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Message from the President



Dear Friends,

Since being elected President of the Quebec Community Groups Network (QCGN) in July of 2007 I have seen the organization grow in many different ways. First of all, our membership has grown

not only in numbers, but also in areas of activity. The QCGN is now a family of 29 member organizations, an increase from the 22 we counted at the beginning of my term. Our members operate in a variety of sectors including economic development, health, employment, arts, culture and heritage and of course, community development.

We are a diverse network operating all over Quebec - from Montreal to the Laurentians, the Gaspé to Rouyn Noranda, the Eastern Townships to the Lower North Shore – our members operate in a range of English-speaking communities. This is only fitting considering the increasing diversity of the English-speaking communities of Quebec.

As we analyzed the 2006 census data that became available this year, we saw that the statistics point to a changing, evolving face of our communities. This is something we can all take some pride in; the English-speaking communities of Quebec are more diverse than ever. As diverse as our members and missions are, we are all united by one common passion, the vitality of our communities.

Community development is at the very heart of everything we do at the QCGN. We work every day to implement the recommendations of the 2005-2010 Community Development Plan. Community development will continue to be at the very core of our mission in the future.

Throughout the past year other areas have also become more important to us. First, we have developed a stronger voice on policy issues at both the provincial and federal levels. While policy review and analysis is not new for the QCGN, in 2007-2008 we have used more resources in this area. We made several representations to different levels of government on issues that are vital to our communities such as the abolition of the Court Challenges Program, Seniors and Reasonable Accommodation, to name a few.

Not only have we increased our representations, but the scope of topics as well. From School Board governance to immigration policy, to the Action Plan on Official Languages, the QCGN is ensuring that decision-makers take into account the concerns of the English-speaking communities of Quebec.

Policy development is vital because it frames the possibilities for public recognition and support. The English-speaking communities of Quebec need to be on the radar screen of our government partners and be involved in the policy decisions that have an important impact on our ability to affect community development and enhancement. This is at the centre of who we are at the QCGN. We need to be at the table where frameworks are put together in order to explain the role we want to play as Englishspeaking Quebecers.

I look forward to watching the QCGN continue to grow in the coming year. Exciting new projects on the horizon will only add to our profile and increase our ability to affect positive change for our communities. The coming year will no doubt be an important challenge for us as we begin to take on a bigger role and lead major projects with our partners. Personally, I see this as an excellent opportunity for the QCGN to really develop its niche in the provincial and federal political landscape. I promise, you will be hearing from us in the near future.

Sincerely yours,

Robert Donnelly President, QCGN



Message from the Director General



Hello All,

Since joining QCGN as Director-General in January of 2007, I have been fortunate to see some important growth in the organization. None of this would have been possible without the excellent leadership

of our Board and ever-growing member organizations. These community groups from all corners of Quebec are the backbone of the QCGN and the work that they do in their communities inspires us all.

On behalf of everyone at the QCGN head office, I would like to congratulate our member organizations, and thank them for their accomplishments over the past year. I would also like to thank the Executive Committee and Board of Directors of the QCGN for their ongoing support and cooperation.

Vital to the English-speaking communities of Quebec is the rich tradition of volunteering. One of the first major projects I had the pleasure of working on in the QCGN was the Greater Montreal Community Development Initiative (GMCDI). During the community forums of this project, we heard time and again about this tradition in our communities. I think it is something we can all be proud of. Thank you to all the volunteers working within the QCGN. I sincerely hope that our communities can continue to count on your support.

We have had an exciting year that has seen us grow and move in new directions. We will continue along this path of community and policy development. To do so, we will be strengthening our partnerships with government leaders, key stakeholders and community architects. We will also continue to build on our relations with Official Language Minority Communities across Canada. From a policy perspective, it is important that we take this national scope into account and move forward together with our partners from across the country.

In addition, it is necessary for us to build stronger relationships with the Francophone majority in Quebec. We will make our policy positions known to the Francophone majority through the press, and by forging stronger ties with key players in several sectors in the province.

Of course, our relationship with the federal government is very important. Consultations took place throughout the year to develop a new Action Plan on Official Languages, and the QCGN made several representations to the government to make sure that the English-speaking communities of Quebec are taken into account. It is also necessary for us to have diverse sources of funding from the federal government to help realize our goals. Throughout the year, we have made it clear to our government partners that from a national perspective of official language minority communities, Quebec's English-speakers have an important role to play and that proper resources must be made available to support us. We will continue building on our strong, constructive working relationship with leaders at the federal level so that this support will only grow in the future.

