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# ANNUAL REPORT

## FDT 2019-2020



## Territory Development Fund (FDT)

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## CONTEXT

The Regional County Municipality of Pontiac (MRC Pontiac) signed an agreement regarding the Territorial Development Fund (FDT) with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MAMH) in 2015. Through this agreement, the MAMH recognizes the competence of the MRC Pontiac in local and regional development. The sums delegated by the MAMH are used in particular for :

- the realization of the MRC's mandates with regard to the planning and development of its territory;
- supporting local municipalities in professional expertise or in establishing service sharing (social, cultural, tourism, environmental, technological or other fields);
- the promotion of entrepreneurship and support for entrepreneurship and business;
- mobilization of communities and support for the implementation of structuring projects to improve living environments, particularly in the social, cultural, economic and environmental fields;
- the establishment, financing and implementation of sectoral local and regional development agreements with government departments or agencies;
- support for rural development.

The MRC has adopted two policies specifically for the use of the sums granted in the FDT: support for businesses and support for development projects that improve living environments.

This report covers the amounts invested through the 2019-2020 fund.

The FDT is administered by the MRC Pontiac's economic development team which includes 6 resources in the following sectors: economic growth, tourism, sports, recreation, culture, agriculture, and forestry.

## REPORT ON ACTIVITIES BY INTERVENTION PRIORITY

Each year, the regional council of the MRC Pontiac adopts a list of intervention priorities.

### FDT PRIORITIES - 2019-2020

#### **Agriculture:**

**Priority 1: Support 2nd and 3rd processing as well as marketing;**  
Project 1 consists mainly of paying part of the consultant's fees for obtaining a CA Environment for a federal grade commercial food processing room, the addition of a pig building for farrowing, pit compliance septic tanks, grease collection tank.

**Priority 2: Encourage agricultural diversification and the technical/Economic efficiency;**  
Project 2 consists of the expansion of 5 acres and the construction of a garage for hop handling, machinery maintenance and the manufacture of certain pieces of equipment. It is therefore a question of the purchase of 3,600 hop plans, the manufacture of a dryer and the extension of the trellis on 3 additional acres.

Project 3 consists of starting a business for the cultivation of cannabis. This will be done outside. There will be construction of a main building for handling and the necessary drying.

Project 4 consists of setting up a new horse farm in the Pontiac and building the necessary infrastructure on the farm. It will be able to offer riding lessons for English and Western saddles, day camps, boarding for horses, breeding program, but also the “Equine Facilitated Learning Programs” program. This horse-facilitated learning program aims to help a diverse clientele experiencing certain difficulties such as fear, harassment, post-traumatic stress disorder, etc.

**Priority 3: promote and facilitate access to agriculture, establishment, and farms transfers.**

#### **Forestry:**

**Priority 1: Improve the competitiveness of forest industry;**

Project 1 involves starting a sawmill. The clearing of land should provide raw material for the company. The sale of wood will be done online via social networks.

**Priority 2: Harmonizing the use of natural resources;**

**Priority 3: Enhance natural environments.**

**Tourism:**

**Priority 1: Support the creation of services, facilities and infrastructure in order to increase tourism;**

Project 1 consists of the development of a Vinery. The investment will be used for the main building and the purchase of various equipment.

Project 2 consists of the construction of 5 cottages and the installation of 5 bubble tents.

Project 3 aims to renovate and improve infrastructure on a dog training site, replace equipment for trail maintenance and operations during international events.

**Priority 2: Improve basic services and attractions, including training;**

Project 4 consists of the installation of new floors for camps that are rented for fishing and hunting.

Project 5 consists of renovating 2 cottages by winterizing them, building 2 new cottages, renovating the infrastructures of a lookout, acquiring an online reservation system and acquiring some equipment for rental.

**Priority 3: Position Pontiac tourism and develop promotion.**

**Social and community:**

**Priority 1: Develop collective transportation services and maintain adapted transportation service;**

**Priority 2: Optimize high-speed Internet and cell phone coverage;**

**Priority 3: Support services, facilities, infrastructure needed for the well-being, retention or settlement of families, workers, and seniors.**

Project 1 consists of the maintenance of the PPJ.

Project 2 aims to improve a ball field.

Project 3 consists of phase 2 of the municipal beach project, therefore the preparation for a septic tank, addition of 2 toilets on the site, preparation of a plan for a building, addition of electric poles, making drinking water accessible, improvement parking, addition of picnic table, fence, clearing and planting of trees/hardwoods.

**Business and industry:**

**Priority 1: Support development of new services and products in existing businesses;**

Project 1 consists of certain renovations of a business (local service).

