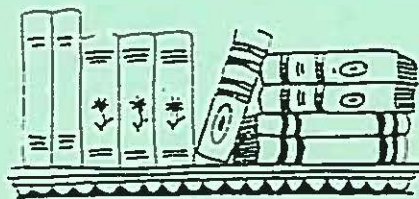


COASTERS ASSOCIATION



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LETTER TO THE GAZETTE BY THE TOWNSHIPPERS ASSOCIATION

These are very challenging times for minority language rights groups such as Alliance Quebec and Townships' Association to name only two. There is constant pressure to jump into the unnerving yet captivating daily political debate. For many groups like Townshippers Association, our mandate is to promote and protect English-language rights, not to take partisan sides in the debate of the day.

We take exception to the part of your editorial which reads "There is only one voice - that of Alliance- when it comes to the concerns of minority-language rights." This is far from the truth. There are Townshippers' Association, the Gaspé's Committee for Anglophone Social Action, Outaouais Alliance, the Voice of English Quebec in Quebec City, The Chateauguay Valley English-Speaking Association, the Coasters Association on the Lower North Shore and the Council for Anglophone Magdalen Islanders to name other federally-funded minority language rights groups in Quebec.

That is the beauty of Quebec: it is not simply one English-speaking community and one French-speaking community. Alliance Quebec's mandate does not cover the Eastern Townships specifically because ours, like other regions, is a diverse area that has chosen to create its own grassroots association which serves the rights and needs of its own English-speaking community.

Spread across the province, each in our own region and collaborating when appropriate, we continue to promote and protect the needs and rights of English-speaking Quebecers.

MESSAGE FROM LINA ROY

As you know, the mandate of the ZIP Committee is to gather the population around the river, the St-Lawrence's Gulf, to mobilize the community and give some information on environmental needs all along the St-Lawrence regarding its protection, rehabilitation, and improvement.

Our wish is that the people from the Lower North Shore will take part in the different projects that will be carried out by the Committee. We believe that your Association is the organization that could make the link between all the municipalities of the Lower North Shore.

Among our projects for the coming summer, our Committee would like to see the creation of a team in each municipality on the Lower North Shore where all members would meet to discuss how to get the population to participate and get involved in the organization by having an event such as a "Special Day" to clean up beaches near the river. The concept of the day would be, "The River's fair" an event which could be renewed every year.



PROJECTS

Fundraising/Membership

A faxnote was sent to Medric O'Brien requesting a list of former teachers whom we may contact. We will be sending them a letter and a copy of the Coaster to let them know that they are still an important part of our community.



We have received many samples of the artwork for our fundraising items from JC Richard Co.. We are very pleased with their selections.



The off-coast addresses for our Out of Region membership campaign are piling up. Keep mailing them in!



The fundraising contest artwork was selected

by the Executive Committee after much consideration. The following students were the winners of the fundraising contest:

Pen & Pad Set: Sticking together
By: Lee Chistlett,
St. Augustine



Beverage Glass: Fill up this chummy jigger
By: Steve Coulson,
La Tabatiere

Astray: When you see the Lower North Shore, no need to search anymore
By: Trisha Driscoll,
St. Augustine

Lighters: Light up your life with a
Coaster
By: Alex Vatcher,
Mutton Bay

Coffee Mugs: Stog her tight b'y
By: Darcy Chubbs,
La Tabatiere

Key Chains: Lower North Shore is the
place to be
By: Neil Martin,
St. Augustine

Spoons: Haul her up b'y
By: April Bobbitt,
La Tabatiere

Lapel Pins: We have an ocean of great
surprises
By: Christopher Gallichon,
La Tabatiere

All of these winners received a \$25.00 cash prize and their expressions will be placed on the above mentioned fundraising items.

Metis Association Branch

The Metis Association Branch project was submitted to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. The main activity of the project would be to research our ancestors and cronicle the lives of this unique group of people of the coast. The project is to establish a branch office through the Metis Association. Enclosed was a brief estimate of the projects cost, draft of activities, brief description of the Association, of the Lower North Shore, and a copy of our

1995 Coastar. We are still waiting to hear from them.

Tourism Development Agent

A copy of the job posting for a Tourism Development Agent was faxed to us by Daniel Fequet of the Fishermens Association for our approval. Scott was dissastified with the Job Posting, and requested changes. The alterations were made before the posting was faxed to the Local Radio Stations. The Coasters will be working closely with the person hired.

