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MR. CHARLES LANGLOIS, FORMER MP, MESSAGE

I hope to be able to visit the Lower North Shore in the future. I always felt at home on the Coast and I will cherish the warmth and the friendship of the many friends I made during my mandate as your Member of Parliament. I represented the people of the Coast in Ottawa with pride and integrity. I always tried to help and be of assistance. Working with your Association gave me the greatest satisfaction because of the privilege I had of being associated with devoted and hard working people. I am convinced that the Coasters Association will be there for many more years and that it will continue contributing to the improvement of socio-economic conditions on the Lower North Shore.

INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE FAMILY

You may be aware that 1994 is the international year of the family. A heart sheltered by a roof, linked by another heart, to symbolize life and love in a home where one finds warmth, caring, security, togetherness, tolerance and acceptance - that is the symbolism conveyed by the emblem of the International year of the family, 1994. Canada is involved in the Year of the Family through a number of International organizations. If you wish additional information on the International Year of the Family, you can contact:

- ▶ Canadian Committee of the International Union of Family Organizations at (514) 521-4777.
- ▶ Canadian Committee of the International Council on Social Services Welfare at (819) 663-9458.
- ▶ United Nations Association in Canada at (613) 232-5751.

The RRSSS is responsible for that dossier in our region, you can call (418) 589-9845 and the answerable person on the LNS is Johanne Beaudoin, she can be reached at (418) 461-2144.

ENGINEERING FEASIBILITY STUDY:

The contract for the community radio network has been signed by the Coasters Association and Petrie Telecommunications. Mr. Jacques Lachance will be our consultant for the study and will be responsible for the liaison, writing and presentation of the final engineering report. Petrie Telecommunication Ltd. shall determine the minimum required radiated powers, antenna heights and location of suitable antenna sites in order to provide reliable communications on the following radio links that were decided by the regional radio network committee from all the communities\municipalities on the Coast.

Scenario #1

Consolidation of the facilities and creation of a first network involving Blanc Sablon and a support studio in the municipality of Bonne Esperance.

Scenario #2

Consolidation of the facilities of a second network linking St. Augustine and Kegaska.

Scenario #3

Linking Blanc Sablon and Kegaska through a network.

Petrie telecommunications shall deliver a progress report by February 10th, a draft report by March 23rd and a final report by May 25th. Communications will be made with the regional radio committee to ensure ongoing contact and coordination of study.

YOUTH PROJECT COMMITTEE:

An Ad-hoc committee was organized to formulate a plan to meet the objectives of the youth project. This committee met in St. Paul's River on January 15th. The minutes of this meeting will be sent to you as soon as the Secretary has completed it.

Nicole Berube in May, 1992. The new organizational plan saw the transfer of diagnostic services (radiology, laboratory, E.C.G.) to the Professional Services Department and the transfer of the archives and reception services to the Executive Director. By the same token, management of the clinics was transferred to the Administration of Coast Programs Department on January 11, 1993. If you wish to obtain a list of all the coastal nurses, social workers, etc. - we have it on file.

HOSPITAL SERVICES:

The 1992-1993 year was marked by numerous changes in the nursing department. Ms. Madeleine St. Gelais was named Interim Director of Nursing following the departure of

**SUPER REGIONAL SERVICES -
H. & S.S.**

CASA and the Coasters are working the health dossier together for services off the Coast, because a lot of our problems are similar. Also, working together gives us a better chance of receiving outside help.

**MEETING ON THE ACCESSIBILITY OF
HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES IN
ENGLISH:**

Remy Beaudoin, Rita Collier, Josee Kaltenback, Cornella Maurice and Jean Pappas Morin met on November 30, 1993 at the CSBCN in Lourdes to discuss this file and services were addressed as well. Minutes of this meeting is available at the office if you wish to obtain a copy.

REGIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

The members of this committee are: Charles Hart, Coasters Association; Shirley Strickland, Senior citizen's club of Chevery; Lousie Leclerc, Director of nursing of Sept-Iles; Josee Kaltenback, Communications counsellor - CSBCN; Rod Mc Intyre, Commission scolaire de Greater Seven Islands and Jeanne Pappas Morin. This committee when they meet will chose two Co-opted members. They will be meeting sometime soon.