Project 2 consists of acquiring equipment to perform pressure sandblasting using crushed glass or walnuts.

**Priority 2: Invest in research of new businesses/investors and promote the business opportunities in the Pontiac;**

**Priority 3: Assist in the creation of local services and the start-up of new businesses.**

Project 3 consists of starting a renovation company.

### **Culture and Heritage:**

**Priority 1: Encourage the revitalization process within local communities especially with heritage renovation initiatives;**

Project 1 constitutes a second phase of the renewal project for a permanent exhibition. Part of the building will be devoted to the Aboriginal presence, the colonization of the area (Pontiac in general), the wood industry and the Pontiac of today.

**Priority 2: promote and develop cultural activities and heritage promotion;**

**Priority 3: Create or support arts centres.**

### **Other:**

**Priority 1: Support resource sharing initiatives;**

**Priority 2: Implement projects identified in the Land Use and Development Plan.**

Project 1 consists of the strategic forestry action plan.

Project 2 constitutes a PGMR communication plan.

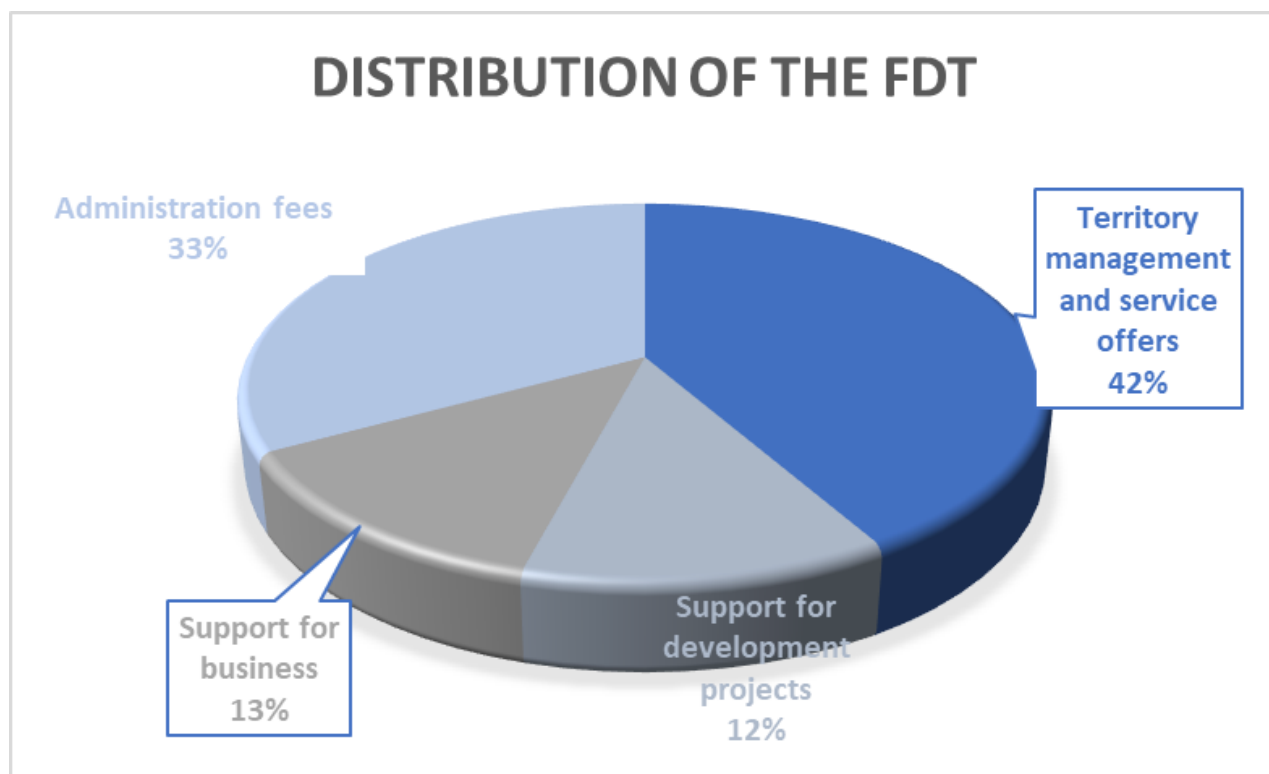
Project 3 consists of waste recovery.

