



The QCGN's new President James Shea and Director General Sylvia Martin-Laforge bid a fond farewell to QCGN outgoing President Dan Lamoureux during the Network's annual general meeting on June 3.

President's Message



By James Shea
QCGN President

I want to thank members of the Quebec Community Groups Network for their confidence in electing me to preside the board of directors and I want to thank outgoing president **Dan Lamoureux**, who will have more time to spend on the golf links. I look forward to working with our new board of directors and anticipate their advice and input on our moving ahead. I wish to thank our directors, both new and old, for joining me at the board table, which is a table of community collaboration and decision making. We are volunteers who are committed to providing leadership and direction for the English-speaking community of Quebec.

I assume the presidency at a time when QCGN is spending a lot of time on Parliament Hill in Ottawa advocating on behalf of Quebec's English-speaking community. The board of directors has approved a new federal and provincial government relations strategy that supports the QCGN's strategic objective of creating an enabling environment which supports the development and vitality of English-speaking Quebec. As I prepared to begin my new role, I met with **Randy Boissonnault, parliamentary secretary to the minister of Canadian Heritage**, along with senior department staff to discuss the upcoming consultation on Canada's new official languages strategy. The Government of Canada, which is committed to developing a new official languages plan to support English linguistic minority communities, began its online consultation last week. The QCGN is taking a leadership role for Quebec's English-speaking community in Quebec's participation in this key opportunity, providing members, community and supporting public stakeholders with our strategic development priorities and expectations from the federal government's new official languages plan. **Canadian Heritage Minister Mélanie Joly**, who launched the Pan-Canadian Consultations on Official Languages on Friday, is inviting all Canadians to take part and to share their opinions or comments on the role of English and French in Canadian society. Minister Joly will be using a round-

table approach for the consultation that will continue till October. An online questionnaire is available to the public and we strongly urge you to participate. For details and the link to the online questionnaire, click [here](#).

Over the past few years, the membership of QCGN has grown to 48 members. As president I plan to communicate more with member organizations. I hope this connection will contribute to helping QCGN react nimbly when members need to be consulted on sensitive and important topics. The resolution regarding the education rights of our community that members passed at our annual general meeting in June is a case in point. The resolution, presented by the **Committee for Anglophone Social Action (CASA)** and second by the **English-language Arts Network (ELAN)**, notes that our “English-speaking communities must be afforded the capacity, and must thereafter exercise control over those aspects of education which pertain to, or have an effect upon, their language and culture.” It engages the QCGN to “work in cooperation with community partners and institutions, to continue to raise awareness of, protect, and advance the Minority Language Education Rights of Quebecers.” This topic merits further discussion with our members who have a vested interest in education and community vitality. English-language education in Quebec is an ongoing subject of debate with the presentation of **Bill 105**, new draft legislation that proposes to maintain school board elections while giving more power to principals, as well as the current kerfuffle over the adoption of controversial history curriculum for high school students by Quebec’s nine English boards. Read the Gazette’s feature on history curriculum [here](#) and the follow-up editorial [here](#).

I also look forward to working with our young leaders of today. I am most impressed with the **Young Quebecers Leading the Way** project and the many youth who have participated in regional workshops and provincial forums. The final forum will take place next winter in the National Capital Region, my home base. I am solidly behind this initiative that involves youth in celebrations around Canada’s 150th anniversary by encouraging them to reflect on Canada’s past, present and future and develop a stronger attachment to their country through civic engagement. Our community vitality is dependent upon our youth.

While on the topic of leadership, I want to encourage our community to nominate strong, committed individuals for our community recognition awards – the **Young Quebecers Leading the Way Award** as well as the **Sheila and Victor Goldbloom Distinguished Community Service Award**. You can find details of the awards and the nomination processes at the end of this newsletter.

