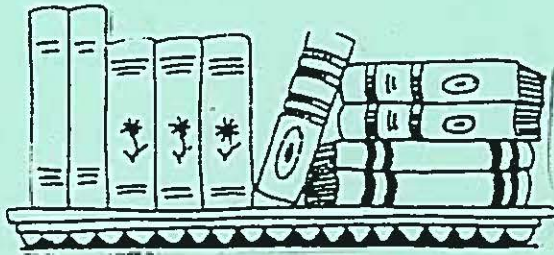


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MESSAGE FROM RUSSELL WILLIAMS TO SCOTT BUCKLE

As I was recently reviewing my files on the English-speaking community of Quebec, I was struck by the quantity and quality of the information I have in the Coasters file. I would like to sincerely congratulate you, your volunteers and staff for your excellent work in the community.

As I read the Coastar, the Feasibility Study on the Regional Radio Network, Entreprises of the Lower North Shore, Directory of Youth Potential Report, I was impressed by the work and commitment of your organization.

LETTER FROM SR. PATRICIA TURNER

I was happy to receive your invitation to join you for the conference on tourism March 8-10. I regret that I cannot be with you, to renew friendships begun in my 10 years on "The Coast", and to participate in your discussions and planning.

I congratulate you on the quality and completeness of the many publications you have produced over the past year. Particularly, the glossy coloured brochure advertising the various villages of the Coast is something all of you can be proud of.

I am pleased to have been associated with the Coasters in its beginnings, and wish you on-going success as you continue to work to make life on the Lower North Shore more secure and pleasant for all.

I wish you the best of luck in this March Conference. May you experience ideal weather for travelling, and informative

communication among yourselves and with those from outside, resulting in fruitful decisions and projects.

MESSAGE TO MEMBERS OF THE COASTERS ASSOCIATION
FROM HARRIS & JOYCE MITCHELL

True thanks just
can't be put in words.
It loses in translation,
but hope you know
the feeling's one
of real appreciation!!

Thank you very much for giving me the beautiful plaque and parka. It was greatly appreciated.

PROJECTS! PROJECTS!

Tourism: The work continues!! The phones are ringing off the hook and funds are still being solicited to aid with the conference. The CRD will assist with a follow up project and the MTCI will assist with communications. The Tourism Conference is planned for March 8th, 9th and 10th, 1996. Nathalie has been busy writing, telephoning and faxing letters requesting information and inviting persons to the Conference. As many as 300 - 400 invitations were sent and approximately 120 persons are planning to attend. Also resource persons have been sending in a short biography of either themselves, their organization or both to be put in the Resource Guide, which is presently in a draft form. Discussions also took place with regards to the guide's translation in Quebec. The meeting is to be held at St. Paul's School and a dinner is planned at Anglican Church on the Saturday, 9th of March. Accommodations are being sought

and travel arrangements are being made for those requesting Coasters to do so. There were many 3 line hook-up between Scott, Cornella and Bill Flock in preparations for the conference. Keep up the good work Nathalie and we hope that everything goes well.

General Secretary: We received 13 resumes for this position. All have been copied and sent off to the Executive Officers asking that they narrow the applicants down to either 5 or 3. Interviews with the remaining applicants will be held on March 8th, 1996.

Newspaper: The Coaster has been a great success, already we are looking into as many orders are being filled and we are running out. The cost of reprinting will be:

1000 copies = \$1574.00
1500 copies = \$1732.00
2000 copies = \$1891.00

The Quebec Farmer's will be in charge of reprinting.

Article '25: The project has been extended for a period 6 weeks. Congratulations Clara Ann and Trina, both are doing a stupendous job!!!

Extra Project: Suzanne Driscoll is now the participant for the community of St. Augustine.

Drug & Alcohol Abuse: A letter has been received from the RRSSS stating that a sum of \$3,000.00 was allocated to complete this project. It's aim is to complete a report on Drugs and Alcohol on the Lower North Shore.

Fundraising: A fundraising job has been posted in all public places in each community of the Lower North Shore. The aim of this project is to try and raise funds for the newspaper and to do an out of province membership Campaign. The position is to be filled by one person \$350.00 weekly for 35 hours per week for 20 weeks.

Special Funding: The Special Fund Working group has worked with Canadian Heritage on an application for funding for interdepartmental and diversification initiatives. They have sent in a report on all activities to date.

H&SS Research: Cornella worked with Duane King to finalize the project. The Coasters requested the remainder of the funds \$1500 to finalize the project.

