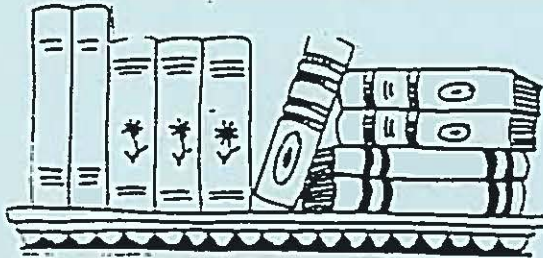


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MESSAGE FROM THE COMMISSIONER OF OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

I want to thank you for your interest in linguistic matters and for your support of Language and Society. I also wish to assure you that we will continue to keep in close touch.

HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Shocked! Jeffery Hale Hospital to be converted into a long-term care Geriatric unit. Letters to Monique Begin from CASA, VEQ, have poured into the office concerning this issue. It is felt that it is a "slap in the face" to convert this hospital as it is the only institution that offers specialized services in the English Language and is a necessity for the English speaking persons in the province of Quebec. A letter also was written to Mrs. Begin, from us also expressing our concern for this change. A letter was mailed to Mr. Jean Rochon from the Commissioner of Official Languages. All letters are on file at the office.

CASA has been in the process of setting up an Access Committee Link to represent the Bas St. Laurent, the Lower North Shore and Gaspé/Magdalen Islands to develop concrete programs for specialized Health Services.

PROJECTS!

Radio Project: A fax went to all of the Radio Station suggesting that the Coasters continue to try and obtain funds to implement a network. Majority of the negative responses were due to lack of funds. Also letters still keep coming in on their ability or inability to donate funds.

Student Career Placement Project: A student program was applied for and accepted for a total of 16 weeks for two

students . We received a total of five applicants of which two participants were chosen to participate, they are as follows:

- Jason Chevalier - Chevery
- Angela Collier - La Tabatiere

A schedule has been set up they will be researching historical and judicial information on the Lower North Shore. We wish them good luck and congratulations.

Youth Retention Project: A list of recommendations were sent to all members of the Youth Committee for approval. A letter of approval from Ghislaine Monger was received.

Paie Project: Larry Roberts was chosen to participate in this year's project. He will work a duration of 20 weeks, starting June 26, - November 13th. Wishing him well!

H&SS Project: Schedules of Phase 1 of this project was sent out to Duane King and requested that another project be considered for it's completion. Hoping to hear a positive response!

H&SS Volunteer Project: A Drug and Alcohol Abuse project has been applied for under this program to the RRSSS. The project must be submitted by August 11th.

The Developing Funding Project has been applied for again this year. As you know this project is the back bone financing of our yearly newspaper "The

Coastar". Crossing our fingers for a positive answer!

Fundraising Project: A cheque in the amount of \$2500.00 to date was designated to this project from the SQDM.

CAMI'S NEW FAX NUMBER!

If anyone wish message fax CAMI a line please use this number (418) 985-2116.

ATTENTION ALL STATIONS!!!

Once again we have found ourselves flying the airwaves at the local radios to announce closure of the office for holidays, Summer Student career Project job postings and selections, and the winners of Coasters Association student's awards. It's a great way to get our word across.

RESUME!!

A resume was received for a position of accounting clerk at the office from Wanda Pike.

HELLO MUNICIPALITY DE BONNE ESPERANCE

Again we have received Municipal Information on different issues, the Roadwork, Waterworks, garbage, summer career program, clean up of municipal dump, Graduation 95, Appreciations and Complaints. Also an update on Tax Collection.

OTHER INFORMATION

A descriptive and a beautiful short story was written about the community of St. Augustine entitled "Our Town ... Our Heritage" by a local student Brandy Bursey. An interesting piece of reading material.

There is a selection of poetry, little sayings and questionnaires on leadership ability at the office.

CSBCN NEWS FLASH!!!

Documentation has been forwarded from Father Paul E. Lampman concerning the closure of the Mutton Bay Clinic. As you know Mutton Bay is a small community with no licensed taxi service and the roads in winter are only fit to be travelled by snowmobile.

The Board of Directors at the CSBCN will adopt the budget cutbacks and plans to cut its budget by \$1,535 million in 3 years. The plans will be presented to the population on Thursday, June 29th.

