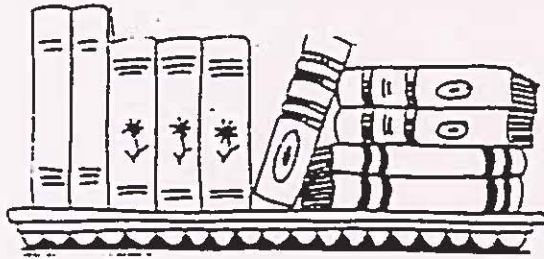


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LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO NEW MEMBERS

Life goes on! Even the cold harsh winters, the loss of our fishing industry and the many trials of living in isolation does not stop us from thriving and surviving on the Lower North Shore.

The possibilities for growth and prosperity are endless and the Coasters are looking into them all. That is what we do and much more. You receive the annual Newspaper, Coaster; therefore, it gives you an opportunity to read what we do and what our plans are.

Please find enclosed your membership card. We appreciated your support over the years and we look forward to many more years of serving our community.

CSBCN

The Health Centre in Old Fort closed on Friday, July 28th. A flyer was distributed explaining that the following day services will be provided for by the clinic in St. Paul's. A schedule is to be distributed so that person may receive the best possible care. Also all dental services will be provided at the Centre de Sante in Lourdes.

A concerned citizen of Old Fort speaks out in a rage,

concerning the closure of their clinic. Weather and transportation were key issues, as well as a few suggestions as to what the CSBCN could close to help keep the clinic open. Also he/she questions if the CSBCN will take the responsibility of any mishap that may occur.

As of July 6th, all women from the Eastern region must take it upon themselves to make appointments to have their pap-test.

A budget cutback plan in the area of \$535,000 has been adopted on June 28th during the regular meeting of the Board of Directors.

Cutbacks are to be made for 5 management positions over a 3 year period. As of this month the Transport Manager and Human Resources Counsellor positions have been abolished. Also cutbacks are to be made in the following positions lighthouse cleaning, cleaning, auxiliary nurse, part time lab position, a clinic nurse along with a street Social worker position. The temporary full-time position of Communication Counsellor is also abolished.

The CSBCN ended their financial year with a surplus of \$16 000, which allowed to pay off the accumulated debt of \$80,000.

Congratulations for Regionair, the CSBCN has granted a contract for charter plane services for transport of patients as of July 1st, 1995 to June 30, 1996.

There has been an agreement made with the Lower St. Lawrence Physiotherapy Clinic Inc., for the services of a physiotherapist to work half-time with CSBCN and half-time in a private clinic.

The opening bids for construction of the senior's home in St. Augustine was opened at the Groupe Conseil BBGL in Sept-Iles on June 27. The lowest bid was \$571 000 and the authorized amount is approximately \$350 000. The CSBCN is looking for different additional financing possibilities and must request special authorization from the

North Shore regional Board of H&SS due to the fact that the project is over \$500 000.

An agreement was made between the CSBCN and the Littoral School Board to allow Secondary students from the Coast, other than Blanc Sablon to live together under the same roof at the CSBCN Transit Residence under animator supervision.

MEETINGS

An invitation has been extended to participate in the Working Group Forum Meeting to be held on Friday, September 15, 1995 at the Public Service Commission of Canada in Montreal. Also a list of participants their addresses, telephone and fax numbers.

Repositioning: A conference call is scheduled for Monday, August 14, at 8:00pm. Concerns that documentation of the agreement was faxed to the media in Montreal and blown out of context by La Presse. It is believed that one of the two non-signing groups is responsible.

Cornella Maurice met with Joshua Nove, from the QLF to discuss their brochure.

CANADIAN HERITAGE TALKS

During the past months, Canadian Heritage Officials have met regularly with the National Coordinators and contact persons in the regions to increase their awareness of

needs of the official language minority communities as opposed to services in their language.

A training session on the concept of community development was organized on January 24, 1995 and was attended by representatives of the 26 targeted institutions.

Minister Dupuy has suggested that his colleagues to send their actions plans of 95-96 directly to the groups that participated in the consultations held in all the provinces at the National level. These consultations help increase Federal awareness of community needs.

Two important sessions were organized, bringing together community representatives and key Federal agencies involved in economic development and the information highway.

A list of qualified candidates were chosen from National and Provincial representative Organizations to sit on the Steering Committee for the implementation of sections 41 and 42 of the Official Languages Act.

The Interdepartmental Coordination Directorate (ICD) of the Official Languages Support programs Branch will publish a newsletter to service information to the Steering Committee.

ALLIANCE QUEBEC

A newsletter from the Rouyn-Noranda Abitibi West Chapter describes the workshops and

personal experiences of some participating delegates of Convention 95.

PROJECTS!

Fundraising: Letters were sent to various companies requesting funds for the Veteran's Day celebration. Letters were received for this worthwhile cause, but were unable to contribute due to lack of funds or company rules.

Regional Radio Network: Letters are still pouring in on the request for financial aid for the network, unfortunately they were unable to assist us.

The Regional radio network may not be feasible, but a request was made that a payment of \$20 000, be awarded to us for the costs in carrying out the feasibility and to purchase equipment to improve and upgrade individual Radio Stations.

CFBS has decided to withdraw its participation in the proposal for Regional Radio Network, due to insufficient funds.

H&SS Project: Jean M. Gerrard has written to say that regarding our request for information on existing data on H&SS issues on the LNS falls under the Minister of H&SS and has kindly passed our request along.

CJRT FM...

Produced 12 one-hour programs on "The History of Canada and

Quebec" and are making these episodes available to our local radio stations free of charge all that is needed is blank cassettes which can be dubbed.

"SUPPORT A L'ACTION" 1995-1996 PROGRAM

A grant of \$500.00 was granted under this program by Mr. Denis Perron.

MINISTRE DE L'EDUCATION...

Requested that our association nominate a person to be a member of the Commission de L'education en langue anglaise. A short resume is to written on this candidate and forwarded. Sylvia Roberts' name was submitted.

CASA NEWS

Joan Richards has been working damage control this month due to unfortunate press coverage.

OFFICE INFORMATION

A fax has been forwarded to the office by the Treasurer to both the Executive Director and the acting President, concerning the \$2.00 raise in salary for the person replacing the Executive Director while she is on vacation.

AVALANCHE IN BLANC SABLON

On the 10th of March the

Gouvernement du Quebec has granted \$110 000 to aid the citizens of Blanc Sablon

ACCOUNTING NEWS!!

The accountant Mr. James Fequet was busy working on our Auditor's Report thi month.

CBC RADIO NOON

There has been a request from Louise Penny to assist her with her visit to the Lower North Shore.

IF YOU REQUIRE MORE INFORMATION ON ANY OF THE ISSUES MENTIONED, PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO CALL ME AT THE OFFICE!!

THANK YOU!

**Cornella Maurice
Executive Director**

