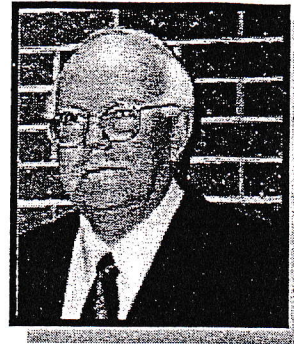


## President's Report

The Quebec Community Groups Network (QCGN) has been in existence on a formal basis since 1995. Much has been accomplished in these past nine years. Looking to the future, there are many challenges which require our attention, strong leadership and innovative ideas to enrich our identity and resolve. It is imperative that the QCGN continue to build its credibility as a strong and unhesitating voice of reason in working to enhance the development of the English-speaking minority population in Quebec.



During the past twelve months, the QCGN has been and remains engaged in a multitude of activities (see highlights attached), many of which are producing measurable, meaningful results, a few highlights of which are:

- Funding provided for Phase III of the Global Development Plan;
- The establishment of the Canadian Heritage-Quebec Anglophone Coordination Committee (National Status);
- The Government Action Plan (\$751 million) to support the development of both official language minority communities in Canada;
- The Contribution Agreement between the Government of Canada and the QCGN funding up to \$4.7 million the Health & Social Services Networking and Partnership Initiative (2003-04 to 2007-08)

The agenda for 2004-2005 also includes:

- Renewal of Framework Agreement providing program and project funding over the next five years;
- Resolution of QCGN's representation at the Community (and National) Tables of the National Human Resources Development Committee for the English Linguistic Minority, as per the Memorandum of Understanding signed on May 28, 2002;
- A revised Strategic Plan;
- Research concerning Quebec's English-speaking minority communities: Experiences and Perspectives, identifying directions for future development;

## President's Report (continued)

This has been a rewarding year for me personally and I am very appreciative of the contribution of the Board of Directors and all Volunteers and for their commitment in support of the mission and mandate of the Quebec Community Groups Network. I wish to thank the Department of Canadian Heritage and other Federal Government Departments for their financial support enabling the Secretariat and our Network to serve our communities. I would also like to express my appreciation to all members of the Executive Committee for their loyalty and support and especially to the Vice-President, Karl McKay, for his leadership as Interim President during my absence because of illness in December, January and February. I am also especially grateful to our Executive Director, Deborah Hook, for her dedication and generosity of time and talents and a special recognition of appreciation as well to the other members of the staff, Denise Giguère, Sandra Vallée and Christiane St-Laurent.

Martin P. Murphy  
QCGN President

## **President's Report on Highlights of QCGN Activities**

### **June 2003 – June 2004**

#### **June**

Presentation of Brief to the Standing Committee on Official Languages re. Bill C-202, An Act to amend the Canada Health Act by adding a sixth principle of respecting linguistic duality (Sara Saber Freedman, Missisquoi Institute, James Carter, CHSSN)

#### **August**

Report on Capacity Building in the Context of Results-Based Management - The Official Language Minority Community Groups Capacity Assessment Project, presented to the Department of Canadian Heritage and the Quebec Community Groups Network

#### **September**

- Meeting with Commissioner of Official Languages, Dr. Dyane Adam, concerning her Annual Report and update on issues of concern to Quebec's English-speaking communities.
- Meeting with English-speaking Committee of the Quebec Liberal party within the context of the General Council. Issues discussed included school board elections, Provincial Committee on Access to Health & Social Services in English, employment in the public service, and provincial barriers to access federal government's Action Plan financial commitment for official languages. (Laval)
- Presentation of the Global Development Plan to the National Coordinators of key federal departments and agencies (30) designated for the implementation of Section 41 of the Official Languages Act (Ottawa)

#### **October**

- Meeting with Diana Monnet, Treasury Board, concerning Service to the public in both official languages and policy for bilingualism in the federal public service (Ottawa)
- Presentation on community feedback re. Government Action Plan at Ministerial Consultations with Anglophone Official Language Minority Communities to Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs and President of the Queen's Privy Council of Canada, Stephane Dion (and several other cabinet ministers also responsible for this file) Ottawa
- Attended meeting with Assistant Deputy-Minister (Services to the English Community) Noel Burke concerning Renewal of Education Entente between the Government of Canada and the Government of Quebec for minority-language education and second-language instruction.

## **President's Report on Highlights of QCGN Activities (Continued...)**

- Accepted invitation from Office of Commissioner of Official Languages (Quebec Region), Quebec Federation of Home & School Associations and Literacy Partners of Quebec at Westmount Park School. "Come read with me" literacy competition, Roch Carrier, Author, special guest.
- Attended Press Conference when Russell Williams MNA Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Health & Social Services announced the reactivation of the Provincial Advisory Committee on Access to Health & Social Services in the English Language, and the appointment of its eleven members (Montreal).
- Attended Annual General Meeting of the Quebec Drama Federation (Montreal)
- Attended meeting with Department of Canadian Heritage officials

### **Interim President – Karl McKay - November 21, 2003 – February 27, 2004**

#### **November & December**

- Executive Committee meeting wherein Vice-President mandated as Interim President
- Ongoing meetings and activities concerning the Global Development Planning Process, the HSSNPI (five year contribution agreement \$4.7 million), Industry Canada Information Technology Project underway

#### **January**

- PCH, Community Research Inventory and Needs Assessment Project underway
- Resignation of Treasurer – recruitment of Interim Treasurer

#### **February**

- Meeting with English-speaking Committee of the Quebec Liberal Party
- GDP Chair position to Karl McKay
- Meeting with PCH Deputy Minister – Judith Larocque, Director General of OL Program at PCH - Hilaire Lemoine, QCGN President and Vice-President

#### **March**

- Meeting with Eva Ludvig, Quebec Representative of Commissioners of Official Languages re. Current issues of concern in our community.

## **President's Report on Highlights of QCGN Activities (Continued...)**

- Meeting in Quebec City with Anne Scotton, Director-General Official Languages, Intergovernmental Affairs, Ottawa – Consultation re. Government Action Plan (\$751 million over 5 years). Presentations by Privy Council, Industry Canada, Health Canada, Public Service Human Resources Management Agency of Canada, Official Languages Branch, Justice Canada, PCH, Human Resources and Skills Development.
- Meeting with Diana Monnet, Official Languages Branch, Treasury Board of Canada Secretariat, Ottawa re. Review of recent decennial census of Canada data to determine if, according to certain provisions of Regulations (OLA) services to the public should be offered in both official languages at federal offices and service points.
- Welcomed Neighbours Regional Association of Rouyn-Noranda, Youth Employment Services and Black Community Resource Centre as members of QCGN, effective April 1, 2004.

### **April & May**

- Meeting with Dr. Dyane Adam, Commissioner of Official Languages in Ottawa, April 13, 2004, re. Issues calling for the attention of her office.
- Attended QFHSA AGM at Dorval Hilton, Friday evening, April 23, 2004.
- Research Capacity roundtable at Dorval Hilton, May 19, 2004.

General management and Executive meetings of the QCGN was on-going throughout the entire year of operations.

Martin P. Murphy  
QCGN President  
June, 2004