EVALUATION SYNTHESIS, POLP:

A copy of this report was sent

only to the members of the Advisory Committee; if you wish a copy you can contact Jean-Gilles Francoeur at (819) 994-2964 or you can contact me and I will see that you get a copy.

**MINISTER OF CANADIAN HERITAGE,
MR. MICHEL DUPUY:**

A letter was written by A.Q. and all the Associations to meet with Mr. Dupuy at the Spring Planning Convention in Ottawa. The response by Raymonde Gagnon, Scheduling Assistant, to the request was that the letter will be brought to the Minister's attention.

JOINT YOUTH PROJECT:

This project was applied for by Outaouais Alliance to hire a co-ordinator at their office to manage the project and each Association and Alliance Quebec will hire a researcher who will research the employment needs for our youth in our region, etc. All the researchers will make their own report and share it with the others and the co-ordinator will compile all the reports into one. The project was accepted and will start in the new fiscal year.

FORUM FOR YOUNG CANADIANS:

As you are aware, the Coasters Association sponsored one student this year to attend this Forum in Ottawa which was Colin Shattler from the St. Augustine school. We contributed an amount of \$195. towards Colin's trip out of our

fundraising account. A remainder of \$660. had to be solicited. A letter was written to the Bursary department in Ottawa and they donated \$300. Cornella spoke with Medric O'Brien and he said he will donate \$300. An amount of \$60 is left to fundraise - will contact the Caisse in St. Augustine or another organization\business in St. Augustine.

EDUCATION COMPLAINTS:

A letter was written to us from Nancy Osborne about the schooling situation in Kegaska. A copy of that letter was given to Mr. O'Brien and it can be discussed further at our A.G.M., if a representative from Kegaska chooses to do so. Also, a copy of the letter on the same issue that was written to the Honourable Lucienne Robillard on May 25, 1993 by Polly Ann Evans was enclosed.

COMMUNITY DIRECTORY DONATIONS:

We received a letter from our new M.P., Mr. Bernard St. Laurent stating that his department do not possess a budget envelope for non-profit organizations, but he offered his support and assistance for future projects, etc.

NEWSPAPER, "THE COASTAR":

We received letters of compliments on our newspaper. We apologize that it was late once again getting out to you, but we ran into a few complications. Blandine did an

excellent job considering this was our first newspapers and not having the programs, etc. to work with. The distance of working from one community to another (although Blandine did not take much of my time) slowed matters a bit. Information had to be collected from the office and it all takes time. Blandine and I were discouraged with the few mistakes that were made by the printing company but all in all it turned out to be satisfactory. I suggest that the Newspaper, Volume IV start in September/94, in order to have it all completed by the beginning of December. Furthermore, articles for the newspaper could be collected as early as April/94.

MEMBERSHIP:

We received money to renew membership for April/94; that was impressive.

VIDEO:

A video entitled "Careers to Discover" focusing on high school drop-outs was ordered and will be paid out of the Youth retention project funding.

HISTORY OF KEGASKA:

A very remarkable and interesting report have just been recently produced of the history of Kegaska to promote Tourism in the area. Anyone wishing a copy of the report, feel free to contact Susie Strickland at (418) 726-3552

and/or Jacqueline Buckle at
(418) 726-3679.

YOU CAN OBTAIN A COPY OF THE
FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM THE
OFFICE IF YOU REQUEST IT:

* Minutes of fourth Provincial
Committee meeting on H. & S.S.
at Alliance Quebec on November
19, 1993. The Coasters do not
have a representative on such
Committees of A. Q., because if
we attended we have to pay all
of our own expenses. However,
we do present our concerns and
receive all information of the
meetings.

* Minutes of the Regional
Association meeting held on
November 19, 1993 in Montreal;
Wilson and Cornella attended.

* Minutes of meeting #3 of the
Advisory Board on English
Education. As you know Carl
Dobbin represents us on this
Committee.

* Investigation report of the
Department of Veteran's Affairs
at Ste. Anne's Hospital in Ste.
Anne de Bellevue. It is an
enhanced investigation
performed by the Office of the
Commissioner of Official
Languages

* A report of rural education:
challenges and opportunities
done by the Canadian School
Executive.

* Presentation by Dr. Victor
Goldbloom to the Royal
Commission on Learning.

*The role of a community
organizer by Cathy Chenier,
Community Organizer of St.
Augustine.