Student Career Placement

We have recieved a letter from Bernard Saint-Laurent regarding the acceptance of a summer project for two students. We will receive \$4156 to cover all expenses. Following that, we received a letter from HRD's Lucette Pelchat, to confirm the same.

Internet

We have received a letter from FORD-Q, acknowledging the receipt of our CAPITAN project application. They have not reached a decision yet. We are hoping to receive positive results.



Article 25

We have received a letter from HRD acknowledging the receipt of our application for an Article 25 Project.

Tourism Researcher

We have received a letter from FORD-Q acknowledging the receipt of our application

for a project to promote and advertise a lucrative tourism industry on the Lower North Shore.

TAGS

A project was submitted to HRD under the TAGS program to employ a Tourism Animator to research the Tourism Potential on the Coast.

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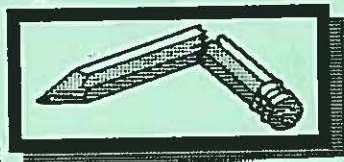
The PAIE project was submitted to Rosaire Gaudet of Travail Quebec. If accepted, the Paie project will not be starting until the end of the summer. This is more convenient for the office, we will be in need of extra help at that time.

Extra

The originals of the Extra Project were mailed to Rosaire Gaudet of Travail Quebec. The Extra participants should be selected and should start work in the month of June.

Summer Camp

Cynthia Bertani of Lourdes de Blanc Sablon sent a copy of MGR Sheffer school's application for a summer camp for us to review, and for our assistance in making it a reality.



Resource Guide

We are still receiving corrections and/or adjustments to the Resource Guide from Irene Halikas and translations from Yvan Gelin. Nathalie is hoping to complete the guide before she is laid off. She is very dedicated to

completing the Guide.

Quebec Farmers Association

The QFA has received project funds to get the Network "up and running" on the Internet. The immediate objective is to make sure that each group is capable of using and has access to the Internet so that the system can be used as a communication and information delivery tool among the Network. The second phase is to examine and implement one or more of the several community development options available via the Internet. The third phase is to look at long-term options particularly in light of the rapid evolution of the Internet. The QFA's primary focus has been to determine what each group needs in order to get started on the Internet. This will be followed by a program of steps to bring all groups to a minimum level of Internet Functioning, and they are as follows:

Awareness: presentation to staff,

Training: group training session in Montreal,

Access: connect each group to the internet,

Utilization: examine and implement uses of the Internet.

They have enclosed an Internet Connections and Usage package that was completed by Cornella. Hugh Maynard will visit the Coasters office in the near future.

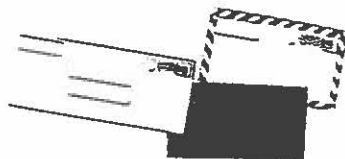
Voice of English Quebec

We received a copy of a project entitled "Lancement de l'Operation Fraternite sur Internet" for young people between 14 to 17 years of age. It intends to provide a means which will enable francophones, anglophones,

and allophones to define over a 10 year period, the type of society in which they would like to live. The gentleman who is organizing the project has done so through his own time and means. He is doing it in hope that his grandchildren will not have to live with the socio-linguistic tension that currently exists.

Qaal

Vivian Wiseman sent us a draft of a special project report which includes an extensive summary and a series of recommendations, entitled "Potential Sources of Provincial Funding and Support to English-speaking Community Groups". Cornella assisted her with this project through a questionnaire. A report will be given to us upon the completion of the project.



LETTERS/CORRESPONDENCE

Inter Canadian

A letter was sent to Bernard Bonenfant of Inter Canadian to request passes to attend the Tourism Association of Canada's AGM in Jasper, Alberta in October. We have not received any contact from him on this matter, to date.

Minister of Transport

A letter was sent to the Minister of transport to support Mr. Roger Dumas new company "Norta".

Tourism Industry of Canada

We have received a thank you letter from

TIAC for attending their Ottawa National Policy Forum. They attached reports to review for any correction: the Round Table Discussion/Issues and Barriers of the morning session "Taking the Risk out of Financing" and the afternoon session "Getting Travellers to you Door".