## ALLOCATION OF THE TERRITORY DEVELOPMENT FUND

2019-2020 – OVERALL PICTURE

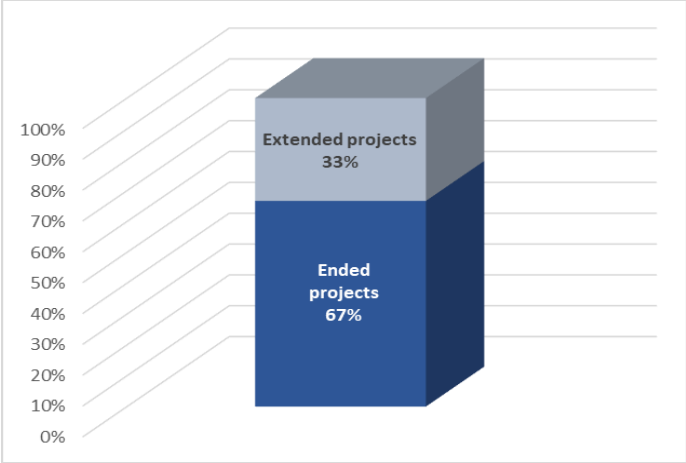
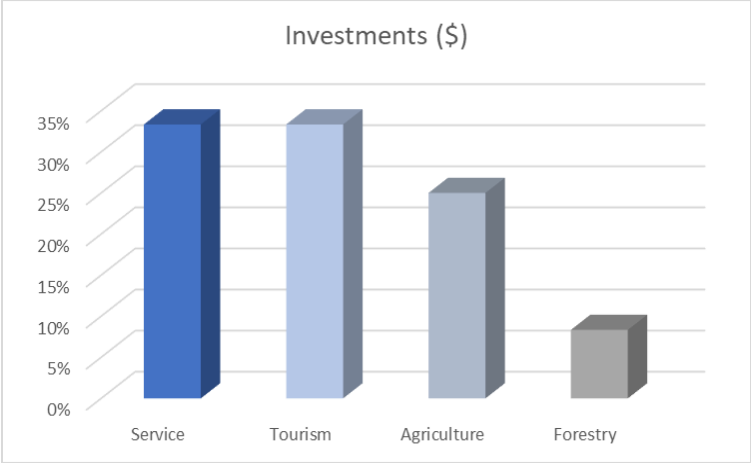
### DISTRIBUTION OF THE FDT

Subvention MAMH	Budget	Actual amount paid		Unused balance
Territory management and service offers	419 524 \$	368 488 \$	41,70 %	51 036 \$
Support for development projects	216 500 \$	109 768 \$	12,42 %	106 732 \$
Support for business	216 500 \$	114 067 \$	12,91 %	102 433 \$
Administration fees	291 333 \$	291 333 \$	32,97 %	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 143 857 \$</b>	<b>883 656 \$</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>260 201 \$</b>

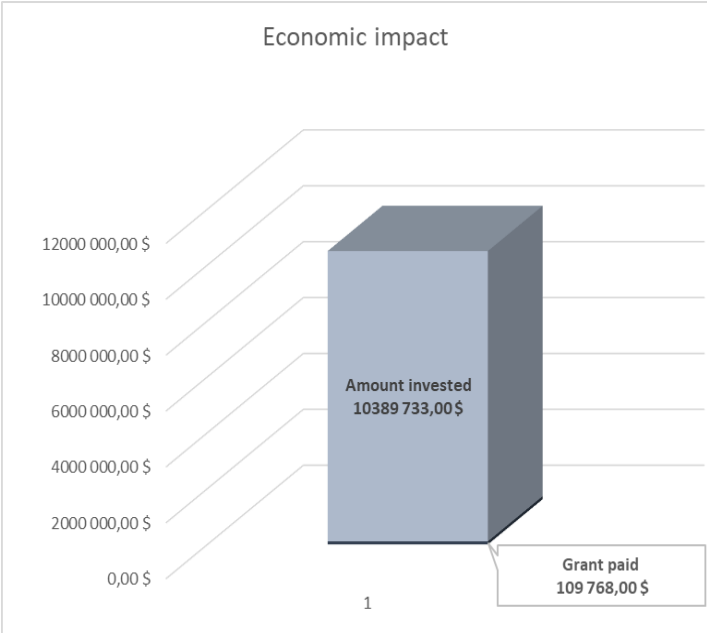
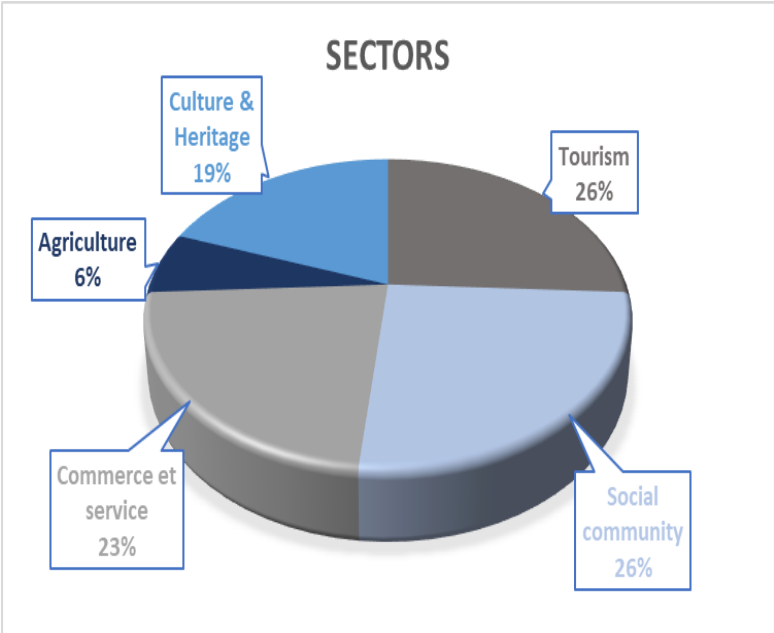


