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Francine Côté elected Chair of Desjardins Ontario Credit Union

Ottawa, May 20, 2022 – Desjardins Ontario Credit Union is pleased to announce the appointment of Francine Côté as Chair of the Board of Directors. She succeeds Stéphane Trottier, who had been Chair since 2019 and who will continue on as a board member and outgoing Chair.

Francine Côté, Chair

Francine Côté has close to 30 years of leadership experience in strategic functions and corporate resource management. She's a chartered professional account (CPA, CA) and a certified information systems auditor (CISA). She's currently the Deputy Chief Administrator (DCA) and in charge of initiatives related to the work environment of the future at the Courts Administration Service (CAS). She's been the DCA, Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer for over 12 years. Francine had been Vice-Chair of Desjardins Ontario Credit Union since its inception.

"Francine has been involved in the caisse network for 7 years now," said Outgoing Chair Stéphane Trottier. "She brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in governance to the board. Her first-rate leadership will be an asset for her fellow board members. The board is in good hands!"

"Always striving in the interests of our 130,000 personal and business members is at the heart of our raison d'être. We are committed to pursuing the advancement of our financial institution for the benefit of our current and future members. Together with the management team and employees, we will continue to ensure the delivery of unparalleled service, as well as to play a leadership role in the vitality of our communities and social responsibility, in line with Desjardins' cooperative values," emphasized Francine Côté, Chair of the Board of Directors of the CDO.

About Desjardins Ontario Credit Union

Desjardins Ontario Credit Union has been present in Ontario for over 100 years and last year chalked up the fastest growth in Canada for the second consecutive year. The Credit Union is a member of Desjardins Group, Canada's leading cooperative financial group, and provides a full range of banking services for every need and type of clientele. As a financially sound cooperative, it distributes a share of its surplus earnings to its owner members. In 2022 that came to \$13 million in group and individual dividends and contributions to hundreds of projects in Ontario.

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