Commission des Droits de la Personne et des Droits de la Jeunesse Quebec

We have received yet another letter from Real Tremblay enclosing letters from Tanya Bilodeau and Eileen Cox. This matter has now been discussed by the Executive Committee and it was decided to present our case to a lawyer: Mr. Michael Hamelin.

Summer Folk Festival

Dwight is busy working on the organization of a Summer Folk Festival for the coast. He has made several trips to the office to draft a Schedule of Events, Flyers, and News Bulletin for the festival. Dwight is working in association with Maurice's Guided Tours, Les Transport A. Dumas Inc., and the Northern Light Inn, to organize six days of events from August 20 to 25. Some activities/entertainment planned consist of a variety of games, races, ceremonies, and events with "Buddy Whatsname and the Udder Feller". We are supporting Dwight with this endeavour and we hope it will be a major success.

Citizenship and Immigration Canada

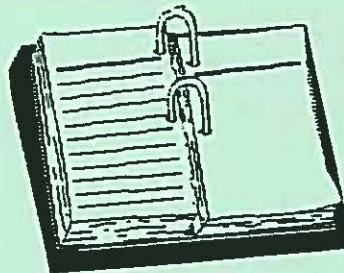
Janice Cochrane, Deputy Minister of Citizenship and Immigration Canada sent us their Citizenship and Immigration progress report for 1995-1996 and action plan for

EMPLOYMENT

We have received many phone calls from across the coast regarding employment (job opportunities) with the Coasters.



Contact was made with the manpower agents to inform them of the student summer job offerings by the Public Service Commission and Young Canada Works.



MEETINGS

Tourism

A meeting was held on May 2nd with Scott Buckle, Cornella Maurice, Tony Roberts, Christain Rouleau, Lorraine Brouillette, and Charles Langlois to discuss the Tourism Project. It was agreed that a person would be hired for 6 months through the Fisheries Program. A hiring committee consisting of members of the Fishermen's Association (FA), and Coasters Association will be set-up. A posting will be executed by the FA and reviewed by the Coasters for approval.

Also discussed were:

- the possibility of applying to FORD-Q for a project in tourism publicity. Robert Fibish will be contacted to review this initiative;
- the possibility of an Article 25 project for the Coasters to hire an office clerk;
- the Waste Management was a very good project but not accepted, because it was considered a municipal project, it will be passed on to the

municipalities;

- the Radio project will be re-activated to assist with the RRN.

Conseil Regional Environment

Isidore Lawless attended the CRE meeting held in Baie Comeau. Their agenda included a reviewal of a plan for a new program to enhance new environmentally conscious initiatives, to elect new members, and to select a CRE representative for the coast. Isidore was selected as the first CRE administrator for the Lower North Shore. The administrator will oversee new modifications to the municipal endeavours that is in collaboration with the CRE committee's aims. The administrator will be reporting back to the CRE concerning the inforcement of their laws. etc. We would like to congratulate Isidore on his newly appointed position. Keep up the good work!

Estates General

A meeting of the Estates General was held on May 3rd in Port Cartier. Unfortunately, due to funding restrictions we were unable to attend. However, we will receive the minutes of the meeting.

H & SS

Cornella Maurice and Stephanie Roberts met with Remi Beaudoin and Johanne Beaudoin at the CSBCN on May 3rd to discuss the two Health & Social Services reports. It was agreed that the reasearch report is in need of much work and updating. A few minor changes were made to the Handicapped report.

Tourism Project

Cornella Maurice met with Robert Fibish on May 3rd to discuss the Tourism Project.

Quebec Community Groups Network

QCGN sent in their summary notes of the conference calls held by the QCGN Management Working Group on May 3 and 10. Also enclosed were their special Fund Project Application, and Project Selection Criterias, which are:

- ⇒ Establish clear, fixed goals that are attainable within the prescribed time limit,
- ⇒ will have a measurable impact on the fundraising potential of the organization,
- ⇒ is feasible given current and future in-house resources,
- ⇒ conforms to the proposed budget - will generate a return on the investment,
- ⇒ will have a wider application for the community-at-large,

Also enclosed was "Young Canada Works" program information for employers interested in hiring a graduate for a project.