# FINANCIAL RESULTS OF THE FUND

Support for Business  
 Total of investments \$266,193



Support for Development Projects  
 Total of investments \$109,768





## OVERALL IMPACT

### Business Support Policy

During the **2019-2021** period, **\$114,067** has been invested in the form of grants within the territory's private companies to support entrepreneurship. These investments have enabled the start-up or expansion of **12** businesses, created or consolidated **46** direct jobs and leveraged total investments of **\$998,026**.

Sector of activities	Estimated cost of the project \$	Actual cost of the project \$ as of March 31, 2020	FDT Granted \$	FDT actual paid \$	Balance to be paid \$	Jobs
Service	12 287	12 287	6 143	6 143	0	7
Tourism	188 200	373 871	20 000	20 000	0	3
Agriculture	28 968	36 755	5 000	5 000	0	1
Service	10 000	10 634	5 000	5 000	0	2
Tourism	150 000	57 077	10 000	3 371	6 629	7
Agriculture	60 000	70 726	10 000	10 000	0	3
Service	75 000	56 325	15 000	9 832	5 168	2
Tourism	92 150	51 636	16 065	11 221	4 844	7
Tourism	150 000	51 510	10 000	3 323	6 677	7
Agriculture	210 000	242 363	25 177	25 177	0	3
Service	25 000	22 952	10 000	10 000	0	3
Forestry	10 000	11 890	5 000	5 000	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 011 605 \$</b>	<b>998 026 \$</b>	<b>127 385 \$</b>	<b>114 067 \$</b>	<b>23 318 \$</b>	<b>46</b>

### Development Projects Support Policy

During the period **2019-2021**, **13** development projects have been financed. The MRC has invested a total of **\$109,768** from the FDT. This amount leveraged investments totalling **\$10,753,228** and created or supported **33** direct jobs.

Beneficiary	Estimated cost of the project \$	Actual cost of the project \$ as of March 31, 2020	FDT Granted \$	FDT actual paid \$	Balance to be paid \$	Jobs
Ass. Récréative de Chapeau	20 206	16 876	3 485	2 788	697	1
Mun. Otter Lake	20 310	17 539	7 284	5 766	1 518	0,5
Bouffe Pontiac	6 467	6 467	4 287	4 287	0	3
Mun. Bryson	36 815	0	14 206	0	14 206	0,5
Mun. Isle-aux-Allumettes	17 818	5 346	8 383	2 186	6 197	2
Villa James Shaw	10 000 000	10 000 000	50 000	50 000	0	0

Bénéficiaire	Coût estimé du projet \$	Coût Réel du projet \$ au 31 mars 2020	FDT Engagé \$	FDT Réel versé \$	Solde à versé \$	Emplois
Villa James Shaw	336 563	336 563	41 697	41 697	0	0
Maison Bryson	50 805	0	24 129	0	24 129	5
Parc Leslie	204 555	0	58 772	0	58 772	5
Club motoneige Pingouins	5 526	5 718	2 653	2 653	0	0,5
Groupe Ile-du-Grand-Calumet	812	1 224	391	391	0	0,5
L'Office des producteurs de bois	43 350	0	39 000	0	39 000	2
Parc Chutes Coulonge	10 000	0	9 000	0	9 000	13
Coop de solidarité Houblon Pontiac	PROJECT CANCELLED					
Chapeau Agricultural Society	PROJECT CANCELLED					
<b>Total</b>	<b>10 753 228 \$</b>	<b>10 389 733 \$</b>	<b>263 287 \$</b>	<b>109 768 \$</b>	<b>153 519 \$</b>	<b>33</b>