The QCGN and our member organizations are in a period of continued growth. It has become clear to me during my time here that there is renewed interest and energy in our communities. The QCGN will be there every step of the way to ensure that this growth continues and our communities across Quebec are strengthened.

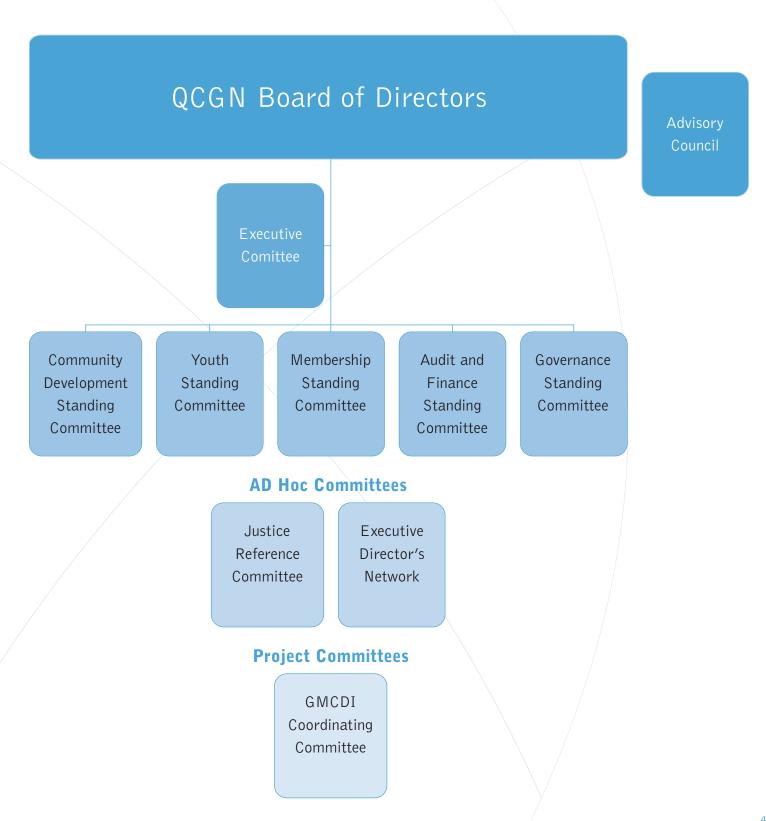
Sincerely yours,

Sylvia Martin-Laforge Director General

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QCGN Organizational Chart



Community Revitalization Conference



The status of English-speaking Communities of Quebec (ESCQ) as a minority within the only French-speaking majority society in North America makes it important that our demographic, linguistic, social, and economic development be studied.

As such, one of the biggest highlights of the year was the

QCGN presentation of the 2008 Community Revitalization Conference, which was held at the Université de Montréal from Friday, February 29th to Sunday, March 2nd, 2008.

This event was an important opportunity for the ESCQ to increase awareness of issues facing us, to strengthen community vitality, to mobilize our leadership, and to develop courses of action together.

The first goal of the conference was to provide an evidencebased account of the demographic and institutional vitality of the English-speaking communities of Quebec.

The second goal of the conference was to provide an opportunity for participants to define the ways in which the vitality of Quebec's English-speaking communities can be improved, focusing on three areas:

- 1. Demography, language, and social class;
- 2. Institutional support in education, health, arts and culture; and
- 3. Legal rights and community leadership

The conference began on Friday evening with welcoming and opening remarks, followed by questions and answers and a reception. The Saturday session began with media views on

the Anglophone minorities of Quebec, then presentations and discussions on the first two themes: demography and social class; and building institutional support for English-speaking communities in Quebec.

The event provided the very first evidence-based account of the demographic and institutional vitality of the English-speaking communities of Quebec. It also consolidated a key group of academics from across Canada who continue to develop new research on the English-speaking Official Language Minority Community.

The presentations made throughout the Conference provided some of the first ever verifiable numbers on the demographic and institutional vitality of the Englishspeaking communities of Quebec.

