation and maintenance of the machinery with the company specializing in air conditioning and refrigeration "Climate Control" has been started. This commitment represents a few thousand dollars in our budget framework.

In the current situation, we have made a request to the City of Maniwaki and the City's Finance Committee agrees to exempt the Club from making its payment of \$15,544 for the 2020-21 fiscal year.

But despite this, the budget forecasts suggest a significant shortfall for the next year since about 40% of the members in 2019-20 are not returning this year. In addition, there was a significant drop in bar sales and the loss of revenues from activities such as the Bonspiels. The situation could even prove catastrophic if the Gatineau Valley switches to a "red zone". The season would be greatly affected and perhaps even cancelled. Even with the City's payment leave, the current budget estimates show a shortfall of more than \$9,000 by having a season, up to more than \$20,000 if there were no season at all or if it was cancelled along the way. Never seen before!!

In this situation, we ask members who have chosen to take a "COVID break" this year, to make a contribution to help ensure the sustainability of the Vallée-de-la-Gatineau Curling Club. Here are the alternatives we offer:

### **OPTION 1 - BUY A SUPPORTER MEMBERSHIP CARD**

The Club's general regulations provide for "supporter membership" status for a contribution of \$25. On the other hand, this membership status has no right to vote, in the event of a meeting of members.

### **OPTION 2 - MAINTAIN YOUR MEMBERSHIP STATUS**

You would be able to join the membership, even if you are not playing this year, by choosing the minimum rate of \$220, which corresponds to the status of "Stirling member once a week." You could then, as a first step, make the required down payment of \$100 and pay the balance of \$120 as of December 1, as agreed in the registration process this year. Thus, you would be considered a regular member and could retain your right to vote, should there be a special meeting of members during the year.

### **OPTION 3 - DONATE**

You can make a donation to the City of Maniwaki and request that it be applied to the Club's debt balance. This contribution would not give us immediate liquidity but would help reduce the debt balance. In addition, this donation would **entitle you to a receipt for tax purposes**, whereas the Club's licence does not authorize us to issue such a receipt.

### **OPTION 4 - OTHER CONTRIBUTION**

Any other amount or mode of contribution you wish to make.

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To express your interest in supporting the Club, please inform us by completing the attached form and forwarding it to the Club, by email to: <mailto:ccvgmki@videotron.ca> or by mail, accompanied by your contribution, at 50 Commercial Street, Maniwaki, Que., J9E 3M7. For Option 3, the cheque must be written to the City of Maniwaki.

FROM THE PART OF EC: THANK YOU !!!



Form to fill out for your contribution

I want to support the Vallée-de-la-Gatineau Curling Club

choosing the following mode of contribution:

Option 1 - \$25 contribution to become a supporter member

Option 2 - Regular member, not active in a league; \$220, corresponding to sturling membership once a week

Option 3 - Donation, by cheque denominated to the City of Maniwaki, applicable on the balance of debt assumed by the Vallée-de-la-Gatineau Curling Club. This type of contribution does not allow you to retain the membership designation. The cheque must be mailed to the Club or given to a member of the Board.

Option 4 - Other amount, or other type of contribution

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For information;

- Email: [ccvgmki@videotron.ca](mailto:ccvgmki@videotron.ca) OR
- Phone: 819-306-1005 (Leave a message to the Club) OR
- Contact a member of the Board (List on the website)

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Date Signature