

COASTERS ASSOCIATION



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MESSAGE FROM MICHEL DUPUY MINISTER OF CANADIAN HERITAGE

It is with great pleasure that I extend my warmest greetings to all those attending the Coasters' Association Annual General Assembly.

The Department of Canadian Heritage is proud to support an organization that is committed to the well-being of the anglophone population living in one of the great regions of Canada.

La Chaleur de l'entraide est d'autant plus nécessaire à l'approche de l'hiver. C'est alors que nous prenons conscience de notre interdépendance avec le plus d'acuité.

Community organizations play a crucial role in promoting a healthy social environment favourable to all our endeavours. Congratulations on the excellent work you have done to promote social, educational and cultural development on the Lower North Shore.

I encourage you to continue your efforts on behalf of the community.

LETTER OF RESIGNATION FROM PRESIDENT WILSON EVANS

It is with regret that I must notify you of my decision not to renew my candidacy for president of the Coasters Association at the upcoming A.G.M. It is a position that I have had the pleasure of filling for four years but now feel that new leadership with new vision and fresh energies is required.

The organization has grown and so have I. The experiences gained from working with such a dedicated, talented group of individuals, and memories to be cherished. While it cannot be said that those years was not without it's trials and tribulations, the integrity and good natured conduct of my colleagues always steered us into a safe harbour.

To the organization and the communities it was set up to serve, may they continue to grow and prosper, ... to the people that I have had the pleasure of working with over the past number of years, and may all that is good be yours.

MESSAGE FROM STAFF!!



It was time that Ms. Cornella Maurice was recognized and honoured for all of her hard work and dedication that she has put forth into this association. Relentless hours of her labours has brought this association into the light and has made it to be one of the most advanced organizations on the Lower North Shore and up to par with the Regional Associations.

Ms. Maurice was honoured with a beautiful bouquet of flowers at the 6th annual AGM presented to her by Mr. Wilson Evans on behalf of the organization.

CONGRATULATIONS! CORNELLA and many thanks for all you have done and shown.

WORK! WORK! WORK!

Extra Project: This project has been approved for 6 months and already we have quite a list of participants, who have sent in their referral forms. This particular project has proven to be very worth while in the past as the people that work on them do an outstanding job for very little pay. A list of these persons will be sent to you soon!

Job Development Project: It has been applied for again this year. Last year it was focused

on persons who received Social Aid, this year their theme was handicap persons. We have had no news on this project to date. We are expecting a positive reply.

Article '25: An application has been sent to the Human Resources Development for 2 positions. This project requires persons to be on UIC. Funds will be added to their unemployment cheque by HRD.

Fundraising Project: Money has been raised for the Veteran's Day Celebration by selling Veteran's tickets. Many beautiful prizes were donated by various companies. The draw took place at the AGM on October 22. The winners were announced on the radio Stations and will be placed in the Coastar. The following explains the financing for this project:

- Donation Amount: 4121.00
- Fund raised: 3036.00
- Expenses: 2986.00
- Surplus: 50.00

Radio Project: A cheque in the amount of \$23,519 was granted by Paul Emile Leblanc, Canadian Heritage, to cover the expenses of the project.

H&SS Project: It shall go on! Duane King has been working on the continuation of this dossier. Penny is back and is ready for work. News awaits on this project.

Project ideas: A list of projects has been sent to Mary Farrell, Canadian Heritage, for possible funding. Hopefully some will be approved.

Youth Reports: We have been getting rave reviews of both Youth reports and the distribution to various groups and organizations continues. Sylvia Roberts was hired to distribute the books with the volunteer assistance of Dawn Thomas. A big thanks for a job well done!

Newsletter Project: Priscilla has been busy pounding away on computer keys, typing the articles that are coming in (there are quite a few).

Tags Project: It has been completed during this month. Susie Bilodeau did alot of work for the organization during her 26 weeks (although it was only 20 hrs per week). We sincerely miss her.

Handicap project: Larry completed the in office research and was preparing to collect data from outside contacts. The lack of computers, office space & phone system delayed the project somewhat.

MEETINGS!

