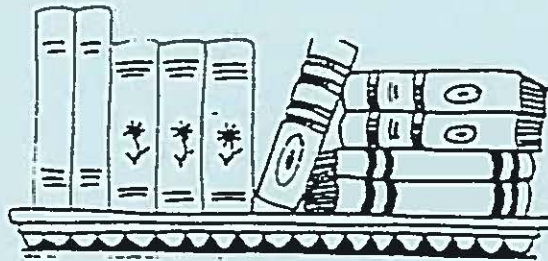


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SPEECH BY MICHAEL J. HAMELIN

Speaking notes was forwarded by Michael J. Hamelin President A.Q. on December 8, 1996 on Parti Quebecois Congress National that was held in St. Hyacinthe. The St-Hyacinthe Congress will be the first opportunity for these people to assess the results and reaction to their referendum loss of October 30th. It will also be the "grassroots" first opportunity to react--to support, to blithely ignore, or to reject--the destructive and negative slant the recent referendum results took against minority communities in Quebec.

THANK YOU NOTE

A thank you note was sent to the Coasters Association from Susan Mastine for the lovely gift and kind words that was presented to her at the Cap weekend.

RADIO INFORMATION

A request was made by the local radio stations, CJAS St Augustine, CFBS Blanc Sablon, CFTH Harington to Canadian Heritage for financial assistance regarding equipment etc...

Cornella had a interview with the local radio stations (CJAS and CFTH) on December 13,1995 concerning the up-coming projects, Meeting held by Canadian Heritage Books/Newspaper Sales, Board elections, and the Community Action Planning weekend held by Alliance Quebec.

Scott Buckle attended a meeting on Section 41-42 on December 4th and 5th 1995 in Montreal at the Industry Canada Office.

Mr. Buckle attended a Tourism Meeting in Montreal on December 4th, 1995 with Bill Flock, Helen Merdith, John Hull, Shawn Collier, Louise Larivere and Richard Cyr.

A conference call was held on December 13th 1995 with Scott Buckle, Cornella Maurice and Regional Associations concerning Rapps 3 meeting.

A conference call was held on December 18, 1995 with Canadian Heritage, Radio stations; Harrington (CFTH), St Augustine (CJAS) Blanc Sablon (CFBS), Cornella Maurice, and Scott Buckle regarding the Regional Radio Network.

The conference call minutes of November 6th are currently being worked on by Priscilla, Board Secretary, and will be distributed once they are completed.

ALLANCE QUEBEC

Micheal Hamelin's comments on referendum polls results was released and sent to the office.

Alliance Quebec Christmas Social was held on Sunday, December 10, 1995. Everyone was welcome to join in the celebration. Hope they had a great time.

Newsclippings were received from Richard Silver concerning health and social service

issues.

Information was received from A.Q. regarding their Policy Review Process.

Media listing was received from A.Q. for the distribution of our newspaper.

EMPLOYMENT

Information was received from the Business Development Bank of Canada whose mission is to help create and develop Canadian Small and Medium-sized business.

L. Scott Bechervaise of Gaspé has sent his resume and is seeking employment with Regionaire, or other airlines available. He asked Coasters to circulate his resume if possible.

H&SS

A thank you letter was sent to Mr. Paul Moreau Director General of Sept-Iles hospital expressing his appreciation for his effort on behalf of the English speaking communities of the Lower North Shore, regarding the difficulties our population has experienced when they needed services in his institution.

EDUCATION

A faxnote was sent to school principals informing them that the Coasters will be contributing towards Forum For

PROJECTS! PROJECTS!

Extra Project: A shedule was drafted for the participants stating their duties of performance for the duration of the project ending the 29th of March.

Tourism Project: A project entitled "Tourism Conference" was submitted to Canadian Heritage and other potential partners. We are hoping to recieve positive responses.

A letter requesting funds was sent to various organizations to support our Tourism Conference.

A note was recieved from CASA offering assistance for the Tourism Project.

H&SS Project: Penny Buckle started back to work again on the H&SS project for the duration of 12 weeks. Keep up the good work Penny!

The Newspaper is in the process of being distributed and should be out before the holidays. A super job has been done. I'm proud to say it is the best paper produced!! Nice going Priscilla!!

SECTION 41 - 42

A newsletter was received from Canadian Heritage on Section 41-42 of the Official Language Act and is on file at the office.

An Action Plan for the implementation of section 41 of the Official Language Act was received from HRDC.

FISHERIES

Information was recieved from Dale Keats on the Fisheries Special Eligibility Criteria (SEC) to fisherman, Implications of the Special Eligibility Criteria for tags recipients and Special Eligibility Criteria Documents to be submitted to appeal a decision.

A letter was written to Honorable Brain Tobin regarding the new licensing program of fishermen.

TOURISM

A letter was received from F.L. Christopher from Nova Scotia requesting a list of tourism orientated businesses that operate on the coast.

MEETINGS, MEETINGS

A Conference Call took place on Dec. 15/95 to discuss the time allocated at Rapps 3 for the Regional Associations, A.Q. and the QCGN network.