Inter Canadian Meeting

Cornella Maurice, Scott Buckle, Tony Roberts, and Dwight Bilodeau met with Ester Guay and Laurent Marcoux of Inter-Canadian, and Guy Marcoux of Regionnair to discuss transportation issues on the Coast. Free passes for the upcoming Tourism meeting in Jasper was discussed along with fundraising for the Folk Festival. Inter Canadian is interested in becoming a



member of the Coasters Association. It was decided that the Coasters would do a questionnaire regarding the transportation review of the coast and distribute it to the public for their feed back. Inter-Canadian will look into the free passes to Jasper and the fundraising tickets for the Folk Festival and advise. A package will be prepared for Inter-Canadian and Regionnair as soon as possible.

QCNA Meeting

Cornella attended the QCNA Convention from May 10 to 11, in Orford in the Townships. It was a full agenda. Cornella participated in the Computer training workshop which mainly consisted of the technical aspects of computers and the setting-up of a Newspaper. It was a crash course; a more intense course would be needed to produce a quality newspaper: nonetheless, she benefitted fully from it. Also, she got to meet many people associated with newspapers within the province and across Canada. Information will be faxed to them regarding the Folk Festival to be published in their newspaper. Future information will be forwarded on to them from the Coasters as well. What a great information channel for the Coasters to tune into, "a newspaper connection".



If anyone has anything that they would like published, please pass it on to us. As you can see, Cornella's presence at this convention was an asset to us all. She mailed, while en route, a box of very useful information that she gathered at this meeting. It is available at the office, if interested.

Adult Education Meeting

On May 14th, there was a meeting held at the St. Bernard School in Lourdes de Blanc Sablon regarding literacy services on the coast. Isidore Lawless attended on behalf of the Coasters. The information session was instructed by a victim of illiteracy who had attended Adult Education to beat illiteracy and to become a success story. The session gave the negative and positive sides of illiteracy. There are free videos available.

Alliance Quebec and Regional Associations Meeting

Cornella and Scott attended the A.Q. and Regional Association meeting that was held on May 23rd in Montreal. Last year's activities were discussed and the priorities for the up-coming year. Minutes of this meeting will be sent to us.

H & SS Forum

Scott and Cornella attended the Health and Social Services Forum on May 24th in Montreal. The global topics of Health and Social Services within our system was discussed. It was a very interesting and informative meeting. Minutes of the meeting and a report will be produced.

Alliance Quebec Convention

Scott, Cornella, Nancy, Peggy, Dwight, and Trina attended the AQ Convention that was held in Montreal on May 24, 25, 26. It was a packed weekend. Alliance Quebec celebrated their 15th anniversary. People from all over were there for the celebration. The Coasters gave a workshop on Tourism. The information prepared for the workshop was

outstanding, a job well done! The weekend focused also on the unity of Canada. Guests from across Canada were there to present their views. Some of them were met on an individual basis and Coasters information will be forwarded to them. Once again, we made new friends. There are times when some conventions are better than others, but all in all we always benefit in some way or another. Our hats are off to our Board Members, they always do an excellent job in representing us. Thank you!

Public Service Commission Canada

We have received an invitation to attend the meeting of the Working Group Forum scheduled for May 27, accompanied by a request for suggestions of topics to discuss at the meeting. Scott Buckle and Cornella Maurice attended the meeting. They got the opportunity to discuss the civil servant anglophone employment in the Province. However, most importantly, they were able to voice their concerns regarding the services in all departments of the Lower North Shore. Members were present from HRD, Revenue-Canada, Treasury Board, etc... A conclusion to some of our concerns were to implement a project to research the anglophone participation in the Civil Service. A follow-up meeting will take place in June. Minutes of the meeting will be produced and distributed.

Conference Call



A conference call was held on May 29th with Cornella Maurice, Nathalie Maurice, Irene Halikas, and Rene

Babin to discuss the completion of the Tourism Resource Guide.

Minutes

We have received the minutes of the Conference Call of April 24th that took place between the members of the Regional Association and Alliance Quebec Network. Scott and Cornella participated in the conference call.



We have received the minutes of the QCGN meeting of February 8th that was held in Hull. Janie, Scott, and Cornella attended that meeting. It took place during the RAPPS weekend.

