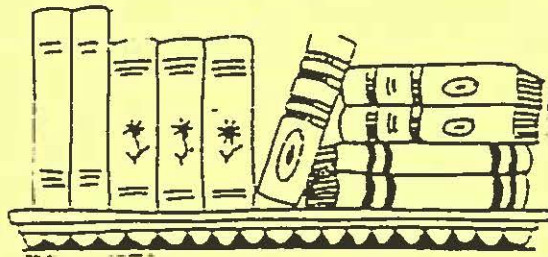


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MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER OF CANADIAN HERITAGE, HON. MICHEL DUPUY

The Minister of Canadian Heritage would like to take this opportunity to commend the Coasters association for acting as one voice in serving the needs of the Anglophone communities scattered along the Lower North Shore and for your fine work in the social and economic development along the coast.

LETTER FROM HON. ETHEL BLONDIN-ANDREW, SECRETARY OF STATE, TRAINING AND YOUTH

Human Resources Development Canada (HRDC) officials have read with interest the reports and appreciate you sharing them with us. We are particularly pleased that HRDC has been able to assist Coasters Association financially in carrying out these projects.

I would like to take this opportunity to provide you with information on some HRDC's youth programs which may be beneficial to Coasters Association.

As part of the Youth Employment and Learning Strategy, Youth Internship Canada (YIC) aims at creating entry-level projects for jobs in emerging and expanding industries and at providing pathways for young people to ease their transition from school to work. The program has three streams: sectoral, school-based and community-based. As well, YIC is piloting two other initiatives called Youth Experience and Youth Entrepreneurship. Youth Experience is focused on graduates who have made a successful transition to work as they are unemployed or underemployed. Youth Entrepreneurship helps young people from 18 to 30 years of age who have the interest, ambition and potential to start their own businesses.

I would encourage Coasters Association to submit a proposal under YIC under the community-based stream. This stream combines on- and off-the-job training for out-of-school youth. Projects may be sponsored by private and public sector associations, non-governmental organizations and educational training institutions.

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Holiday Greetings of a Merry Christmas & Prosperous New Year were recieved from the following Association:

- * Moore's Handcrafts
- * VEQ
- * Deborah Hook
- * Mun. Gulf St. Laurent
- * InterCanadian
- * Surete du Quebec
- * Les Services clau-Nique
- * Janie Cox
- * Regionaire
- * Mun. St Augustine
- * Townshippers'
- * Mun. Bonne Esperance
- * L'ARC

Their thoughtfulness is very much appreciated.

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES

CSBCN News:

A public notice was posted informing the population of a massive vaccination campaign against measles adding a second dose to the babies regular vaccination calender at 18 months.

Great news, CSBCN wishes to inform the population that persons requiring the services of an audioprothesist (hearing aid specialist) may now do so twice a year instead of one.

For an appointment, persons may call their nursing station or admission service of the health centre.

Complaints:

A number of complaints were received by the persons of the Lower North Shore requesting the Coasters to investigate. The concerns are: escort services, transportation, permanent/part-time dentist for the Bonne Esperance region, the 1-800 number, the possibility of doctor calls being made to the Bonne Esperance area for the elderly for routine check-ups, choice of travel, etc.

A series of Articles has been recieved from Richard Silver of A.Q. of the newspaper: The Gazette, Journal de Montreal, The Record, La Presse, Journal de Quebec, The Quebec Chronicle Telegraph, Le Devoir, Globe and Mail, Spec concerning the hospital closing and complaints in health and social services laws. Articles are in french and english.

A pamplet has been recieved explaining the client accommodations service at the St. Anthony Hospital. It states who can have the use of the apartments, the costs, where obtain meals, and what to do in the case of an emergency (fire, medical, etc.) .

LISTEN TO YOUR RADIO

D J's has been contacted to inform the public of the following information: resignation of Carolyn Vatcher, Health and Social Services meeting to be held on February 2nd at CSBCN, sales of Gymclothes at \$5 per item.

Also, they have been contacted to announce the General Secretary Position, the selection of the Tourism Coordinator, advertising of the Coastar-Volume V.

All three stations have regretfully informed that they are unable to meet the matching funds of the \$70,000.00 available from Heritage Canada towards the Regional Radio network link. It is difficult times to solicit funds for such large amounts from anywhere.

PROJECTS! PROJECTS!

Tourism: A grant for the amount of 25,000.00 has been awarded from Canadian Heritage towards this project. The position of coordinator was posted within public places of all communities of the L.N.S. The Executive committee held a conference call and Nathalie Maurice of Blanc Sablon was chosen as coordinator. She is hired under a job development project and has 8 weeks in which to organize a conference and a resource book. Cornella has gotten her off to a great start by drafting invitation letters, financial statement, resource book, contact list, invitation list, conference budget, fact sheet, timeline of

project, the number of participants funded by the Coasters Association, draft letters to contributors to the Resource Book, etc.