A notice was sent to all Associations to confirm Rapps 3 for February 8-11, 1996 in Aylmer, Qc.

Blank forms were recieved from Canadian Heritage with a listing of Special Funds Projects enclosed.

The members of the Working Group Forum on Anglophone are requesting their next meeting in either the month of January or February.

Young Canadians, Encounters Canada Program and Community/School Life Volunteer Award again this year and if they had any names to please submit them.

REPORTS

The Coaster Association has available at the office a variety of reports. If you would like to receive a copy please call the office at 379-2006/2356.

A thank you letter was received from Russ Williams M.N.A. for copies of the Youth and the Joint Youth reports. They do us proud.

OFFICE NEWS

Board Elections, for the Executive officers was held in Old Fort at the AGM, the new list is available at the office.

A letter was sent to the Caisse Populaire Desjardin regarding transformation of the positions of Treasurer and President.

The Coasters office also ordered a new computer for office use.

A computer course was given to Cornella Maurice and Tony Roberts at the office by Kirby Morency of Lourdes Du Blanc Sablon.

Holiday Greetings was received from Lois Jones, Carolyn and Henry Vatcher, CJAS St. Augustine, Eva Ludwig, CASA,

Caisse Populaire Desjardins de Blanc Sablon, Donna Rowsell.

A note was received from Remi Schaver, of Harve-Saint-Pierre he will try to sell our books/reports and to promote tourism on the Lower North Shore.

Claudette Veilleneuve from Conseil Regional de la Cote Nord will forward information regarding her department. For more information contact the office.

EXECUTIVE DECISIONS

Christmas holidays has been approved for the Executive Director and Project employees for 3 weeks. Project employees will have to work their time back. On-call employees must work until December 22 and throughout the Christmas Holidays, except for the statutory holidays, if they do not have accumulated time.

Sylvia will continue to take care of the payroll, deposits, bills, any bank activities except for transfers other than Coasters during the Christmas Holidays and will continue to work in the same capacity as in the past.

Tony as Vice President will continue his duties as in the past and Isidore as Treasurer will be contacted on all purchasing of items at the office. Also Isidore shall receive a copy of payroll, projects, etc. and shall visit the office occasionally.

Once again this year our office Christmas party has been approved. Every year since Coasters has moved to the community of St. Paul's employees have gathered together in good spirits to wish each other a Merry Christmas and hopefully the tradition will continue.

Overtime after 44 hours is now considered time and half. This will be presented to the board to be placed in the policies.

For the bulk amount of photocopies made by Jackie Roberts the charge will be 15 cents per copy.

Upgrading of 2 computers and fax modems were approved and Kirby Morency will do the installing. Also a new computer and laser printer was approved for the office.

There will be no other Conference Call until the month of January for the Coasters Association.

The leave of absence forms and time sheets for the staff were discussed by Tony, Isidore and later Scott.

Sylvia's and Priscilla's workload was reviewed. Sylvia's title is part-time employee unless funding is no longer available.

Priscilla is considered as an on-call employee, once the secretary is in place she will no longer continue to do the minutes and there is no guarantee that another volume of the Coaster will be published, it will depend on the funding.

Lenora will continue to be the on-call worker to complete any unfinished business until a secretary is put into place.

The financial aspects of the association were explained (ie: cash flow, projected budget, etc.), therefore expenses has to be closely watched, ie:

- babysitting fees shall be cancelled
- daily fees shall remain the same.

As of 1996 visits to the office by the President and Treasurer will only be once a week (if possible) and if more than one visit is required, it must be obliged.

Employees should not leave the office at any time without the permission of the Executive Director. Also, if an employee cannot make it in to work the Executive Director must be informed.

Cornella's visit to St. Anthony hospital after the Christmas holidays has been approved.

The Executive Decisions were made by Tony Roberts, Vice-president, and Isidore Lawless, Treasurer. Scott Buckle, President, attended the meeting at a later time and all decisions were reviewed and agreed upon by him.

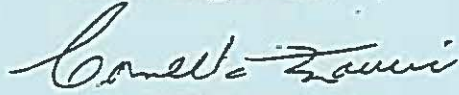
LIBERAL ASSOCIATION

The President was informed that a Lower North Shore candidate will be selected for a second president on the Provincial

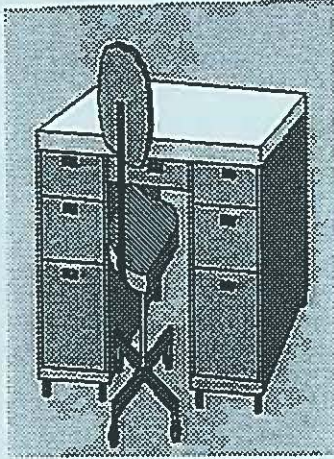
Liberal Association. Funds will be available for travel. Mr. Yves Lortie will keep us up-to-date on this issue.

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

Best regards,



Cornella Maurice
Executive Director



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