Update on Community Innovation Fund

Also while president-in-waiting, I had the great pleasure to take part in the announcement of the **Community Innovation Fund** which will provide direct support to more than one million English-speaking Quebecers and could soon benefit from up to \$3 million to finance innovative projects that address the needs and priorities of English-speaking youth, seniors, and newcomers. The fund, which is part of the **Social Partnership Initiative in Official Language Minority Communities**, was announced at QCGN headquarters by **Ville-Marie-Le Sud-Ouest-Île-des-Soeurs Liberal MP Marc Miller** on behalf of his colleague, the **Honourable Jean-Yves Duclos, Minister of Families, Children and Social Development**. The QCGN will be acting as an intermediary, activating up to \$3 million in leveraged funds towards projects that serve the needs of English-speaking youth, seniors, and newcomers. The QCGN has just signed a deal with **Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC)** to establish the fund and we are just weeks away from hiring a project manager to administer it. The QCGN will also be working with members and community stakeholders to determine the specifics on how we will manage these resources together and to identify an evaluation mechanism and knowledge transfer partner from within our community’s post-secondary institutions. Social financing creates opportunities for investors to finance projects that benefit society and for community organizations to access new sources of funds. That means two thirds of the potential investments will have to come from the private sector and for every \$2 invested by the private sector, the federal government will match with \$1.

QCGN AGM on June 3



Under the theme *Working Together for Quebec's English-speaking Communities* more than 100 members and stakeholders gathered in Montreal for the 21st annual meeting of the Quebec Community Groups Network on June 3, 2016. The QCGN was pleased to welcome **Canadian Heritage Minister Mélanie Joly** who addressed participants before lunch encouraging them to participate in consultations on the federal government's new action plan for official languages. A panel discussion entitled *Governments Working for Quebec's English-speaking Communities* kicked off the meeting. Canada's Commissioner of Official Languages, **Graham Fraser** and his counterparts from Ontario and New Brunswick **François Boileau** and **Katherine d'Entremont** participated on the panel. Also on the agenda were workshops aimed at developing the organizational skills of our member groups. These included a talk on board and staff governance by **Dora Koop**; a session on shared administrative platforms by **Jillian Witt** and a workshop on how to engage youth in the context of a minority environment with **Joël LeFort** and **Michel Menezes** from the **Fédération de la jeunesse canadienne française** (FJCF). For more on the AGM, read our [press release](#).

Happy Summer!!!

2016-2017 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



In photo, from left to right, Juan-Carlos Quintana, Kevin Dobie, Cheryl Gosselin, Walter Duszara (Secretary), Irene Tschernomor, James Shea (President), Kate Shingler, Clarence Bayne, Stella Kennedy and James Hughes. Missing from photo are Geoffrey Chambers (Vice-president), Joe Rabinovitch (Treasurer), Sovita Chander and Ted Goloff.

During the annual general meeting held in Montreal on June 3, the QCGN membership elected **James Shea** as president and **Geoffrey Chambers** as vice-president of the Network. The board also has two new directors: **Kevin Dobie**, a specialist in government relations and public affairs; and **James Hughes**, a past winner of the Sheila and Victor Goldbloom Distinguished Community Service Award. Not up for re-election and returning to the board are Secretary **Walter Duszara** and Treasurer **Joe Rabinovitch** as well as directors **Clarence Bayne**, **Sovita Chander**, **Theodore Goloff**, **Cheryl Gosselin**, **Stella Kennedy**, **Juan-Carlos Quintana**, **Kate Shingler**, and **Irene Tschernomor**. For more about QCGN's 2016-2017 board of directors, click [here](#).

TASTES OF NOTRE HOME MAKES FRIENDS FOR NEW FOUNDATION



By Rita Legault
QCGN Director of Communications

On Thursday June 3 the **Fondation Notre Home Foundation** made new friends as it held its first ever "FriendRaiser" at the Sacred Heart School in Montreal.

The **Tastes of Notre Home FriendRaiser** hosted about five dozen friends and supporters who learned about the foundation while discovering the bounty of Quebec's producers and entrepreneurs.

"The Fondation Notre Home Foundation thanks all of its friends, old and new, for making its first annual event a success," said Joe Rabinovitch, interim president of the new foundation. "We owe a debt of gratitude to the Tastes of Notre Home organizing committee, our generous food sponsors and contributors of door prizes, as well as our fabulous team of volunteers. Without them this evening would not have been such an enjoyable success."

Rabinovitch said the new foundation is finding friends, raising funds and will soon be looking for great projects to sponsor.