Outaouais Alliance vs Bloc Quebecois

Members of Parliament from all parties were invited to participate in the Outaouais Alliance AGM on May 15. The Bloc Quebecois refused to participate. Lisa Bishop was told that "all anglophones shared the same opinions and that the Bloc was not interested in participating in such a slanted debate". Robert May: "Their unwillingness to partake in this open forum makes us all wonder what we as a minority can expect from this party in the future."

Strategic Planning Action Team Meeting

We have received the Minutes of the Action Team meetings held in Lourdes on March 27th, the meeting held at St. Paul's School on April 11, and the meeting held at Saint Bernard Adult Learning Center on April 23. Tony Roberts attended all the meetings on our behalf. Another meeting is scheduled for May 8th at St. Bernard's school.

Strategic Planning Team

The second meeting of the Strategic Planning is scheduled to take place in Chevery, June 3-4. We have received the proposed agenda and Tony Roberts will be participating on our behalf.

Minister of Transport

We have received a letter to notify us of the Minister's meeting scheduled for the 3rd of June in Saint Augustine. Enclosed was a proposed agenda and a note concerning the consultation on Maritime Services. Also, we were informed by the Municipality of Bonne Esperance that a meeting would be held in Lourdes on June 5th.

Visits to the Office

Trina Wellman met with Cornella on May 6th at the office to review the necessary material required as youth delegate for the Alliance Quebec Convention.



Cornella met with Brenda Griffin on May 2nd to discuss the Young Canada Works Program, to employ students for the summer.



Cornella met with Dwight Bilodeau on May 7th to discuss the Folk Festival.

VEQ's AGM

We were invited to attend the 15th AGM of VEQ to be held on May 29.

Quebec Community Groups Network

The QCGN will be holding their forum from June 12 to 14th at the John Abbott College in Montreal. Scott and Cornella will be attending this meeting.

Public Service Commission

A meeting will be held for the PSC on June 17th in Montreal. Scott and Cornella will attend.

Conseil Regional de Developpement

CRD representatives met with Scott Buckle to discuss many issues regarding the coast.



ALLIANCE QUEBEC

Alliance Quebec sent out a communique quoting Michael Hamelin's points made concerning the latest report from the Commissioner of Official Languages, Dr. Goldbloom.



On May 16, the Standing Joint Committee on Official Languages called upon Alliance Quebec to make a presentation on matters pertaining to the implementation of Part VII guarantees within federal government departments and agencies. The brief was presented by Michael Hamelin, Hugh Maynard, and David Birbaum. The essential elements of the presentation listed in the memo are:

- > Focus on what is planned and what is rumored;
- > sections 41-45 were enacted to further basic principal of the linguistic duality of this country;
- > facts of changes that have occurred in Canada since Official Language legislation was first enacted; (Specific

Examples)

- > major thrust of Alliance Quebec brief was the concern that real progress for linguistic duality could be lost unless the protection that the Official Languages Act provides, are continued into the new structures of government services.



On May 26th, Michael Hamelin called on Alliance Quebec members and others upset by electoral fraud during last year's referendum, to join in a demonstration Friday, May 31st, outside the Montreal office of Quebec's Premier, Lucien Bouchard.



In the Alliance Quebec package for April. Stories of interest include: "The Parti Quebecois platform wants to cut back the right to receive English-language services", "Hospital closures in Montreal-more cuts coming" and "Services in the region".

RADIO ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ Office closure for the Victoria Day Hoilday
- ◆ Request for submission of the public Transportation concerns
- ◆ Encounters Canada winner
- ◆ Request for pamphlets form businesses or organization to tourist travellers
- ◆ Fundraising Contest Winners
- ◆ Summer Employment Information regarding the "Young Canada Works" Program

ADVERTISEMENTS

The Coasters Association was contacted to advertise their information on the Northern Princess ferry this summer. We are very pleased to have such an opportunity.

The Coasters will participate in the Folk Festival in Lourdes in August to promote the Association and to fundraise.

Bill Floch contacted us to work with Nichin Advertising to raise funds for our Local Radio Stations by advertising through their air waves. This is a credit to the Coasters by spear heading such an advertisement.



IN-OFFICE NEWS

The Secretary was busy preparing packages for the delegates attending the Alliance Quebec Convention.

Information is constantly being mailed to potential tourists. Our information has touched many hands.