SQDM Project: A letter was recieved from the SQDM concerning the project for Fundraising Secretary. The person hired completed work on 25th of August. According to

the SQDM we did not met the ending date, therefore we will not recieve the balance of the \$3,500.00. As the person worked 25% of the Project and we have recieved 61% of the funds, they will be meeting with the Job Ceation Fund Committee in order to make a decision on the recovery of the money owing.

VEQ

There's a new interim President at the office of VEQ. Rev. Peter Joyce will replace. Mr. Paul Wilson, who submitted his resignation on February 13th. Mr. Wilson will still maintain his status as member of the Board and shall assist Rev. Joyce when required.

QCNA

The QCNA has presented an offer that would provide QCGN members with an advertising budget to reach English Quebecers at 1/2 of the National advertising rates through QCNA. A form must be filled in order to allow the Special Fund Working Group to evaluate the place of such a project in their funding.

FISHING THE INTERNET

Leonard Christopher, a former Coastal teacher contacted us regarding a fishing trip with six other teachers this summer. Cornell explained that the Coasters will get back to him following the Coasters. Also, he offered his services with

regards to the internet and in any way he could help. He later called to invite 3 or 4 Coasters to an internet training course in Nova Scotia. Cornella said she will let him know after the conference.

FINANCES

The cash flow analysis was executed and the projected budget and also the conference budget.

GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS

A little boy's dream is to receive the most "get well" cards in the world and to get his name registered in the Guinness Book of World Records. Coasters was contacted to send a card and to contact ten other organizations or individuals. Coasters has sent off a card to the little boy wishing him well and 10 other associations has been contacted to do the same.

EDUCATION

We were informed by the Mgr. Scheffer school that Bradley Lavallee, a secondary 5 student was chosen to receive the community/school life award of \$150.00.

CHURCH REPAIRS

A letter was received from the Church Committee of Lourdes de Blanc Sablon requesting a donation of supplies for a bingo or funds to aid in

financing the repairs of their church. Mr. Buckle responded that as Coasters is a non-profit organization, it is not in their mandate to support their worth while cause.

A VISIT FROM JOAN!!

Yes, its true, Casa is lending us one of their most valued employees, Ms. Joan Richards to come and assist us at the office for two weeks. Ms. Richard's will be paid through the Tourism Budget travelling expense. It will be a pleasure to have her visit us at our new office.

QCGN

A framework agreement for the purpose of supporting the Development and enhancing the vitality of the English-language Minority communities of Quebec was signed on the 19th day of November between the Government of Canada and the Quebec Community Group Network.

Also, a list of the Quebec Community Groups Network, their addresses, fax and telephone numbers are available at the office.

The QCGN standing committee on Provincial Demographics has sent in their mandate and composition. They have also outlined phase 1 of their project plan.

A questionnaire was sent in concerning the members of the QCGN members from Jacqueline Grekin of QAAL to be filled in.

It has been completed and mailed back to her.

RIGHTS OF THE RIVER!!

A letter has been passed around the community of St. Paul's River from Dwight Bilodeau, stating his plans for development of the river and if any one was interested in working as a guide to fill in the attached form for informational use.

Mr. Bilodeau's letter to the population of St. Paul's River was answered by Mr. Kirby Nadeau with a few concerns and questions. His letter states his concern for the citizens of St. Paul's River and the river itself. Mr. Bilodeau responded to Mr. Nadeau letter with some answers to incorrect information Mr. Nadeau had written.

MUSIC! MUSIC!

There's a traditional celtic musical group roaming around the country called The Remittance Men. A phamplet giving a little biography on each member has been received at the office. Sounds like a great band!!

"FOOD MAIL"

The Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, Ronald A. Irwin has announced that the federal funding of the Northern Air Stage program (commonly known as the "food mail" subsidy) will continue

with a cap of \$15.6 million per year. It was felt that it was essential in getting food to the northern communities.

TAXES! TAXES!

H&R has sent in a newsletter concerning information on tax Facts for the 1995 return.

TOWNSHIPPER'S

There's a new man at Towns' that goes by the name of Scott Verity Stevenson. Mr. Stevenson is now their new Executive Director. Congratulations Mr. Stevenson!!

On January 19th a fax was received asking that an enclosed questionnaire concerning fundraising activities within our association be completed. The questionnaire has been filled in and faxed back.

HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

CSBCN News

The 1994-1995 Annual activity report of the CSBCN User's Committee has been received and it on file at the office.

Elections were held and Mr. Dan Mauger was re-elected as President.

On January 31st and February 1st the CSBCN wished to inform the public that they have no choice, but to interrupt the surgery services presently taking place at the hospital in

Lourdes.