“Our new charitable organization aims to encourage efforts by English-speaking Quebecers to promote their culture and connections to Francophone Quebec,” he said. “English-speaking Quebecers have much to celebrate and share. This foundation will support them as they work to renew the vitality of our community so that the talent, innovation and creativity of English-speaking Quebecers’ is fully mobilized in building Quebec’s future.”

The foundation will help English-speaking Quebecers build ties to Francophones through conferences, recreation, language exchanges, cultural and artistic activities and will assist young English-speaking Quebecers in overcoming barriers to employment and in boosting their entrepreneurialism. It will also support efforts to meet the needs of at-risk English-speaking seniors, low-income, inner-city, and isolated rural dwellers.

“One of the major goals of this new foundation aims is to celebrate leadership in our community,” said Rabinovitch. “That is why the foundation is pleased to partner with the Quebec Community Groups Network to present the annual Sheila and Victor Goldbloom Distinguished Community Service Award and the new Young Quebecers Leading the Way Award.”

Rabinovitch invited people to get involved by nominating outstanding individuals for the awards. “Tastes of Notre Home was the first step in our journey to a revitalized English-speaking community in the province we all love,” he said. “And don’t forget to save the date. The community awards celebration that will benefit the foundation will be held on Oct. 27 at Montreal’s St-James Club.”

For more on Tastes of Notre Home and the Fondation Notre Home Foundation visit the website at <http://notrehome-qc.ca/>

COMMISSIONER FRASER: OF COURSE FRENCH IMMERSION IS NOT PERFECT

Official Languages Commissioner Graham Fraser recently defended French immersion programs from another assault by Globe and Mail columnist Margaret Wente (click [here](#) to read) “There’s just one problem with French immersion ... well, several, actually” (June 4, 2016).

We have decided to reproduce the Commissioner’s full response.

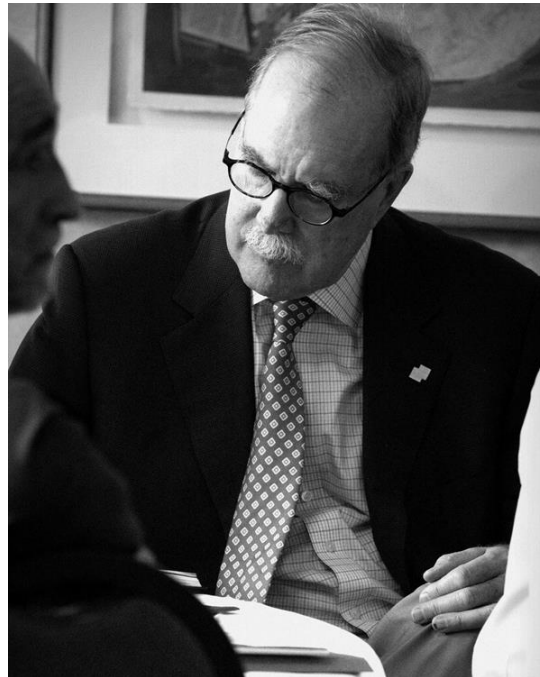
Three years after her last article on the subject, Margaret Wente has once again discovered that French immersion isn’t perfect.

In 2013, she said that, “the main allure of French immersion is that it provides all the benefits of a private school without the tuition costs [...]. Parents who are ambitious for their children use French immersion as a form of streaming.”

Last week, she said it again: “For many parents, French immersion is a way to game the system. It filters out the kids with behavioural problems and special needs, along with the low achievers. In short, it’s a form of streaming.”

From there, she argues that “there is not the slightest shred of evidence that French immersion has accomplished any of its lofty goals” and uses the percentage of Canadians who are bilingual as her proof.

However, percentages are misleading; with Canada welcoming 250,000 newcomers each year, some of whom speak neither official language, it’s not surprising that the percentage of bilingual



Canadians has dropped, even though the actual number has increased by more than half a million over the past 10 years.

Real and imaginary problems

Ms. Wenté is not alone in making the regular discovery that the immersion system is not perfect or in identifying problems, both real and imaginary. I would like to use this opportunity to clarify a few things.

