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**A MESSAGE FROM MELISSA ROBERTS**

Thank you for your contribution toward my trip to Ottawa.

*Thank You*



**BOLD HOSPITAL PLAN DESERVES CAREFUL CONSIDERATION:**

Quebecers were presented with a bold new proposal for the revitalization of the McGill University hospital network. Members of our English-speaking communities across Quebec have a special interest in evaluating this plan carefully and in urging their provincial government to then move swiftly. A blue-ribbon committee has now confirmed its recommendation that the Montreal General, Royal Victoria, Montreal Children's and Montreal Chest Hospitals, the Neurological Institute and the McGill University Faculty of Medicine merge into one state-of-the-art facility to be known as the McGill Academic Health Sciences Centre.

**NATIONAL OCOL AUDIT BY DR. VICTOR C. GOLDBLOOM:**

We participated in a national audit requested by the Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages that provided them with the necessary information to determine the availability of service to the public in designated offices. The objectives of this survey were to obtain as accurate a picture as possible of the provision of federal services in the two official languages; to present this picture to the federal institutions, so as to make evident the shortcomings identified and the remedies required; to obtain the necessary improvements in service to the public, and to establish appropriate follow-up mechanisms.

## SPRING PLANNING CONVENTION:

We have received the report for the Regional Associations' Planning & Priority Session (RAPPS) that we have recently attended in Hull, Quebec. Anyone wishing a copy, please contact the office.

## CSBCN PRESS RELEASES:

► The CSBCN wishes to inform the population that the posting for the Executive Director finishes on March 30th, 1994. In November, 1992, Mr. Remy Beaudoin was named Interim Executive Director until January, 1994 by Mr. Julien Tremblay, Trustee. In December, 1993, the Board of Directors extended Mr. Beaudoin's mandate for a maximum period of six months so that the selection process could be completed. The members of the Board of Directors should be in a position to designate the Executive Director during its regular meeting of June 29th.

► The nomination of Mr. Rene Larouche as Head Dentist was confirmed.

► Mrs. Johanne Beaudoin has been nominated as interim Director of Coast Programs. She replaces Mrs. Isabel Gausachs who recently resigned for personal reasons.

► The Board of Directors made a number of decisions and confirmed the orientations of the establishment during their last meeting held on March 22nd in Chevery. → There must be a reduction in the number of recalls to work and overtime, and an elimination

of replacements and additional work as much as possible. → For Coast Services, the integratin of the nursing stations in Old Fort and St. Paul's as well as Mutton Bay and La Tabatiere is foreseen. → The CSBCN is considering closing 10 beds during the summer and holiday periods. As well, it is considering expanding the tasks of the receptionists, the security, housekeeping, and maintenance services could be amalgamated. → The budgetary base revision process should be completed by the end of April

► The Board of Directors confirmed the four main orientations of the establishment for 1994-1995.

- quality of service to clientele;
- the decentralization of Coast Services;
- the development and deployment of human resources;
- the optimal use of human, information, material, and financial resources of the hospital centre.

► The Board of Directors has decided to hold a public information meeting when it holds a meeting in a village other than Lourdes.

► The Board accepted the regulations of the CPDP and accepted a period of one year

for the physicians to choose their principal places of residence.

► The projects for the construction of the clinics in Chevery and St. Augustine, the 19 lodgings, as well as the Senior Citizen's Residence in St. Augustine are in process.

► The Board has accepted the transitional modification to the organizational structure of the CSBCN. Thus, the human resources who were under the responsibility of the Administrative Services Department now report to the Executive Director, and the Archives and reception Service which previously reported to the Executive Director now report to the Department of Nursing.

#### THE BUDGET:

If you wish to obtain a copy of the budget, you can write to Department of Finance, 300 Laurier Avenue West, Ottawa K1A 0G5 or by telephone at (613) 995-2855, by fax at (613) 996-0518. The list of the booklets are: 1) The budget in brief 2) The budget speech 3) Proposed changes to the UIC program 4) National defence 5) Facing choices together 6) The budget plan 7) Fax measures:  
Supplementary information .

#### CRD MEETINGS:

Alain Jeansonne attended the "Communication workshop" in Baie Comeau on March 12th.

We received information of the meeting from him. Also, he requested that we look into a partnership project for a Coast journalist and training in journalism for the local radio stations. This issue will be discussed further at the Board meeting. Monique Collier attended the "Youth workshop" in Baie Comeau on March 14th. We received all information from her of the meeting and she did a report as well. Wilson Evans attended the "Tourism workshop" in Sept-Iles on March 12th & 13th. He will report at the Board meeting. Rollande Russell was suppose to attend the "Education workshop" in Sept-Iles on March 18th but due to her heavy workload she was unable to attend. All expenses were paid through the funds saved by the youth retention project because it was not projected in our operational budget.