AGM: Our 6th AGM has come and gone leaving many persons exhausted. A lot of long hours was punched for it's preparations. Equipment problems and other difficulties had not helped, but we overcame it all and succeeded. It was a pleasure to see our off-coast guests enjoying our LNS hospitality. The workshops were a big success and the evenings pleasingly entertaining. Special thanks to all of those who assisted in it's preparation and for volunteering their time and efforts. To the citizens of Old Fort Bay whose hospitality showed what the Coast is all



about, to the entertainers whose music and talent warmed and enlivened our spirits, to you the Board for your hours of precious time and patience, to all of our guests for attending. The minutes of this meeting will be distributed to you as soon as they are completed.

CAP Weekend: Alliance Quebec's Cap weekend is just around the corner. Delegates from the Coasters have been chosen, they are as follows:

- Scott Buckle
- Cornella Maurice
- Janie Cox
- Peggy D'ippolito
- Priscilla Griffin

The weekend is planned for the 17th, 18th, & 19th of November.

Regional Associations: Mr. Bob May of Outaouais Alliance is requesting a Regional Association meeting to be held in Montreal on November 17th and also a Repositioning meeting November 19th.

H&SS: The next meeting of the Côte-Nord Regional Committee for Programs of Access to H&SS will be held on November 2 in Baie Comeau. Mr. Charles Hart represents Coasters on this issue. Penny Buckle has been volunteering her time to take notes from her project and H&SS workshop for Mr. Hart to take to this meeting. Thanks and much appreciation Penny.

There are draft minutes of the Alliance Quebec and Regional

Association meeting held on April 22, 1995 available at the office.

Education Meeting: There will be a meeting at Alliance Quebec on November 15, concerning "Education Post referendum".

Also an invitation was extended to appoint a candidate to the Provincial Education Advisory Committee. Names must be submitted by November 1.

H&SS Youth Protection: Mr. Francois Richer, Director of Youth Protection will be holding a meeting with parents, students and staff of St. Paul's School on November 8th at 7:30 pm and one in Blanc Sablon on November 7th at 7:30 pm.

Radio Meeting: There was a Radio Meeting held in Ottawa on October 18th. Mr. Bill Flock of Canadian Heritage represented us.

H&SS Provincial Committee: Minutes of the H&SS Provincial Committee meeting held on July 12th are available at the office. A package was received regarding information of the meeting held on October 12th, 1995.

H&SS: The CSBCN's Board of Directors will be holding their next meeting on November 1st, 1995 at the Sunset Hotel in Chevery.

A summary of the meeting with the President of the Board of Directors and the Executive Director of CSBCN with the population representatives held on June 29th are on file at the office.

Coasters: Ms. Cornella Maurice, Executive Director and Mr. Scott Buckle, President, have been busy holding meetings. Mr. Buckle has made his presence available at the office 5 times within 2 weeks, since the AGM.

THE ANSWER IS "NO"

A guess is that everyone sat nervously watching their televisions on Monday, October 31, waiting anxiously for the answer to the famous question. Even though it was by a smidgen it was still a victory. Information has been pouring into the office all month. Alliance Quebec has been busy making sure that everyone has their name on the electoral list. Deborah Hook, Comité du NON has mailed in loads of information, as did the Comité du OUI, on what will happen if it is a yes vote.

FARE THEE WELL!!

As you may all be aware that Wilson has decided to resign as President. Letters and faxes have been coming in expressing their sorrow on his



leaving and wishes of good fortune for his future endeavours from Alliance Quebec and Regional Associations.

LISTEN TO YOUR RADIO!!



The local DJ's have been contacted again to announce what the prizes of the Coastar contest winners. A list of persons was faxed for people to contact to buy the Veteran's tickets. Trina Fequet should be commended on her accomplishments throughout the fundraising project.

NEW LANDLORDS?

The sale of the Soundbone Bar has been completed and we now have new landlords. Our lease is now up and we are in the process of renewing our lease with Mr. Chesley Griffin, Alexandre Maurice and Jeffery Maurice the new owners.

MCGILL UNIVERSITY

The University has put together a survey on Lower North Shore Visitors with the aid of QLF, Coasters & Quebec Government Department of Environment and Lands. This study is to determine the growth of economic, social and environmental impacts of tourism development on the L.N.S.

CAMI

Robina Goodwin, President of CAMI, has decided to postpone her retirement from her nursing career.