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We have received beautiful Coastal pictures from the Latitude Company. They may be used for our newspaper and for many projects.

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All necessary paper work was prepared for Cornella's participation at the meetings.

Certificates

Beautiful certificates were prepared by the General Secretary for the student's

Community School Life Award, for Kirby Morency's computer services, and for Chantale Lawless' translations. We wanted to show our appreciation and credit them for all their hard work. Thanks again to:

»Chantale Lawless of Lourdes de Blanc Sablon, and

»Kirby Morency of Lourdes de Blanc Sablon

Public Request

Cindy Morecny requested to keep her resume on file at the office in case of a job opening in her field.

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Loraine Griffin asked to use our spiral machine to bind her cookbook that she produced of the Coast.

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Cynthia Bertrani asked us to look into her student project.

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We advised that we were pleased to assist if they are members of Coasters Association.

Interview

Scott Buckle did an interview on Quebec A.M. regarding the parting of Quebec

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Cornella was asked many times to do an interview on CJAS. Due to her heavy workplan, she did not have time. She will conduct an interview as soon as the opportunity arises.

Membership

The figures for this years membership are expected to increase, as revealed in a recent check by the General Secretary. We are just waiting for St. Paul's River's and La

Romaine's membership. We will give accurate figures when all the membership is completed.



The General Secretary ordered more membership cards and pouches for this years membership. The color of the cards will be golden rod.

Cookbook

The messages, Board of Directors, layout instructions, and thank-you's were completed for the Cookbook. Kirby and Trina completed the artwork, and Cornella visited Kirby at his office in Lourdes for the final completion. The cookbook was then sent to L Rasmussen Ltd. Co. in Alberta, only to be returned to us. Much to our disappointment they were unable to print the cookbook. We will be looking elsewhere to print it.

Population Statistics

Joan Richards of CASA requested LNS anglophone population statistics. The General Secretary made contact with all local municipalities and the CSBCN to find accurate figures. The only formal population statistics for the whole coast was researched by Penny for her H & SS report. The H & SS report is where the Executive Director of the CSBCN retrieved his information on the population for his bulliten. As for the number of anglophone and francophone persons on the coast, there are only estimations made by the municipalities. The statistics researched by the Secretary showed that there were 38% Anglophone population, and 62% Bilingual for the Lower North Shore.

Board Handbook Updates

The General Secretary distributed the Board Handbook updates on May 14. The inserts/replacements were of the following: Constitution, Policies, Membership Forms, Fundraising Forms, Newspaper Support Forms, Price Lists, Information Lists, and Minutes. We did not receive any comments or questions concerning the information forwarded; therefore, it was a positive sign.

Board Member Resignation

We have received Elva Driscoll's written resignation from the Coasters Board of Directors. She thanks the Coasters Association for the opportunity to be a part of our team, and looks forward to continuing a favorable relationship. Colleen Driscoll will be her replacement, effective immediately.

Auditor

The auditor, James Fequet, was at the office on May 5th to collect all financial information of our fiscal year. He worked with Sylvia and Cornella. He also contacted the treasurer on a few matters: (i.e. personal phone calls, personal hotel bills, NSF cheques, books and novelty sales, AGM minutes, etc.) The Treasurer stated that he would immediately take care of these matters.

Transportation Issues

A notice was distributed to the local radio stations, and to board members for distribution in all mail boxes in their communities along the coast. The posting requested that all transportation concerns be forwarded to the Coasters Association in order for us to lobby on their behalf. We have

only received two letters of transportation concerns. The deadline requested was May 28th.



EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

The Vice-President decided to award the students their cheque after the presentation of their MEQ marks, in August. The Treasurer agreed with the Vice-President's decision. The following Note was given to the students with their certificate.

Congratulations! Your school principal and teachers selected you to receive our Community School Life Award of \$150.00. We hope this award will prove to be rewarding to you in your future endeavours.

The Coasters Association is always anxious to see bright and energetic student move on to complete their education and fulfill their projected goals. We take pride in the chance to be a part of your success. To ensure this award will be properly used for your studies in the Fall Semester, our Executive Committee decided to maintain the cheque until the month of August. The MEQ exam results will then be presented and you will be more prepared for your excursion to the educational institute of your choice. We are sure this will prove to be more convenient for you and your plans to travel/relocate.