To begin with, contrary to what many critics claim, French immersion is not a product of the Trudeau years, but began in the mid-1960s in Quebec, before Pierre Elliott Trudeau was even elected to Parliament. Its goal, lofty or not, was to help children acquire language proficiency through the use of French as a language of instruction.

The allegation that it is an elitist program that filters out the children with behavioural problems and special needs is profoundly unfair. The fact is that when a child in immersion has any kind of learning or behavioural problem, the first response of some schools is to pressure the parents to take their child out of immersion, regardless of whether the learning problem has anything to do with the language of instruction. Yet there are studies that show that children with learning problems do just as well in immersion as they do in the English stream.

Similarly, many schools and school boards actively discourage immigrant parents from enrolling their children in immersion, even though studies show that immigrant students — who often speak a third language at home — adapt smoothly to immersion. Some immersion programs, however, boast a high percentage of children of immigrants, as their parents recognize the value of being able to speak the country's two official languages.

Critics like Margaret Wenté often refer to the dropout rate from immersion. This is partly due to students choosing other specialized programs that are not available in immersion and partly due to other factors. Some 15 years ago, Edmonton Public Schools was concerned about the dropout rate from immersion. By bolstering support for the teachers, improving communication with parents and establishing comparative evaluations of students' language skills, the dropout rate diminished significantly. Edmonton Public Schools is now recognized as having one of the best immersion programs in the country.

Unrealistic expectations

Some of the disenchantment with immersion comes from unrealistic expectations. Immersion doesn't — and isn't intended to — produce graduates who speak French with the fluency of native speakers. What immersion does provide is an important building block on which graduates can develop their language skills. Language proficiency is both an intellectual and a physical activity; without practice, it diminishes dramatically. I hope that the 150th anniversary of Confederation will see an increase in the number of opportunities for students to spend time in an environment where the other official language is dominant.

One of the problems that the immersion system has faced for a number of years has been a shortage of teachers who are fully fluent in French. To address this issue, a government program could be useful in breaking down some of the barriers that prevent exchanges between teachers. It is still easier for a teacher in Quebec to have an exchange with a teacher in France than with a teacher in Ontario, and easier for a teacher in Ontario to exchange jobs with a teacher in Australia than with a teacher in Quebec. This, to put it mildly, makes no sense.

The immersion experience can be life-changing. When Jennifer MacIntyre was a child in a small town in Cape Breton, she insisted on going into immersion, overcoming the reluctance of her unilingual parents. Her reason: she wanted to be able to work at the Fortress of Louisbourg. The experience broadened her horizons. Now, several decades later, she is Canada's ambassador to Switzerland. "Without French, nothing else would have been possible and my dreams would have been much smaller," she told me recently.

Canadian parents—thousands of whom are themselves graduates of immersion—want their children to have the experience that French immersion offers. It has enriched the lives of millions of Canadians. It is unfortunate that an ideal of perfection is being used to criticize one of the most successful Canadian educational experiences available.

ARTS ALIVE! JOIN IN THE SUMMER 2016 FESTIVITIES



For the second year, the **English-Language Arts Network** (ELAN) is helping to empower English-speaking regions to build their own mini-festivals celebrating vibrant arts communities in Quebec.

Between June and September 2016, Hudson, Quebec City, Montreal's West Island, Knowlton, Huntingdon, and Wakefield will host weekend-long celebrations of Quebec arts and culture.

Some weekends will focus around a main venue and its environs. Others will transform

the entire town into a huge festival. The programming will be highly individual, reflecting local tastes. You'll experience something entirely different at each region's event — from local artists and visiting headliners to puppet shows, literary activities, contemporary dance, theatre performances, visual arts, chamber music, film, or even a Celtic party!

Each weekend will feature at least one stimulating day out for the whole family. All ages will have the chance to be entertained and, better still, participate in an array of creative activities led by musicians, theatre professionals, dancers, filmmakers, visual artists and craftspeople. It will be hands-on and lots of fun.