EDUCATION

SUBSTITUTE TEACHING: Michelle Griffin, a qualified teacher has concerns over "subbing" for teachers. Even though many opportunities has risen for her services to be needed, they have only called upon her twice since the beginning of the school year. She also questions the fact that she has applied for the teaching positions that were available within her hometown only to be declined. Teachers from outside of the province filled the positions. Michelle's letter is on file at the office if anyone is interested in having a copy of it.

ADULT EDUCATION



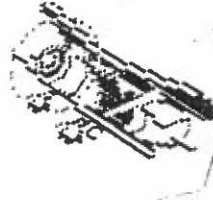
Adult Education: is sending out flyers to let persons interested in taking a few courses this year know the time and date for registering with the Adult Education's animator.

DEPUTY MINISTER

Jeanne Hodder, Deputy Minister for anglophone services has

resigned from the Ministry of Education and is replaced by Pierre Lucier, Assistant Deputy Minister.

THE PLANE OF GOOD WILL



Mr. Bryan wishes to express his gratitude to the people of Harrington for aiding him in retrieving his sea plane from the water, that crashed off the ramp in Harrington on July 12th. His plane was in excellent condition, a little wet but expected to be in operation as of September 1st.

TOURISM

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mainland to view the outside islands. Many exciting adventures are planned. Also a Bed & Breakfast is available at Dog Islands. For further information a flyer is available at the office or you can contact Dwight Bilodeau at (418) 379-2954.

INVITATIONS

Quebec Farmers has invited us to their AGM to be held on November 1st, 1995.

HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

A copy of the Health Canada Action Plan for the implementation of section 41 of the Official languages Act is on file at the office.

CSBCN News: The D.G. Hodd Pavillion had to face a big challenge in budgetary cuts and with the collaboration of the staff they were able to do so. A patio has been constructed and the senior's now can enjoy moments in the sun. Also a golf cart has been purchased so that easy transportation can be supplied to the senior's families and they really enjoy the ride.

The flu vaccination clinic will be held during the month of November.

PUBLIC REQUEST

Johanne Rogers has made a request to the association concerning her payback of monies to the UIC. Scott Buckle, President, has been looking into this matter.

INTERVIEWS:

Cornella was interviewed by both CFBS and CJAS radio before the AGM to give a yearly update of the association.

Our recently past president Wilson Evans did an interview with CBC Radio, CJAS and CFBS pre the AGM.

Scott Buckle spoke with CFTH Radio since the AGM, also the Northern Pen Newspaper in NFLD to talk of assistance and future plans.

OFFICE NEWS:

A summary of the Cash flow analysis on the general Account was executed, a lot of work goes into the accounting department each month. Sylvia makes sure that we are always financially secure. Keep up the good work Sylvia!

Also a public notice has been posted for elections within the organization for the Lourdes de Blanc Sablon region. Mr. Isadore Lawless has won the election over Rollande Russell and will sit on the Board as a member, instead of member at large. CONGRATULATIONS Mr. Lawless!

Priscilla Griffin and Stephanie Roberts was hired for 2 weeks for preparation of the AGM. An excellent job was done by them. They must be proud of the results. We are!

Lenora Keats was hired to help complete data for the AGM (ie: Informers, Coastal Directory, Address Data Base, etc.). This was authorized by Wilson Evans. As usual her services proved to be very fruitful and beneficial.

During the weeks before the AGM, there was technical problems with the computers and

Remi Beaudion at CSBCN and the Development Officer, Robert Fibich, offered the use of their equipment. Mr. Greg Smith of St. Paul's had kindly allowed us to borrow his printer and word perfect 6.0 program. Hats off to them!!

Mr. Scott Buckle, President, declared Monday, October 24th a DAY OFF for all of the office staff so that they can recuperate after the exhausting period of AGM. Mr. President, Thanks!

Both reports entitled the Enterprises of the L.N.S. and the Coastal Directory are completed, photocopied, binded and was sold at the AGM.

INFORMATION LIST

Please check all of your information lists carefully. If there are items that you would like to receive, notify the office.

IF ANYONE WISHES TO HAVE FURTHER INFORMATION ON ANY OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED ISSUES, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE AT ANY TIME!!



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