More than 200 delegates attended the conference which included keynote speeches by Official



Languages Commissioner Graham Fraser, former languages commissioner and Quebec cabinet minister, Victor Goldbloom, Quebec cabinet minister Yolande James and the federal Parliamentary Secretary for Official Languages, Pierre Lemieux.

"We are not the enemy and it is time we stopped being perceived as such." Victor Goldbloom

Presenters included Jack Jedwab of the Association for Canadian Studies; Pierre Foucher, Faculté de Droit, Université de Moncton; William Floch and Joanne Pocock, of Canadian Heritage and Carleton University respectively; Patricia Lamarre of Université de Montréal; Jim Carter of the Community Health and Social Service Network, Richard Bourhis, Departement de Psychologie, Université de Montréal and several more. Topics included Determining Who is an English-speaking

> Quebecer and Assessing Demographic Vitality; Legal Status of Anglophone Communities in Quebec; The Socio-economic status of English-speaking Quebec; and the Politics of Community: The evolving challenge of representing English-speaking Quebecers.

> Conference presentations are archived in **The Vitality of the English-Speaking Communities of Quebec:** From Community Decline to Revival edited by Prof. Richard Y. Bourhis an important book and perhaps the most comprehensive

work to date on the English-speaking communities in Quebec, which was distributed to all delegates. Copies of this book are available on the QCGN website www.qcgn.ca or by contacting the QCGN office.

Held at the French-language Université de Montréal, the conference also allowed the English-speaking communities of Quebec to make important inroads with our Francophone friends and French-language media and build relationships that continue to show results. In fact reports from conference participants and both the French and English-media were very positive and have had a noticeable impact on the public perception of QCGN and the ESCQ as a whole.

"Minority communities survive when their members will them to survive, when many people have a shared consciousness of being part of a group. The Quebec Community Groups Network (www.qcgn.ca) is growing into just such a role. A network of 29 diverse groups and organizations, it met last weekend to call for anglophones to become more engaged. We're happy to echo that call - and to acknowledge that the QCGN has been doing a calm and careful job of building the connections anglophones need." - The Gazette, March 4, 2008

SUPPORT FOR ESCO

Policy Action

The past year has been one of growth for the QCGN on policy issues. Community Development is of course, at the very heart of everything we do, and policy work contributes to this. It is also an important catalyst for our communications activities. Our policy presentations have resulted in a flurry of media coverage, website visits, and in some cases, opinion pieces published in major newspapers.

Here is a short summary of our policy presentations over the past year:

June 12, 2007 – House of Commons Standing Committee on Official Languages: Study of the Cancellation of the Court Challenges Program

The QCGN reiterated its support for the Court Challenges Program in its entirety and asked that the Government of Canada acknowledge the detrimental impact of its decision and act immediately to reinstate the program. We also reminded the government of its obligation to consult the QCGN or any of our member organizations prior to this decision which had monumental impacts for advancement of the rights of English-speaking minorities of Quebec.

October 10, 2007 – Quebec National Assembly, Culture Committee: Consultations of Immigration Objectives for 2008-2010

We expressed our support for an increase in immigration levels for this period. We also reminded the members of the Committee and the Minister of Immigration of the exemplary role that the ESCQ has historically played in welcoming newcomers to Quebec. Our support as a community and as an organization was offered to the Minister to work in close cooperation with the Government. Discussions are ongoing to define such a role through a specific project.

November 5, 2007 – Quebec Special Consultations on the Living Conditions of Seniors

Special needs of English-speaking seniors such as ease of access to quality services in English were made clear to the Minister, and concrete solutions put forth such as the creation of an independent commissioner for seniors welfare. Further discussions with the Minister will be taking place shortly to follow up on some of our suggested solutions.

December 13, 2007 – Special advisor Bernard Lord's consultations on renewal of the Action Plan on Official Languages

Several of our comments were reflected in Mr. Lord's final report submitted to the Government in February. The special nature of our communities, our unique situation and challenges were mentioned in the report. As well, the Government was reminded that we constitute a minority and that this must be reflected in policy.

December 13, 2007 – Bouchard-Taylor Commission on Accommodation Practices Related to Cultural Differences (province-wide audiences)

The QCGN urged the commissioners to use caution when suggesting policy guidelines to the Government. We reminded them that the ESCQ has a rich history of cultural cohabitation and harmonious relations in a very diverse community. Because of this proven track record of cultural relations, we reminded the Commissioners not to impose a one-size-fits-all policy solution, and to give us the flexibility we need as a community to develop our own solutions.