The Coasters Association will represent the residents of Mutton Bay by presenting their letter to the Board of Directors of CSBCN. The letter concerns a proposal that the Mutton Bay Clinic be transformed into a consultation centre, when winter and summer roads will be safe and drivable according to the Minister of Transportation of Quebec.

CANADIAN HERITAGE

Invites all Canadians to "Canada- Take it to Heart" being held from February 12-19, 1996. Canada - Take it to Heart is a partnership of National Citizenship week, Canadian Flag anniversary, Heritage Day and all Canadians. It is an opportunity for Canadians of all ages to organize activities in their communities that reflect their love of the country we call Canada.

IRISH FAMINE

VEQ's Leon Jackson, has been appointed to a committee on Tourism which is to plan the 150th commemoration of the Irish Famine an event which will span the summer from beginning to end.

FEDERATION OF ENGLISH-LANGUAGE WRITERS OF QUEBEC (FEWQ) NEWS

A series of articles has been received concerning:

- Federation of English-Language of Quebec (FEWQ's) Support for QSPELL
- Writers to visit schools and Libraries

HE SHOOTS! HE SCORES!

It's hockey season again (although by the weather it doesn't look like it) and Lourdes du Blanc Sablon will be hosting their tournament on February 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th. Their game schedule has been faxed to the office.

NATIONAL FILM BOARD

The Juneau Report recommends a \$20-million cut to the National Film Board and if it is accepted it will be the end of the NFB. A letter has been received requesting Coasters to sign an enclosed letter of support addressed to Hon. Shelia Copps.

ALLIANCE QUEBEC

AQ has once again faxed us their Quebec Notes articles. They cover issues such as:

- Menard's comments of Federalist fearful of Sovereignty.
- Are English Health Institutions the Victim?
- Bouchard as Premier of Quebec
- Recent remarks by Premier Bouchard

- Paying the price for Education
- Survival Guide for Health Services
- Rising stars in the new Bouchard P.Q. Cabinet
- New faces at the Federal Cabinet Table.

Mr. Hamelin voices his opinion on Mr. Menard's comparison of the situation of Quebec to that of South Africa in a communique. Mr. Hamelin feels that the situation of Quebec and Canada is in no way like the "Apartheid-based of South Africa".

A lobby day was organized for March 1st, one was held on February 29th, they were to meet with the Prime Minister along with Hugh Maynard, QFA and Lynden Berchavaise, CASA.

Cap Weekend '96

Alliance Quebec will be holding it's convention once again this spring in Montreal. They are requesting the input and ideas of the Regional Association on workshops, speakers and events. They have enclosed a questionnaire and asked that it be completed and sent in. They also invited us to enlist students in our area in their 3rd annual speaking contest. If anyone has any ideas or names they want to submit, please call the office.

EDUCATION!!

Mr. Micheal Hamelin has written to the Minister of Education

that Regional Organization Committees for phase 2 of the Estates General on Education has no English-speaking person(s) in some regions. Regions in which Alliance Quebec has nominated persons. They have asked the Minister to review the matter and to introduce corrective measures as soon as possible.

MEETINGS! MEETINGS!

Education: An action team has been formed in the East Sector to develop action plans for strategy B. The 1st meeting was held on February 7th at St. Paul's School. The meeting was hosted by Sonya Bracken of CSL, Rollande Russell, Maureen Wellman and Carl Dobbin. Tony Roberts and Charles Hart have volunteered to be of service on the Action Team.

Rapps 3: Cornella Maurice, Nancy Buffitt, Janie Cox and Scot Buckle attended this meeting in Aylmer, Qc on February 8th - 10th, 1996. Hoping they enjoyed the meeting and had a great time!!

Regional Associations: There will be a Regional Associations meeting on Febraury 8th at 2:00pm at Aylmer Quebec. An agenda of the meeting has benn faxed to the office.

Also, a copy of the minutes of the meeting held in Montreal on November 17th, 1995 has been faxed to the office.

OCGN: will hold their meeting on February 10th and 11th.

place.

Choice of Airline → This will go out on bids soon. It is chosen by 50% in price, 50% in characteristics. The user's will be assured a good quality of service.

Dental Service → Shall remain as it is.

There will be at least two nurses working on long term units and two nurses working on short term units.

The toll free number will be checked out for proper operations.

OFFICE NEWS!!

Peggy D'ippolito has sent in a letter from Canadian Airlines, regarding her lost ticket number. It states that as Mrs. D'ippolito has not given her the number they were unable to process her claim. Peggy has faxed the letter with an attached note that she does not have the information, but that the Travel Agency who purchased the ticket for Alliance Quebec should have the number.

Lenora Keats worked on the Handicapped report. As usual, she did a great job!!