CSBCN wishes to inform the public that all Health Services will be closed for the Holiday and only available for emergencies.

Public Tenders have gone up for the construction of a senior's residence in St. Augustine.

RELAIS NORDIK INC.

Relais Nordik Inc., in

conjunction with the Ministry of Transport of Quebec, presented the population two new fees scales, which is RNI-800 for the goods transportation and TP-8000 for carriage of passengers.

INCOME TAX

The rates respecting the tax on capital and the employer contribution to the H&SS fund have been increased. The new rates are effective May 10, 1995. More information is available on file at the office.

MEETINGS

CSBCN: An information meeting is planned for June 29 at 9:00 am., in the conference room at the CSBCN, in Lourdes. The purpose of the meeting is to present the 1995-1998 budgetary orientations. Mr. Scott Buckle will represent the Coasters at the meeting.

Major points of a Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors held on May 30th, 1995 available at the office.

Convention 95: A copy of the pre-paid airline ticket was sent to Alliance Quebec and explanations were briefly made of the travelling expenses for the candidates.

Alliance Quebec thanks the Executive Director for participating in the workshops.

Youth Committee: Minutes of the April 29, 1995 meeting are on file at the office.

Repositioning: A conference call was held on June 1 and minutes from that particular meeting are on file. Wilson Evans participated in this meeting on behalf of the Coasters.

CVESPA has unanimously decided not to endorse the draft framework agreement.

Staff:

Individual meetings with the Executive Director and staff members takes place every Monday and Friday to go over the week's work. Throughout the week the staff members approaches the Executive Director when necessary.

ALLIANCE QUEBEC:

Michael Hamelin has been busy trying to recruit new members on their membership renewal this month. Wishing them much success!

OFFICE INFORMATION

A list of staff duties for the summer months was composed up for Trina Fequet, Larry Roberts and Susie Bilodeau. Also listed were the membership rules for typing of the cards.

CASA

CASA congratulates Michael Hamlin on his re-election as president for Alliance Quebec. They voice their concern that Alliance Quebec is assuming a provincial mandate without proper consultation with other organizations. They feel that if we all work together more could be accomplished.

COMMISSIONER OF THE OFFICIAL LANGUAGES

Dr. Victor Goldbloom will be in the Gaspé region from September 6 - 9 to talk with the English-speaking community. He wishes to have a radio link up so he can be heard by the population of the Lower North Shore.

An information sheet entitled "A Word About Languages" has been written, concerning short articles on the Official Languages Act and its regulations. A copy of this paper is on file.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND THEIR DECISIONS!!

It was decided if funds were available to complete the H&SS projects that Penny Buckle should complete it in the month of September.

Clara Ann was to receive 10 hours training pay for Susie Bilodeau, on the TAGS Program.

It was decided if the Extra Participants (with their project completed) were to do chores for the Coasters that they should be paid if they did

not want to volunteer.

It was decided that Larry should be hired to do the Paie Project.

It was decided that a summer project should be applied for and that an Animator and Researcher be hired for the Summer Career project. Also that it will be selected by degree and that will be selected from all Municipalities.

It was decided that Larry Roberts should do the membership.

There was a tie in the decision for a person to replace the Executive Director for the duration of her vaction. This issue will be brought to the President's attention!

It was decided that the Executive Director was to take 2 weeks of her accumulated time during summer holidays with the understanding that if there is business to be attended to, she would take care of it.

POSTMASTER ISSUE

A letter was received from Canada Post concerning the Old Fort Postmaster. It stated that all post offices are required to provide services in the Official Language of the majority, i.e., French in Quebec and English elsewhere, regardless of numbers. The general rules stated in law C-72 apply to services provided to persons in a minority situation in a given census sub-division (CSD) or census

metropolitan are (CMA). Therefore, in this case, it is the English-speaking population who is the minority in the CSD of Sept-Iles.

The post office in Old Fort Bay was selected as the designated bilingual outlet because it was felt it would best serve the English-speaking community of Sept-Iles. It is possible that with out the English-speaking community, the post office would have been designated unilingual French.

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

Best regards!

Cornella Maurice
Executive Director