Also, we would appreciate a picture of you and your certificate and/or a brief note to publish in our Coaster Newspaper of 1996,

Volume VI.

Again, we take this opportunity to congratulate you and we hope all your expectations will prove to be successful.

Decisions made by the Treasurer and Vice-President:

- The office closure for Mother's Day was approved, since the staff had accumulated time to cover that day;
- Trina's time off to visit her sick grandmother in Quebec was approved. She used two work days, that she worked back before pay day;
- Cornella was absent from the office from May 8 to 23 to attend meetings, and visit the hospital in Quebec. Cornella worked on the following issues during her absence:

- Fundraising items
- Tourism Project
- Office business
- Informers
- Projects
- Drafted letters, etc.

She used only 30hrs of her accumulated time. The Coasters still owe her to date: 2 weeks and 12 hrs.

- A quilt was purchased from Charlotte Roberts for \$175.00 to be used as a fundraising tool to sell with our Treasure Chest Tickets.

The above items were discussed with the President and he agreed.

Executive Meeting

On May 1st Isidore and Tony met to discuss the following items:

Finances: - Budget was reviewed,

- Isidore will discuss financial cuts with Scott

Meetings: - Coasters will only attend future meetings if all expenses are paid

- We will not attend the Estates General Meeting due to budget restraints.
- Literacy Service Meeting will be attended by Isidore Lawless

Projects: - All projects old and new were discussed. It was stated that we can only do what can be handled. All project reports will be completed within the time frame of the project, and not left for the Secretary or Executive Director to complete..

Auditor: - Auditor will have to visit the office on Thursday or Friday as approved by the Executive

Minutes: - Isidore will discuss the AGM Minutes with Priscilla.

Letters: - Letters to Members, Northern Indian Affairs, to Roger Dumas, and to Health and Welfare Canada were approved.

Translations: - Chantale will be paid \$150.00 for her translations of membership letters and forms.

Meetings: - All meetings of April, May and June were discussed, including topics and participation.

Tourism: - All resource contacts (off-coast) for tourism development were reviewed and discussed.

Membership: - It was reviewed

Employees: - Time owing to the Coasters for previous projects was reviewed and taken care of by the Executive Director.

Fundraising: - All items were thoroughly checked and discussed.

Mecatina School: - A donation requested for a student by them was already put in place by the Coasters and they will be informed.

Regional Advisory Committee: - Charles and Shirly are back on the committee, but there should be back ups in place when they are not available. Doreen Labadie was approved to replace Charles in his absence.

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Scott was unable to attend this meeting, due to illness; however, he agreed with all decisions taken and will be awaiting a phone call from Isidore Lawless as stated.

Decisions made by the Treasurer

- Cut the Presidents fax and telephone lines, due to financial restraints;
- all members attending meetings will pay their personal hotel bills directly to the hotel;
- \$70.00 per day as working fee or any other working fee when travelling to meetings will be cancelled;
- pay immediately upon purchasing all novelty items;
- no personal phone calls on Coasters phone;
- all fax transmissions must be paid;
- Priscilla must have the AGM minutes completed by Friday, May 31 or it will be given to the General Secretary to complete;
- agreed with Vice-President's decision not to award the \$150.00 bursary to the Secondary Students until August;

- Dwight will attend the Tourism Meeting in Red Bay;
- will forward a letter to the Executive Director regarding financial matters of the Coasters Association.

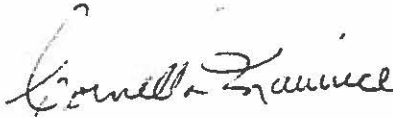
Letter from the Treasurer to the Executive Director

I would like to put in place some active measures which will be effective as of today. All products sold by the Coasters Association will have to be paid at time of purchase. All outstanding credit will have to be paid within 30 days on clothing, books, cassettes, or other material. All NSF cheques will have to be charged a \$15.00 service paid extra including the amount of the cheques.

All unpaid bills owed by the board members which are used for personal use must be paid immediately or further action will have to be used against these persons. This includes outstanding telephone calls for personal use, room service, bar services, and all other services which are not covered by our corporation.

IF FURTHER INFORMATION IS REQUIRED, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ME AT THE OFFICE.

THANK YOU!



**CORNELLA MAURICE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**



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