* A report on "Distant
Education", received from the
Heritage College in Hull,
Quebec.

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMPLAINTS ORGANIZATION:

There has been a delay in
selecting the organization or
organizations, because the
RRSSS is in the period of
restricting changes and getting
different representatives.
They are forming a Committee
and they will have the mandate
to make the decision. They
will be moving in February and
we should receive information
sometime in March.

VOLUNTEER SERVICES OFFERED:

The following persons contacted
us to offer their volunteer
services: Peggy Dippilito from
St. Augustine; Rita Fequet and
Florence Wellman from Old Fort.

HANDMADE QUILT:

Cornella met with Beatie Goudry
to start workings on a quilt
that demonstrates a map of the
LNS and our logo. Tickets will
be sold in the communities
until the A.G.M.

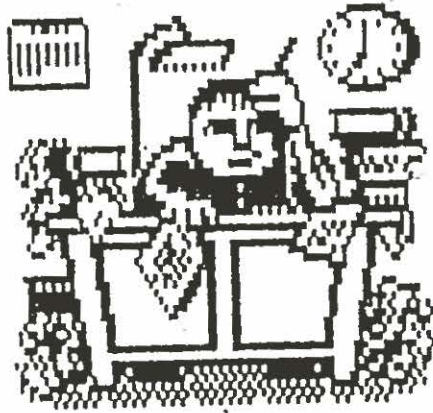
PROJECTS:

Priscilla Griffin was selected
to create a Handbook for the
Board. Her project started
the 10th of January and will be
completed on February 25th. It
is for seven weeks.

Monique Collier was selected
for the seniors project. She
will produce a pamphlet and a
report for our seniors. Her
project started on the 10th of
January and will be completed

on March 4th, it is for eight weeks.

Dwayne Keats was chosen for the Youth retention project, his project started on January 17th and will be completed on September 9th, it is for 36 weeks. He has to do a thorough report on the employment and educational needs of our youth on the Lower North Shore.



YOUR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WAS QUITE BUSY THIS MONTH MAKING DECISIONS AND HERE ARE THE CONCLUSIONS:

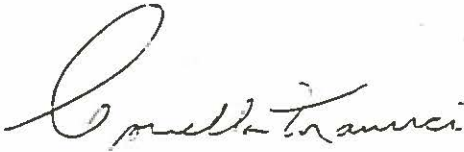
- ▶ They selected the candidates for the three projects.
- ▶ After an inventory of stock was done at the office, they decided to insure our stock for \$55,000. The cost to insure our stock from December/93 to December/94 was \$2,127.68.
- ▶ They decided to change the dates of the A.G.M. to March 18, 19 & 20, due to the heavy work load at the office and other commitments at that time.
- ▶ A note-pad computer and a dita-phone was purchased for the youth project within the budget. They also decided to buy a computer for the office within the youth project budget. It was decided that Dwayne set-up office in his home and install his own phone.
- ▶ They decided that the Youth retention committee meeting be held in St. Paul's River. They all attended the meeting, except Wilson - Duty calls.
- ▶ They agreed to pay Mr. Fraser's accommodations and vehicle transportation since his college could not afford to do so. The college purchased his ticket to attend the youth meeting.
- ▶ They agreed that Monique work the French communities for her senior project.
- ▶ They agreed to pay Chris Gascon an advanced fee of \$1,000. towards the Community Directory project. Chris, former employee of QLF, is helping to complete the Directory.
- ▶ They decided that we should sell tickets for Inter-Canadian and Maybelline together and the Quilt separately. The tickets will be sold up to the AGM and again at the AGM.

► They agreed to have a conference on Thursday February 10th, to discuss business arising concerning the AGM and a few other issues.

PROJECT COMPLAINT LETTER:

A letter of complaints was received from one of the candidates, Ms. Eileen Cox from Chevery, stating that she felt that favouritism and family members were the key words when the candidates were selected for the three projects. Mr. Patrick Maurice expressed the feeling of some residents of St. Augustine in the selection process of these projects. Residents of St. Augustine also requested that extra members be on the Executive Committee. This issue will definitely be placed as priority on the agenda of our next Board meeting.

IF YOU NEED MORE INFORMATION OR ANSWERS TO ANY OF THE ABOVE, I AM JUST A PHONE CALL AWAY!!!



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Executive Director

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