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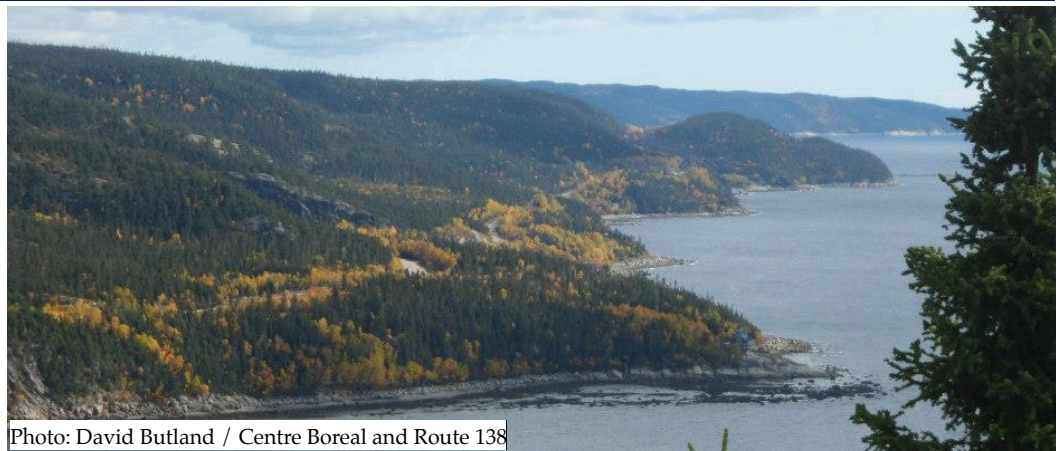


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LET'S GET CONNECTED

Bowser and Blue: An Evening of Laughs

by Jody Lessard

The Auditorium of Queen Elizabeth High School in Sept-Iles resonated with laughter on the evening of Oct 18th, as Bowser & Blue sang and joked their way through an excellent evening of entertainment.

There was toe tapping, tears of laughter, and lots of clapping from the 100 Anglophone community members as they gave a warm welcome to George Bowser and Rick Blue, Canada's favourite musical comedy duo. The many thanks of gratitude received by the NSCA from the participants, gave a strong indication that English cultural events such as this are much needed and vital to our community. A few testimonials from community members:

"I have not laughed like that in so long and it was just what I needed"

"I loved it! They are totally hilarious!"

"Thank you George Bowser and Rick Blue for an absolutely amazing Anglophone evening! If laughter is the best medicine, you have given us an extended life for sure"

We would like to acknowledge the English Language Arts Network (ELAN) in helping us sponsor this event, and Queen Elizabeth High School (QEHS) for providing the venue. Many thanks!



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A WORD FROM THE CHAIR

Hello readers! Hello NSCA members!

Fall is now upon us, time to say goodbye to summer, one that was marked by a sad event for this association. Marc, we still can't believe you are gone, but we will continue to work with the same dedication and enthusiasm that you instilled in us. Rest in peace and keep an eye on us from time to time.



This year's Annual General Meeting was held at a brand new venue. We had the pleasure of welcoming two special guests, Brenda Edwards and Charles Taker. We held elections that saw two Directors, David Butland and Billy Larivière, re-elected. We have two new Directors, Mary Ellen Beaulieu and Maxime Côté. Thank you for stepping up and joining our team. For the first time in awhile, we have filled all our positions. I am the new chairperson and am looking forward to the challenges that will bring. I thank you for the confidence you have shown in me.

We presented our 2012 Community Involvement Award, now re-named in Marc's memory, to the senior volunteers who gave generously of their time and shared their memories of Baie-Comeau's early years so that a fitting tribute could be made to celebrate the 75th birthday of the town. We then launched the online bilingual version of IN SEARCH OF YESTERDAY, and I congratulate all who contributed to the realization of this magnificent project. It is splendid and unique, and will stand forever as a testimonial to what can be accomplished when community members of all ages and walks of life collaborate.

Our membership is increasing, our funding as well, and we are starting to make ourselves known outside the region. I am looking forward to a productive year with the Board, our efficient Executive Director, Jody Lessard, and a dynamic staff!

Enjoy this newsletter. Be proud of your English roots. Take advantage of the many workshops offered and special activities organized. Keep in touch with each other!