February 20-21, 2008 – Quebec Ministry of Education Forum on School Board Governance and Democracy

We made it clear to the Minister that school boards play an important role in our communities and this importance should be reflected in government policy. Specificities of the English school boards were also highlighted to remind the government that no uniform solution should be imposed on our institutions. We also reminded the Government that linguistic school boards are still relatively young and that they should not rush to change a model that has not fully taken shape.



Greater Montreal

Community Development Initiative

The Greater Montreal Community Development Initiative (GMCDI) was created to help the English-speaking communities of the Greater Montreal Area identify shared community development challenges and priorities and determine the most effective strategies to address them.

Now in Phase III, GMCDI has grown considerably since it was first articulated as part of the QCGN Strategic Plan. The ideas,



challenges and questions raised during the course of work so far have helped contribute to the renewed sense of awareness currently being experienced in the English-speaking community of Montreal, and indeed throughout Quebec.The GMCDI is flourishing. Leaders in the community are working together to develop solutions and shape

policy. There is a renewed energy to this project.

From the community forums held throughout the Greater Montreal area in March of 2007, through to the release of the final report in September of last year, the GMCDI has evolved, and is now moving forward to developing concrete solutions to the challenges identified during the previous phases of the project.

In early 2007, Michelle Dupuis joined the team, assuming the role of GMCDI Project Director. Michelle holds a Master's Degree in Business Administration (MBA) from McGill University, and has diverse experience in community development initiatives and policy work. With the support of the QCGN and renewed energy among members of the community, there



is definitely a strong sense of optimism around the GMCDI.

As recommended in the final report, Task Forces on Health and Social Services, Arts, Culture and Heritage, as well as Education and Employability have been formed to review some of the pressing areas of concern for Montreal's English-speaking community identified during Phase II of the project. A successful working conference was held at Concordia University in April



2008 to bring together members of all three task forces to share their findings, and look for additional input before they propose concrete solutions and policies that will directly impact the lives of members of our community. This cross-sectoral approach is an essential step to helping the GMCDI grow and to producing direct benefits for our community. Throughout the course of the project, it has become clear that there is an incredible amount of excellent work being done in different sectors of the English-speaking community of Montreal. Bringing together the stakeholders from different sectors will develop strong synergy and concrete solutions to the

challenges facing our community. The completed phases of the

GMCDI are part of a larger body of work. Efforts are now being made to move this project forward and help contribute to the social, economic, and cultural development of the Greater Montreal region's English-speaking community.



Please visit www.qcgn.ca/greatermontrealinitiative regularly for news and updates on this project.

Youth

The participation of young people in organizations serving the English-speaking communities of Quebec is crucial to the vitality and long-term sustainability of our communities. Building the leadership capacity of English-speaking youth and encouraging greater civic participation is of key interest to QCGN.

Recognizing the valuable role young English-speaking leaders' play in our future, QCGN's Board of Directors voted in Fall 2007 to create a Youth Standing Committee in order to ensure the input and participation of English-speaking Quebec youth at the QCGN table.

The youth committee's mandate:

- Ensure that young English-speakers are informed about the advantages and opportunities of living in Quebec, and to facilitate their reaching their full potential in Quebec society.
- Increase the levels of participation of English-speaking youth in the Quebec economy through better integration, education and levels of bilingualism;
- Increase participation of English-speaking youth in Quebec's civil society through volunteerism and involvement in the political process;
- Improve the presence of English-speakers in the Quebec provincial and federal civil service to become more representative of the population;
- Strengthen the identity of young English-speakers and their role and value in Quebec society.

QCGN/s Youth Standing Committee will play an important role in the vitality of the English-speaking communities of Quebec by facilitating greater dialogue among both urban and rural youth, by seeking greater participation from English-speaking youth and by encouraging community organizations/ institutions to be more involved in youth issues.

QCGN also received funding in 2007-2008 for an ambitious project that focuses on engaging English-speaking youth in several regions of the province in order to determine their needs and priorities.