After a successful opening weekend in Hudson June 10-12, ELAN is looking forward to the rest of the summer's events. Check out what is coming up:

- July 1-3, **Quebec City**: Music at The Morrin Centre, featuring an eclectic mix of performances by Jane Ehrhardt, Ben Wilkins, Lily Thibodeau, Pascale Picard, Rob Lutes, and more.
- Aug. 6, **Huntingdon**: An afternoon of creative workshops for all ages at the Grove Hall Arts Fair with musical and dance performances running into the evening.
- Aug. 26-28, **Knowlton**: Community social at the Star Café, a Louise Penny book launch, music from The Young Novelists, and a reading of "God of Carnage" at Theatre Lac Brome on Saturday and Sunday.

There will also be events in **Wakefield** from Sept. 9 to 11 and in the **West Island** of Montreal on Sept. 24. To find out more about Arts Alive! Québec, visit <http://arts-alive-quebec.ca/>.

ELAN is a not-for-profit organization that connects, supports, and promotes Quebec's English-speaking artists and arts communities. Its members include artists and organizations representing a multitude of artistic disciplines and regions of Quebec.

HOME AND SCHOOL CELEBRATES OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS FROM ENGLISH-SPEAKING COMMUNITY



By Carol Meindl

Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations

Representatives from across the province came together as the **Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations** (QFHSA) held its 72nd annual general meeting and Volunteer Awards Banquet on April 30 in Saint-Laurent.

Dozens of members gathered to help determine the future direction of the QFHSA and celebrate outstanding individuals and groups, dedicating their time and energy to student success across the globe and in their communities.

The new Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations board of directors for 2016-17 includes: Brian Rock, president; Lawrence DePoe, immediate past-president; Linton Garner, executive vice-president; Ginette Sauvé-Frankel and Rosemary Murphy, vice-presidents; Wanda Leah Trineer, treasurer; Debi Brown, secretary; and directors Rhonda Boucher, Rickhey Margoese and Tanima Ghosh-Harleton.

Four major awards were presented at the evening's Annual Awards Banquet.

2016 Gordon Paterson Award

For long service to the education of children and for the encouragement of the involvement of parents, the Gordon Paterson Award was presented to Daniel Olivenstein, commissioner, teacher, parent and mentor to parents of children with special needs in the Lester B. Pearson School Board. His willingness to answer questions and his tireless generosity of his time is greatly appreciated by his school communities.

2016 Pat Lewis Humanitarian Award

There were two recipients this year for this award for an individual or group at the elementary school level who has shown outstanding efforts toward a humanitarian cause.

Teacher **Céline Brault** won for her work with the Chelsea-Enyandeni School Twinning Project — a project that connects students from an elementary school in Western Quebec to an elementary school in Matabeleland, Zimbabwe. The students of Chelsea raised more than \$7,000 to help build a much needed classroom for kindergarten students in Zimbabwe.

The students of **St. John Fisher Elementary** were also rewarded for their Community Walk, an annual event in Pointe-Claire for the past seven years. This entire school and surrounding neighborhood rallied together to raise money for Big Brothers and Sisters of the West Island; West Island Citizen Advocacy; Youth Unlimited La Corde; and the St. John Fisher Social Action Team. The walk helped students develop awareness of people in their local community who are in need and taught them about the importance and need to give back to their community.

2016 Pat Lewis Peace Prize

Fleming Elementary's Cycle 3-2 students took the prize for an individual or group making a significant contribution towards peace. The amazing students took it upon themselves to produce an anti-bullying video entitled "Take a Stand Against Bullying." The video was shown to all students in the school, and shared with the staff and commissioners of Central Quebec School Board. The video was also shared at the Awards Banquet where many were moved by the simplicity and poignancy of their message.

The Quebec Federation of Home and School Associations (QFHSA) is grateful to the member associations who attended to the business at the AGM, and who took the time and initiative to nominate such worthy projects and individuals for special recognition at the Awards Banquet.

HERITAGE NETWORK CONFERS ANNUAL AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE



By Matthew Farfan
Quebec Anglophone Heritage Network

As is tradition, the Richard Evans and Marion Phelps Awards were presented during the 16th annual convention of the **Quebec Anglophone Heritage Network** (QAHN), which was held this year in Sherbrooke.

2016 Richard Evans Award

The Richard Evans Award, which is presented annually to an organization or group of volunteers who, collectively, have contributed to preserving or promoting their community history, including some aspect of Quebec's Anglophone heritage, has gone to the Sherbrooke-based not-for-profit organization Murales Urbaines à Revitalisation d'Immeubles et de Réconciliation Sociale (MURIRS).