Debbie Laurie

Chair



THANK YOU, MARC

1952-2012

As chair of the North Shore Community Association since 2004, Marc's implication in the anglophone community was unsurpassed. Under his guidance and leadership, a number of initiatives resulted in engaging the population, breathing renewed life, energy and services into the region. He also served on the Board of Directors of the Quebec Community Groups Network.

The BCHS and Fermont Communities and Eastern Shores School Board (ESSB) are indebted to Marc for the years, energy, commitment and involvement he has devoted since 2003 as school board commissioner.

Marc helped facilitate the extensive school renovation projects, was a member on a number of committees at ESSB, and represented the school, the school's interests and unequivocally supported the mission of the school.

On the job as General Manager and International Trade Commissioner of the Corporation développement des exportations de la Côte-Nord (CORPEX), Marc worked to support development of export potential of the North Shore.

Jody Lessard, NSCA Executive Director, paid tribute to Marc. "Marc was involved in everything he did... a man of action and vision for the English-speaking community. His efforts and strong commitments left us with rewarding results. He was really appreciated wherever he went. He will be missed."

Marc died suddenly on Friday, August 10th, 2012. He will be sorely missed by family, friends and our community. Sincere condolences go out to his daughter Valerie, son Kevin, Jacynthe, and to Hélène Brassard and to her children as well as to his brothers and sisters and to his many, many friends and co-workers.

Possible Upcoming CHEP Sessions

by Marilyn Durepos

In the month of November there are two CHEP sessions being planned.

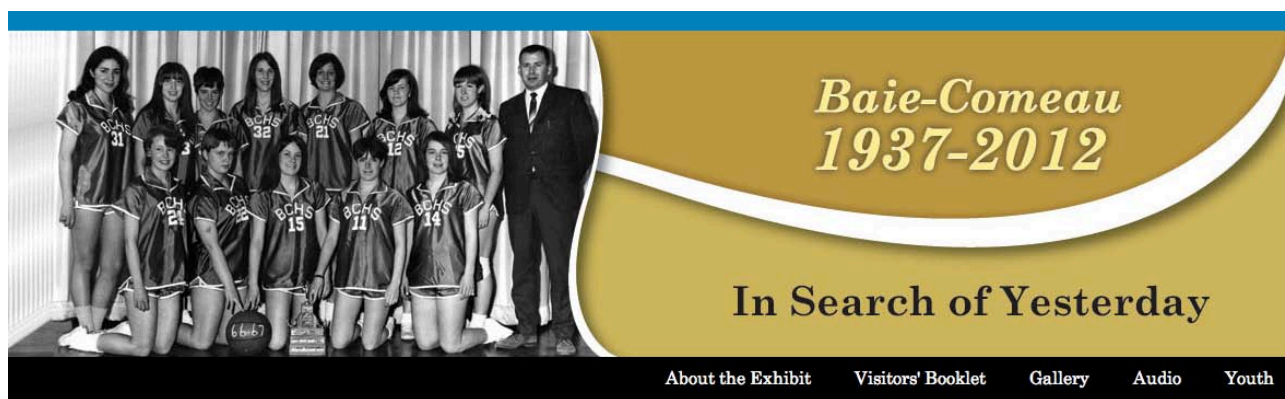
- November 7, 2012 – Shingles
- November 21, 2012 – Communicating in the Face of a Life-Altering Diagnosis

There is a possibility both of these will be offered both in Baie-Comeau and in Sept-Iles. Watch for flyers or give us a call if you want more information.

Baie-Comeau: 418-296-1549

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<http://exhibit.quebecnorthshore.org/>

Engaged Community Members Playing Active Roles

by Jody Lessard



Mary Ellen Beaulieu

- Appointed as Eastern Shores School Board Commissioner for Ward 1: Baie-Comeau and Fermont



Mr. David Butland

- Independent member on the Regional Health and Social Services Agency Board of Administration (Cote-Nord)
- To serve a 4 year mandate
- Nominated by NSCA



Ms. Debbie Laurie

- Member of the Advisory Board on English Education (ABEE)
- To serve a 3 year mandate
- Nominated by NSCA



Mr. Keith Eldridge

- Co-opted Member on the Centre de santé et service sociaux de Sept-Iles Board of Administration
- Recommended by NSCA

Community Fun Day in Sept-Iles

by Gail Court-Lavallée



On Saturday, September 15th, 2012 the Sept-Iles 50+ club hosted the 2nd Annual Community Fun Day. A total of forty members from the Sept-Iles and Baie-Comeau 50+ Clubs participated in the fun and games.