Penny was hard at work trying to finish the H&SS research Project before leaving on February 16th. Penny is off to have her baby - we wish her well and luck!!

The book drive goes on and what sales. Orders are constantly being filled at the office. Busy! Busy! Busy!

Priscilla has completed and distributed the Board Minutes and she has started the AGM minutes as well. She has also worked on the constitution and policies. Her fingers must never stop!

Kirby Morency was at the office once again, hooking up printers and putting things in place. He's a real lifesaver!

Bob Nadeau was at the office taking measurements to build a computer desk in Cornella's office that was approved by the Executive Officers.

Commission Scolaire du Littoral will discuss a deal with the Coasters after the Tourism Conference with regards to the updating and usage of the Coastal Directory and Entreprises of the LNS.

EXECUTIVE DECISIONS!

A meeting was held on February 28th with Scott Buckle, Tony Roberts, Isidore Lawless and Cornella Maurice to discuss the following dossiers.

The Financial aspect of the association was discussed. The cash flow and projected budget were reviewed.

The two H&SS reports were reviewed (the Handicap and H&SS).

The process of selecting the General Secretary was discussed. They are as follows:

- a) select 3 - 5 applicants
- b) interviews conducted by

Fisherman's Wives Forum:
Cornella was suppose to attend the Fishermen's Wives Meeting in the U.S., but due to the heavy workload at the office she was unable to attend. Sorry Cornella hopefully next year!!

Tourism: A meeting was held in Sept-Iles on February 5th and 6th, regarding the Tourism Conference. Scott Buckle, Cornella Maurice, Bill Flock, Irene Halikas, Rene Babin, Rene Tremblay, Lorriane Broulliette and Christian Rouleau were present. Also, a conference call was held on February 27th, with the same group to discuss further the Tourism Conference.

CSBCN: A meeting was held at the CSBCN on February 2nd with Remi Beaudion, Johanne Beaudion, Cornella Maurice, Scott Buckle, Penny Buckle and Lenora Keats. Lenora was present to review the handicap report and Penny to review the H&SS research Project.

Also, the following dossier were discussed:

Page System → Messages not getting through. The doctor that is responsible for the village should take the message.

Operator → Not always there to answer the phones. They are there from:

7:30 -11:30 weekdays
7:30 - 9:30 weekends

Sometimes they are on a hospital line (inter-phone), but that will be corrected in the future.

Escort Service → It is the decision of the physician, but these cases will be looked into.

Employee Trips → The collective agreement would have to change. Union will have to put trips in line. It is an attractive package to recruit specialists, etc. Their trips off-coast are 3 times with a dependent and 4 times without dependents. It can be looked into.

Hiring Policy → A nurse requires 3 years of experience to work the clinics and 2 years for the hospital. For local residents is 2 years and 1 year. If they are hired out of school, they are not exposed to technical techniques. Therefore, our residents have to obtain one year of experience before coming to work at the CSBCN, which in many cases is difficult to get work/training outside. This is a problem!

St. Anthony Hospital → They receive all medical records in French only, which they cannot read and also, for the emergency cases at the airport the travelling nurse does not speak English. It will be looked into.

Labrador Residents at Seniors Home → They have no room for the Quebec residents besides Labrador. They wish they could make an agreement with the NFLD government to do so, but they do not have the space.

New Board → The election process will take place in October.

Seniors → Their travelling to the hospital and clinic will be looked into. More home-maintenance will be put in place.

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follows:

- a) select 3 - 5 applicants
- b) interviews conducted by Isidore
- c) a test will be done on Monday the Executive officers will have to approved the test first.
- d) if all Executive members cannot be present there will be 3 persons chosen as a selection committee. The Board will decide.
- d) If Stephanie is one of the candidates. Tony cannot be a part of it.

The Fundraising Co-ordinator will be selected Friday morning.

Isidore will take Friday off and perhaps Monday, but Tony may not get the time off.

The Board meeting agenda is left to Cornella to do. Scott will check it before it is distributed.

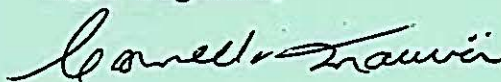
The Information for the Tourism Conference was checked. The daily fees were cancelled so there can be more mony available for other areas.

The Informers should be completed by Tuesday to be distributed up the Coast by Regionair.

Future planning of the Coasters Association will be put in place as of April 1st, to start the new year. There will be rules and regulations set and changes will be made. Everything will be closley watched.

IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED IN FURTHER INFORMATION RAGARDING ANY OF THE ISSUES MENTIONED, PLEASE CONTACT ME AT THE OFFICE.

Best regards,



Cornella Maurice
Executive Director