Founded in 1999 by **Serge Malenfant**, MURIRS unveiled its first large-scale outdoor mural, featuring historical themes from Sherbrooke's past, in honour of the city's bicentennial, in 2002. Over the years, 13 more large murals followed. In 2015, 10 more murals, this time smaller in scale, and based on the history of Lennoxville, were added.



Sherbrooke and Lennoxville.

Since it was founded, MURIRS has worked closely with the City of Sherbrooke, the Société d'histoire de Sherbrooke, the Lennoxville-Ascot Historical and Museum Society and the Borough of Lennoxville, to create dynamic, colourful tableaux of aboriginal, pioneer, 19th and 20th century life, reflecting the economic and cultural development and changes in the city. Many of the murals depict real historical figures and events; and a number of them are reflective of the English-speaking community of

Various local artists have submitted ideas for Sherbrooke's murals, adding an element of artistic diversity and exposure to the project. The murals have become widely known and are a major stimulus to the tourism industry of the area.

Serge Malenfant, the organization's founder and president, accepted the award on behalf of MURIRS. Malenfant, who led conference attendees on a personal tour of some of downtown Sherbrooke's most stunning murals, said that he was "pleased and honoured" that his organization was receiving this recognition.

2016 Marion Phelps Award



The Marion Phelps Award, presented annually in recognition of outstanding long-term contributions by an individual to the preservation and promotion of Anglophone heritage in the province of Quebec, was presented to **Doreen Lindsay**, a leading light at the Westmount Historical Association.

Lindsay has been active on the board of the WHA for more than 20 years, serving as president for the last 13. She has devoted herself almost full time to promoting awareness of local heritage, and has significantly raised the profile of the association within the Westmount community. She has spent countless hours

on historical documentation and research, and worked particularly hard to sensitize citizens to the importance of preserving Westmount's unique architectural heritage.

The many initiatives Lindsay has undertaken for the organization include: the development of a lecture series; the design, writing and editing of The Westmount Historian newsletter; the inauguration of City of Westmount walking tours; the mounting of exhibitions of archival materials; and the contribution of historical-themed articles for the local weekly newspaper, the Westmount Independent.

In this, her last year as president of the WHA, Lindsay has been involved with QAHN's Housewife Heroines project, interviewing older Westmount women for their memories of the war years, and has written an article for Quebec Heritage News magazine on the topic. She has created and mounted a show of archival photographs for a local café, and has worked with a committee of the City of Westmount in planning an exhibition of architectural photos for its centenary celebrations. All of this is in addition to the activities she regularly undertakes for the association.

Lindsay's energy and commitment, and her tireless efforts to preserve local heritage and expand knowledge of Westmount's history, exemplify the spirit in which the Marion Phelps Award was established and make her an eminently worthy recipient for 2016.

In her acceptance speech for the award, Lindsay said that she was "pleased and very grateful for the recognition." She thanked QAHN for the honour, as well as her family who had been very supportive of her volunteer efforts over the years. She also thanked the dozen or so Westmounters who had accompanied her to Sherbrooke to watch her receive her award and to cheer her on.

QAHN is a non-profit, non-partisan organization engaged in promoting the preservation of the built, cultural and natural heritage of Quebec.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES CELEBRATED AT TOWNSHIPERS' ASSOCIATION'S AGM



By Corrinna Pole
Townshippers' Association

Make Way For YOUth, a project of Townshippers' Association that supports youth retention, was proud to celebrate three graduating high school students for their prize-winning essays detailing their ability to overcome challenges, at the association's 37th annual general meeting June 3 in Sherbrooke.

The Excel in the Estrie essay challenge, proudly sponsored by Cass, Global Excel and the Lennoxville Youth Center, invited all graduating high school students in the Eastern Townships English-speaking community to inspire others to finish school by sharing their solutions to any academic, social or personal obstacles they faced while pursuing their education.