The Hub

Quebec's English-speaking communities have made it clear to QCGN that access to relevant and structured research is a top priority. Locating information conveniently and using it meaningfully allows the ESCQ to know more about itself and its position in broader contexts. While information on the ESCQ does exist, it is currently not available in a single location.

QCGN has convened an advisory committee to participate in the development and creation of an interregional, intersectoral and multidisciplinary Internet-based research database which can be used effectively by those championing and promoting the vitality of the ESCQ, both at the community grassroots level, as well as at all levels of government.

Centralizing information and research on the English-speaking communities in Quebec will increase the research capacity of Quebec's English-speaking communities by enabling them to carry out knowledge-based community development as well as build bridges between research, policy and practice.

The "Hub" will enable coordinated action leading to better social and economic outcomes for the ESCQ.

Outreach

In keeping with the trends of the past few years, media outreach has increased at a steady pace. In the public sphere as well as in internal communications, we continued to expand our activities in order to give the English-speaking communities of Quebec a strong presence and voice on the provincial and national scene.

For groups and individuals in our immediate network, to media outlets across Canada looking to capture the pulse of Quebec's English-speakers, the QCGN is working towards being the voice that stakeholders, policy leaders, media and the public can turn to.

In early 2007-2008 we devoted significant energy towards improving our press review service, Daily Briefing, a service designed to provide readers with news and information relevant to our membership and the English-speaking communities of Quebec as a whole.

Until recently subscribers were almost exclusively from within the immediate circle of our network and materials included were almost exclusively news stories. To better serve our main clientele, we have used this tool to disseminate a great deal of information about QCGN activities, and those of our members.

We are also encouraging the public to subscribe through our website for information on our communities as well as official language minority community news across Canada. Over the course of the year, the look and feel of the briefings was also changed to be as user-friendly as possible. Subscriptions to this service have more than doubled over the year and include our members, government officials, journalists and members of the public across Canada.

If you are not already subscribed, please send an email to info@qcgn.ca to be added to the list.



Much of our public communications activities are in support of our policy initiatives. For each presentation made to federal and provincial leaders, each announcement, and each public activity of the QCGN, we were present in various local, regional and national media.

We were also called upon to comment on current events that impact our communities. Such was the case when the 2006 census data was released for example. The data was fascinating for our communities and we offered our comments with our partners to several media outlets in both official languages.

The QCGN also comments publicly on broader policy developments. We issued public statements through the press, open letters, and statements on our website on the following:

- The Speech from the Throne
- The Federal Budget
- · Access to justice in both official languages
- Provincial and federal legislation affecting official language minority communities

In the near future, you can expect to hear us speaking with a more prominent voice on the national stage on issues which affect official language minority communities across the country.

Part of the planning for QCGN activities such as the release of the Greater Montreal Community Development Initiative (GMCDI) final report and the Community Revitalization Conference includes detailed communications and outreach plans. Both of these events were, in our opinion well covered by local and even national media.

We take great pride in our policy and community development initiatives and will continue to strive to have them communicated as widely as possible.

In his 2007-2008 Annual Report, Official Languages Commissioner Graham Fraser, highlighted QCGN's national status and encouraged federal institutions to recognize us as such and act accordingly. This important recognition validates the type of policy and community development work the QCGN has continued to use in its outreach initiatives to all levels of government, community leaders, stakeholders and media.

Member Organizations

QCGN welcomed seven new member groups to its ranks in 2007-2008. New members are approved at the Annual General Meeting.

- 4 Korners Family Resource Centre
- Family Ties New Carlisle
- Canadian Italian Business
 & Professional Association
- Canadian Parents for French
- Quebec Music Educators
- Quebec Writers' Federation
- Tyndale St. George Community Centre

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The Eau-Naturelle Discovery Camp, in partnership with the Coasters' Association, realized a very successful Kids Summer Camp in Chevery during the summer of 2007.



Heather O'Neill takes home QWF's 2007 Paragraphe Hugh MacLennan Prize for Fiction for Lullabies for Little Criminals.

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The Senior Citizens Committee of St. Paul's River organized a special "Mother's Day" event in May, 2007, for the elderly.



Canadian Parents for French – the provincial French language public speaking contest held at Concordia University May 10th saw 50 high school students competing for the chance to win \$20000 scholarships to the University of Ottawa.

QUEBEC FARMERS' ASSOCIATION (QFA)

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