

QCGN congratulates Shelly Glover new Minister for Canadian Heritage and Official Languages

Community also looks forward to working with Quebec Lieutenant Denis Lebel

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MONTREAL, July 15, 2013 – The Quebec Community Groups Network (QCGN) offers its wholehearted congratulations to Shelly Glover on her appointment today as Canada’s Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages. We also congratulate her colleague Denis Lebel for his promotion to Quebec Lieutenant for the Conservative government.

“We are particularly happy that Canada’s English linguistic minority communities will be supported by an individual with your experience as a former Parliamentary Secretary of Official Languages,” QCGN President Dan Lamoureux said in a letter addressed to Glover on Monday.

“Canadian Heritage provides tremendous support to our community,” said Lamoureux, noting that the QCGN enjoyed working with outgoing Heritage Minister James Moore. Lamoureux remarked that Government of Canada’s official languages strategy - the Roadmap for Canada’s Official Languages 2013-2018: Education, Immigration, Communities, which was launched by Minister Moore in the spring, demonstrates this government’s deep commitment to linguistic duality and official language minority communities, including English-speaking Quebec.

“Canadian Heritage has been transparent and consultative in its approach to the development of the new Roadmap and during the strategy’s initial implementation. We look forward to continuing this dialogue,” said Lamoureux, noting that the QCGN is committed to supporting Glover in her new role as Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages and hopes to meet with the new minister at her earliest convenience.

Lamoureux said QCGN is also looking forward to meeting with Denis Lebel who will wear many hats including Minister of Infrastructure, Communities and Intergovernmental Affairs and Minister of the Economic Development Agency of Canada for the Regions of Quebec. Lebel will also be the Harper government’s Quebec Lieutenant and the QCGN looks forward to meeting with him to discuss ongoing matters initiated with his predecessor Christian Paradis.

The Quebec Community Groups Network (www.qcgn.ca) is a not-for-profit organization bringing together 41 English-language community organizations across Quebec. The QCGN is a centre of evidence-based expertise and collective action whose mission is to identify, explore and address strategic issues affecting the development and vitality of English-speaking Quebec and to encourage dialogue and collaboration among its member organizations, individuals, community groups, institutions and leaders.

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