"Graduating high school is no small achievement, it takes a lot of dedication and effort. That effort is worth celebrating and sharing with others who may face similar challenges. Excel in the Estrie challenges students to reflect on all they have accomplished to get to this point," said Jenny Ménard, Make Way for YOUth migration agent. "The final aspect of the essay challenge provides an important opportunity to encourage youth to be the architects of their future by thinking about their place in the region. We look forward to seeing their plans come to life."

The winning student authors — Emma Laroche Spaulding, 16, of Cookshire; Alexandria Lowry, 16, of Sawyerville and Meaghan Rivett, 17, of Waterville — were awarded \$250 each and will have their essays published in the autumn/winter issue of Townshippers' self-titled members-only journal. They will be graduating from Alexander Galt Regional High School and will continue their studies at Champlain Regional College Lennoxville this autumn.

Congratulations to the winners and to all of this year's high school graduates!

TOWNSHIPERS' SEEKING TO RECOGNIZE YOUNG LEADERS

Do you know a young Townshipper worthy of recognition? Nominate them for Townshippers' Young Townships Leader Award (YTLA).

The awards highlight youth achievements, dynamism and involvement by celebrating young people who serve as role models to other youth as well as to adults. The award also encourages English-speaking youth to reach their full potential and become engaged in the community at large — culturally, economically and socially.

One winner will be chosen to receive a certificate of recognition and cash prize, following the Townshippers' Day opening ceremonies on Saturday, Sept. 17, 2016, at the Brome fairgrounds. Visit www.TDay.ca for details.

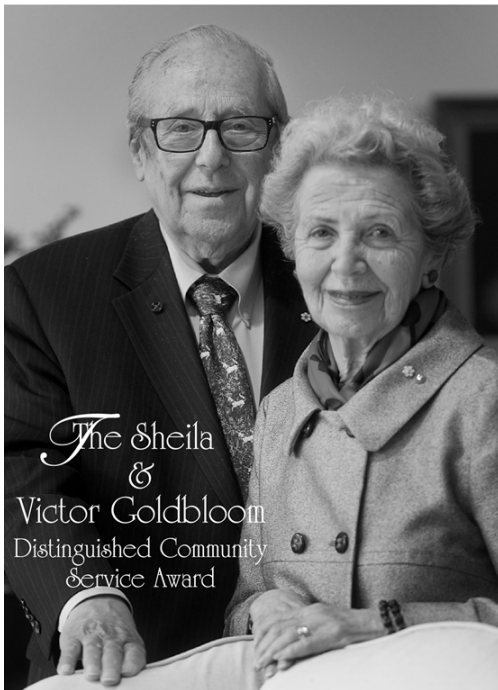
New this year, candidates can be nominated **online**. Nomination forms can also be downloaded from the website or can be picked up at Townshippers' offices in Sherbrooke, at 257 Queen, or Lac-Brome, 584 Knowlton Rd. All nominations must be received by noon, Aug. 26, 2016.

For further information, visit Townshippers.org or contact Cathy Turner at 819-566-5717 (toll free 1-877-566-5717) or via **email**.

REMINDER: QCGN IN QUEST FOR NOMINATIONS FOR COMMUNITY AWARDS

The Quebec Community Groups Network is also welcoming nominations for the 2016 Sheila and Victor Goldbloom Distinguished Community Service Award and the Young Quebecers Leading the Way Award

Goldbloom Awards



Do you know an exceptional individual who has gone above and beyond in contributing to the vitality of English-speaking Quebec?

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Sheila and Victor Goldbloom Distinguished Community Service Award was initiated by the Quebec Community Groups Network to celebrate individuals who have dedicated their lives to ensuring English-speaking Quebec remains a vibrant community within the province and Canada.

Winners will be recognized during an awards dinner on October 27, 2016 at Montreal's St. James Club that will be emceed by Elysia Bryan Baynes, Global Montreal anchor and reporter.