Mr. Carl Dobbin has visited the office to discuss the Tourism resource Guide. Also Mr. David Passini gave information on the up-coming changes on the Bed & Breakfasts and wants to discuss this at the Conference.

A preliminary agenda has been composed for the conference which is to be held on March 8,9, and 10 of this year.

Responses to the invitation letters are beginning to arrive. Hoping for an excellent turnout.

Another project was submitted and accepted to the Federal Office of Regional Development (FORD) to assist with the Tourism Conference at the amount of \$20,208.00.

Inter-Canadian has kindly donated 2 free tickets and the material (ie: pads, pens & folders) for the Tourism Conference.

Program Funding: The application for the core funding has been submitted for the year 1996-97. Hoping to receive a raise in funds.

Special Fund: This has been submitted to Canadian Heritage titled "Out of the region and Out of the Province Membership and Financial Support Campaign. "Its objective" is to raise funds for special initiatives by contacting those who have left the coast with the aid of friends and relatives. Hoping for a thumbs up to go head.

Tags: An application was made to the HRD for funding under a job development program, with regards to Tags, unfortunately due to the lack of funds, it has been rejected. The HRD has informed us that the project was worthwhile and that funding will be available starting April 1st, 1996 depending on the budget of the next financial year.

Handicapped: Lenora Keats has been hired as of Jan 15th to complete this report. There is still some research to be done and all information must be compiled and put into a final report, by the end of January.

A cheque in the amount of \$2,572.41 has been recieved from RRSSS to reimburse Coaster for expenses incurred from July to November/1995 in order to implement the volunteer project for handicapped persons of the L.N.S.

Internet: Quebec Farmer's will be submitting a project to the special fund that will bring all groups up to a minimum level of operating capacity on the electronic highway.

Cornella answered the questionnaire from Hugh Maynard listing all computer information, etc.

Youth Retention & Joint Reports: Letters of thanks and praise of a job well done are still being recieved at the office, concerning these two reports, from people who were sent a copy. Reports to be proud of!!

Also, we are currently working on a project for the 2nd phase

of the Youth Project.

Waste Management: This project was postponed until April due to budgetary restraint.

Translation Project: There was a request made by an individual to do a translation project for her. It was explained that a project could be done, but if accepted it would have to be posted.

MEETINGS, MEETINGS

A Regional Associations meeting will be held on February 8th and Scott Buckle and Cornella Maurice shall attend.

Quebec Community Groups Network (QCGN): A meeting of this network is to be held on Saturday, February 10th and 11th at the Chateau Cartier Sheraton in Aylmer, Qc, following the Rapps 3 Meetings. A provisional agenda has been sent to the office.

The Rapps 3 meeting is scheduled for February 9th, 10th. An agenda has been received at the office and the delegates that will be attending are: Scott Buckle, Janie Cox, Nancy Buffitt and Cornella Maurice. Ms. Maurice has made preparations for the delegates to attend this meeting.

A conference call is scheduled between the Regional Association and Alliance Quebec for Jan. 05, 1996 at 3.30 pm. An agenda has been received.

An Executive conference call was held on the 18th of Jan,

many issues were discussed and a copy of the minutes will be sent as soon they are completed.

Minutes of the Quebec community Groups Repositioning committee meetings of November 19th and December 5th, 1995 are on file at the office.

Alliance Quebec has kindly sent notes from a meeting between Human Resource Canada officials and Alliance Quebec held on December 14th, 1995.

Julie Early, from the Island Federation contacted Cornella concerning a meeting to be held by the Fisherman's Wives in Maine on February 29th, March 1st & 2nd to organize a panel of New England and Canadian participants and candidates. Cornella Maurice and Agnes Pike were invited to attend. They would pay a certain portion and we pay the rest.

ALLIANCE QUEBEC

A series of Quebec notes has been received at the office, concerning issues such as: The Referendum and The Cabinet Shuffle, Bouchard's pension, Lobby Day, etc.

Michael Hamelin, has spoken on the cabinet shuffle. He implies that Stephane Dion is a true federalist and will fight for Canadian unity, and that Sheila Copps has been and will continue to be a strong and passionate voice for Canada; however, he felt that with the departure of Sheila Finestone, a tireless defender of minority rights, will be missed.

In January 1993, Ketchum Canada was retained by A.Q. to conduct an internal review of its current fundraising operations. It has been completed and "A Development Program Review has been received and is on file at the office.