As you are aware, a letter was written requesting translation services at their meetings. Their response was that they could not afford a translator but if we wanted to provide a "homemade" translator they had no objective and they would cover the travelling expenses of the homemade translator. Anyone wanting more information on these CRD meetings, please contact the office and we would be pleased to assist you.

#### PROJECTS:

Youth retention project: The manager's schedule and activity report was sent to

you. A lot of work and energy was put into this project, it is going well and on schedule. The only delay now is receiving response from the letters and questionnaires in order to start the community meetings.

Joint youth project: The job for researcher has been posted and we have received quite a few resumes. The project is funded for \$12,000, we have received \$4,353.11 to date. The candidate will be chosen at the Executive meeting in Harrington. The project starts on May 16th.

Extra project: Another application has been submitted and it will be accepted. The participant search should start about the third week of April.

Paie project: A project was submitted to hire Dawn Thomas for a duration of 26 weeks. The Travail Quebec pays \$204.75 per week towards this project, the Coasters have to pay according to the Post title. Dawn is being hired as a receptionist, our policy states \$6.00 an hour which is \$210 per week; therefore, the Coasters would have to pay the remaining balance of \$5.25 per week plus employers benefits, giving an approximate total of \$20 per week.

#### **ALLIANCE QUEBEC CONVENTION:**

Alliance Quebec will be holding its Convention from May 27th to 29th, 1994 at St. Hyacinthe, Quebec. The

Coasters Association is entitled to send 8 delegates, plus 1 youth delegate to Convention. The Convention fee is \$225 per delegate and \$112 for a youth delegate.

#### **ENCOUNTERS CANADA:**

We contacted all the schools along the Coast to obtain names of the students that will be participating in the program. The following schools participated: Blanc Sablon, Lourdes de Blanc Sablon, St. Paul's and La Tabatiere; there were 18 students in all. The names of the students were placed in a bag and the draw took place at the St. Paul's River School. Melissa Roberts from St. Paul's was the lucky winner of \$100; she was very excited.

#### **ALLIANCE QUEBEC SPEAKING CONTEST:**

Alliance Quebec invited its Chapters, the Regional Associations and Community Organizations to host a local public speaking contest. The winners of each local contest may attend Convention as part of their delegation. A speak-off will be held at Convention'94 where winners of the local competitions will compete in the Provincial contest. Trophies will be awarded to three provincial winners. The Executive Committee decided that we should approach the schools on the Lower North Shore to see if the students (ages 15 to 18) were interested. The Coasters would also give a

trophy to their lucky winner. Once again, all names submitted to the Coasters to participate in this speak-off will be placed in a hat to be drawn. To date we have not heard if the schools or a school would be interested in participating.

#### WAYNE'S TRIP TO THE COAST:

The host of "On the road again" had to postpone his trip to the Coast until a later date. He will keep us informed of his visit. Due to the postponement of his trip, he was unable to attend our A.G.M.

#### ELECTIONS:

A public notice was posted in each community and announced on the radio to elect members for our Board of Directors. It was a good turnout, we have officers for each community except La Romaine; we have three members at large and a volunteer Board Secretary.

#### COASTAR CONTEST:

As you may have read in our Coastar, Volume III of our newspaper we had three contests, one for seniors, one for adults and one for youth. We have received only four responses. The deadline to answer the quizzes was March 15th but due to the date change of the A.G.M. we extended the deadline to April 12th. It was announced on all

the local radios.

#### NOVELTY TICKETS:

Tickets for a return trip on Inter-Canadian from a community on the Coast to Montreal and a basket of cosmetics from Maybelline was sold in every community; the tickets were sold for one dollar. It will continue to be sold at the A.G.M. and the lucky winners will be chosen at the end of our A.G.M.

Tickets are also being sold on a handmade Quilt demonstrating our logo and a map of the Lower North Shore. The Quilt will be on display at Harrington; tickets will continue to be sold and it will be drawn at the A.G.M. Good luck to all of you!

#### NEWSPAPER:

Blandine wrote a letter to Imprimerie B&E enr. requesting a cheaper rate for the newspaper. We received a pleasing response, the newspaper printing cost was \$2,800 instead of \$4,039.89.

#### TRAINING AT VEQ:

I will be travelling to Voice of English Quebec in Quebec City this year after Convention to receive further training on office procedures. The following explains some of the issues we will be covering: ▶ VEQ's five year plan ▶ Heritage employment search ▶ Newcomers

identification ▶ Insight in demographics ▶ Volunteer recruitment & management ▶ New office accounting techniques ▶ Cemis-Center (Computers) = tips on time-saving ▶ Setting up of a newspaper on Page Maker ▶ Examination of the resource manuals ▶ Review the H. & S.S. dossier with the Co-ordinator ▶ Organization of a fall fest ▶ Visit the Hollande Center, services for seniors ▶ Visit Communication Quebec, information.

#### HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES:

A complaints letter from a concerned citizen about the closing of the Old Fort health center. I am sure that this will be an issue at the A.G.M.

#### OFFICIAL LANGUAGES RADIO PROGRAM:

A letter was written by the Coasters to the Minister of Canadian Heritage, Mr. Michel Dupuy, explaining how important this program is and we do hope that it continues. Furthermore, we would like to see a five year plan put into place rather than a two year plan. The only way we can achieve our ultimate goal is by having the financial ability and the mandate to plan long term.

#### LETTERS OF RESPONSE:

A letter was written to Jeremy Roberston explaining our

policy of funding individuals. He requested for us to sponsor his trip to Ottawa for the Forum for Young Canadians. However, we did express that we do support his endeavour in every other way possible.

A letter was written to Myrna Chislett concerning the survey conducted by the Challenge '93 students - we did apologize for not having the survey carried out in Chevery but we assured her that Monique Collier who was presently working on this dossier will be contacting all of the seniors.

#### OUTAOUAIS ALLIANCE GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL:

Mr. Marcel Masse, member for the riding of Hull, wrote letters to the Honourable David Anderson, Minister of Revenue, and the Honourable Michel Dupuy, Minister of Canadian Heritage, on behalf of all the Associations to request that they re-examine the per capita disparity that exists in the annual core funding and he expressed his concern to the cuts in core funding.

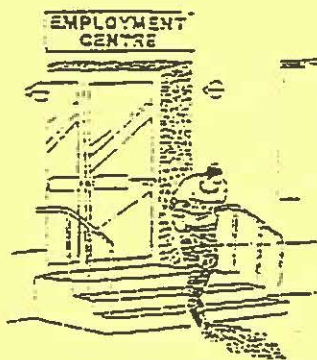
#### CARRER NETWORK:

The Career Network is an Interactive Fax Bulletin Board Service which allows employers to retrieve "career advertisements" and resumes of job seekers, free of charge. Simply by calling from any touch phone, employers can retrieve lists of career ads from a variety of employment

sectors. This information is delivered within minutes to the employer's fax machine. Since all employers using the Career Network must register and receive a free PIN (Personal Identification Number), the destination of all lists and resumes is recorded. The easy to use Career Network is now being utilized by hundreds of companies and employment agencies. When a position needs to be filled, the Career Network is the first place employers will look. For further information, you can call (514) 846-7415 24 hours or (514) 932-6656 from 9 to 5.

#### YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES:

Quebec has social and economic opportunities equal to anywhere. You will soon discover it is all right here at your doorstep. Info line - (514) 846-7435.



#### ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING:

Charles Hart and Shirley Strickland attended a meeting in Sept-Iles just recently and Mr. Hart will give a report on the meeting at our Board meeting.

#### INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE FAMILY:

The workshops did take place at Lourdes, we were informed that it was an excellent turnout and very successful. Unfortunately, no one from the Coasters were present but our Treasurer, Rollande Russell, was there and she may give an update of the assembly.

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:

A lot of work and energy was put into this year's A.G.M. According to the responses it was well worth the effort. It gave awareness of the Coasters Association and touched the many departments and individuals across the Province and the Lower North Shore. Our name was wide spread and I am quite sure that it will help with future endeavours.

#### CIVIL CODE OF QUEBEC:

We have received the press kit, anyone wanting to obtain a copy can call Dominique Boivin, Responsable des relations medias, at (418) 644-3945 or write to: Direction des communications, Ministere de la Justice, 1200 route de l'Eglise, 3e etage, Sainte Foy (Quebec) G1V 4M1 or by fax at (418) 646-4449.

#### INVITATIONS:

We have received an invitation from the Quebec Farmer's Association to attend the CBC

day held in Montreal On April 13th.

We have received an invitation from the Townshippers Association to attend 15th A.G.M. held at Bishop's University in Lennoxville on September 17th.

#### WORKING FORUM ON ANGLOPHONE PARTICIPATION:

Another meeting took place in Montreal on March 31st. We were unable to attend. Joan Richards from CASA participated on our behalf; we did a report together prior to the meeting.

#### EXECUTIVE DECISIONS:

The fax that was in Charles possession was sold to him for \$400. The Coasters will continue to use the fax for their purposes. We have four other faxes, one is in Rita's possession and three at the office. Wilson returned his fax since he is at Roberston Lake and will not use it, we keep this one for back-up. One is for office use and the other is maintained for project participants. Mr. Hart

approached the Coasters to sell the aforementioned fax to him and they agreed. It was not yet decided to where the funds will be placed.

Monique Collier was given an extra week of employment to complete her project. Funds were available to do so.

It was agreed by the Executive to publicly announce for a volunteer Board Secretary.

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE A.G.M. IN APRIL.

THANKS FOR ALL YOUR SERVICES, IT IS MUCH APPRECIATED!



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