Deadline for nominations is July 31, 2016. Full details on the QCGN website at www.qcgn.ca. Send nominations to:

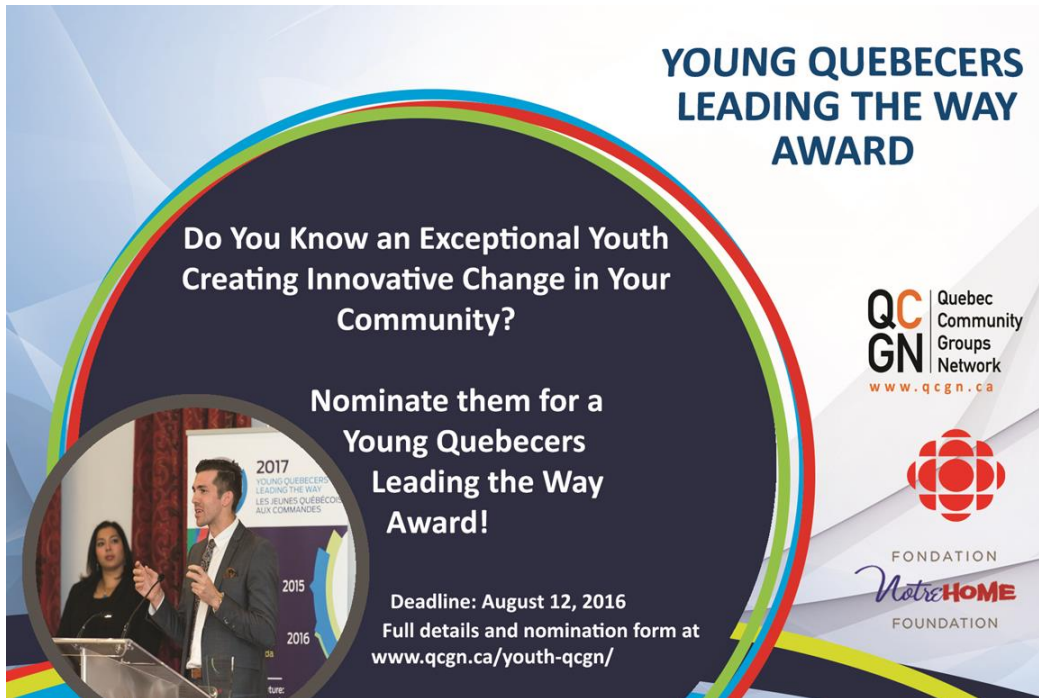
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The Goldbloom Award, which recognizes individuals who have contributed to strengthening the English-speaking community and to building bridges between Quebecers of different backgrounds, was established by the QCGN in 2009 to celebrate individuals who, like Dr. and Mrs. Goldbloom, dedicated their lives to ensuring English-speaking Quebec remains a vibrant community within Quebec and Canada.

Candidates for the Goldbloom award must have demonstrated leadership and commitment as a volunteer or as a professional in their chosen field of endeavour. Their contributions can be in any and all regions of Quebec, and in any field from business to academia; from youth to seniors; from health and social services to arts and culture; and any other area such as heritage, the environment and sports. The guiding principle is that these individuals have provided strong and effective leadership and succeeded in improving the quality of life of English-speaking Quebecers and the broader society. Click [here](#) for details on how to nominate someone.

Young Quebecers Leading the Way Award



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Creating Innovative Change in Your
Community?**

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The Young Quebecers Leading the Way Award was established in 2015 by the Quebec Community Groups Network, the Fondation Notre Home Foundation and CBC Quebec to recognize and celebrate the outstanding achievements of young English-speaking Quebecers who are engaged in innovative initiatives that create change in our communities.

Last year's winner, Alexander Gordon, explains it briefly in this [video clip](#) which we encourage you to share on social media.

For this award, leadership is defined broadly and not limited to leaders of specific organizations and projects. The main objective of the award is to celebrate the leadership and innovative thinking of engaged young English-speaking Quebecers. Nominations must come from organizations and institutions that serve Quebec's English-speaking minority community.

To be eligible for a Young Quebecers Leading the Way Award, candidates must be under the age of 30 and have demonstrated outstanding leadership and contributed to an initiative with measurable impact in their community. Click [here](#) for details on how to nominate someone.

Recipients of the Young Quebecers Leading the Way Award and the Sheila and Victor Goldbloom Distinguished Community Service Award will be invited to receive their awards at a community recognition ceremony on Oct. 27 that will be emceed by **Elysia Bryan-Baynes**, anchor/reporter at Global Montreal.

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