Alliance Quebec request the Coasters presence to work with them, towards a Lobby Day in Ottawa on February 20th 1996. The aim of this meeting is to allow english speaking representatives across the province to bring their concerns to as many members of parliament, senate and cabinet as possible.

CHAMBRE COMMERCE DE SEPT-ILES

The contract between the Quebec Government and Relais Nordik Inc. expires as of March 31, 1997. The Chambre of commerce has asked Mr. Charles Langlois to visit the Merchants, operators of processing plants, Municipal Councils, the chamber of commerce and the socio-economic organisations in each community of the Lower North Shore to obtain their comments and to discuss their proposal of maintaining the ship scheduled stop at Sept-Iles. Mr. Langlois will be on the LNS between January 16th, and February 2rd, 1996.

CANADIAN HERITAGE

We have been in receipt of a letter from John Harvard, chair of the standing committee, of Canadian Heritage asking

concerned Canadians to speak out on how Canadians can promote and celebrate the greatness that is Canada. Any enquires, letters submissions and comments are welcomed and should be submitted by Friday, January 1996.

VEQ

A copy of their letter to Mr. Robert May, chairperson of the Network of Associations, along with a summary review of the draft proposal entitled "Profile of Young Anglophones of Quebec: Evolution 1986-1991" was received. This proposal was submitted to VEQ by Jan Warnke.

OFFICE NEWS

A fax of congratulations was received from past president Medric Maurice, to Mr. Buckle on being elected as Coasters new President.

Orders for the newspaper and reports are pouring in at the office, and all orders received shall be fulfilled.

The old stock of gymclothes and splashsuits are on sale at the office. An inventory has been taken of stock. It was decided that the gymclothes be sold at \$5 per item and splashsuits at \$20.00 per item.

Clara Ann has been extremely busy this month with the filing cabinets. She went through all of the 1995 files and set-up the 1996 filing system.

Trina is busy as a bee working on the cookbook, which hopefully should be a great fundraiser when it is completed in March.

Priscilla has finished wrapping up the Board Handbook and the last minute duties of the newspaper.

WOMEN'S RIGHTS

Joan Richards sent a petition requesting signatures of women in defence of Jasmine Matthews, a woman who was about to be deported back to the West Indies, where the government cannot ensure her safety. Ms. Richards is asking that Ms. Matthews be allowed to remain in Canada.

NEW FRIENDS!!

Documentation was received from Conseil Régional de L'Environnement de la Côte-Nord this month. The entire documentation is in French.

CHURCH REPAIRS

A letter was received from Anita Jones, president of the church committee in Lourdes du Blanc Sablon, requesting a donation of a free trip to be put on raffle tickets in which the funds received shall be used to aid in the repairs of their church. In answer their request, as it is not in our mandate, we were unable to support this worthwhile cause.

HAND OUT THE CIGARS

Its a boy!

Hearty congratulations goes out to Mr. Francois Bertrand of Relais Nordic. A note of congratulations has been sent to the proud parents on behalf of the Coasters Association.

COMPUTERS

Canadian Heritage has informed that Diane Nadeau will give the computer training course from March 18 to 22, after the Secretary was hired.

Kirby Morency was at the office this month to install the new computer, the printer and the programs. Also he cleaned out all computers.

EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

The Executive Officers decided to pay \$2.50 extra per hour to the Tourism Coordinator for a total of \$10.00 per hour. The extra funds allocated is to come from the Tourism Funds.

They agreed to pay the General Secretary \$10.00 per hour when he/she is hired.

It was agreed that Cornella was to attend the Women's Fisheries Conference to be held in Maine and to pay the extra funds.

It was also decided that a meeting was to be organized in Sept-Iles with Government Officials and take the funds required from the Tourism Conference Project.

Penny is continuing to work on the H&SS project.

It was decided that a new typewriter was needed at the office as there has been problems with the old one. The funds to purchase this new typewriter is to come from the Tourism funds.

It was decided that Cornella be paid 5 hours extra throughout the Tourism Conference project, so the Coasters would not incur more overtime.

Mr. Buckle visited the office many times this month to work on various dossiers.

A fax line was approved at a cost of \$141.00 for Mr. Isidore Lawless. The Coasters will pay only the line hook-up, Isidore will cover all other expenses.

It was decided that the newspaper should continue, but not at the expense of the Coasters. Funds should be obtained elsewhere. If not we will not be able to publish future newspapers.

It was approved that Ms. Joan Richards visit the office for 2 weeks to work with Cornella. The funds were approved by FORD from the Tourism Conference budget.

ANYONE REQUESTING FURTHER
INFORMATION ON ANY OF THE
FOLLOWING ISSUES, PLEASE DON'T
HESITATE TO CONTACT ME AT THE
OFFICE.

Best regards!

Cornella Maurice

Cornella Maurice
Executive Director