There were door prizes and prizes for the winners of the games as well as a BBQ lunch. The room was decorated in a fall harvest theme and a “farmer and his wife” (king and queen) were crowned. Much laughter and fun was had by all.

A big **‘thank you’** for all those who donated prizes for the baskets and for those who helped organize the event. Without your help, it wouldn’t have been the success it was.

INSPQ Portrait of Sept-Iles

by Marilyn Durepos



On Thursday, October 18, 2012, Mary Richardson from the INSPQ presented the results of her findings from the research she did last year on the portrait of the Anglophones in Sept-Iles. This portrait was the result of various interviews with key people in specific sectors of the community (community organizations, health and social services, educational partners, 50+ club, etc.) through individual and community consultations.

During the presentation of the report, stakeholders discussed possible actions that could be taken in the future. The document will be presented to other specific sectors of the population to help prioritize and develop possible actions.

Copies will be sent to key stakeholders and will also be available on line in the near future. We will keep you posted.

Flemming Elementary School PPO off to a Great Start

by Jackie Bizeau

This year, the Flemming PPO had their first meeting even before the beginning of the school year. They planned a special 'welcome back' activity involving parents and their children.

The activity, partially financed by the school, was a hotdog lunch with a fudgsicle dessert, followed by BINGO in the gym in the afternoon. Students from grade six sat with students from grade one to help them play. It was great to see the many winners get their prizes.

All activity comes with a price, however, so looking forward to the 'Boo Bash' for Halloween, the PPO did a bake sale at lunchtime as a fundraising activity. Students were happy to have a little cupcake, cookie or rice crispy square for dessert.

So far the Flemming PPO has many new members – 21 devoted parents form this wonderful group.

BINGO

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4	18	33	46	62
7	16	★	60	71
9	27	44	51	67
12	23	35	47	73



Ciné-Club Fermont Upcoming movie listings for English-Versions

by Cathy Larivière



The Odd Life of Timothy Green
Friday, Nov. 2nd at 6:00pm



The Bourne Legacy
Friday, Nov. 9th at 6:00pm



ParaNorman
Friday, Nov. 16 at 6pm
Sat., Nov. 17 at 1pm



Hope Springs
Friday, Nov. 23 at 6pm



The Expendables
Friday, Nov. 30 at 6pm

Where: Auditorium – Polyvalente Horizon Blancs
130, rue Le Carrefour

Cost: 8.00\$/adult – 6.00\$/17 and under
Ticket office opens 45 minutes before the presentations

NSCA AGM Highlights a Year of Accomplishments

by Jody Lessard

The North Shore Community Association's (NSCA) 12th Annual General Meeting was held in Baie-Comeau on Saturday, September 22nd. Invited guests and speakers were; Ms. Brenda Edwards of the Community Health & Social Services Network (CHSSN) and Mr. Charles Taker from the Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages.

Elections were held and for the first time the Association has a full board with 10 members. The NSCA welcomes back for another mandate Mr. David Butland, Mr. William Larivière, and two new additions Ms. Mary Ellen Beaulieu and Mr. Maxime Côté. For a second year our youth directors Ms. Naomi Rowsell and Mr. Matthew Durepos were appointed for a one year mandate.

Following the elections, the Executive Director, Jody Lessard, took time to speak about her years working side by side with Marc Deslauriers, and the many strengths that he had brought to the Association and the community over the years. She spoke about the development of the Community Involvement Award and how important this award was to Marc because of his beliefs that individuals should be recognized for their contributions in the community. Taking that in mind, the Board of Directors felt that Marc's many years of volunteering should be recognized too.

As a tribute to Marc Deslauriers, the Association renamed the Community Involvement Award as **"The Marc Deslauriers Community Involvement Award"**. This year's award was presented to the 50+ Club of Baie-Comeau for their involvement in the cultural history project.

In addition, the Association officially launched their online heritage exhibit "In Search of Yesterday", another one of their initiatives to help mark the 75th anniversary of the town of Baie-Comeau and to commemorate the heritage and culture of the English-speaking community.



Brenda Edwards is introduced by Jody Lessard, NSCA Executive Director



NSCA Directors Naomi Rowsell, Cathy Larivière and William Larivière chat it up over lunch.

The Marc Deslauriers Community Involvement



From left to right: Walter Bisson, Alain Beaulieu, Mary Ellen Beaulieu, Denise Laroque, Don Goodfellow, Guy Richard, Raymonde Goodfellow, and Gladys Claes

Members of the 50+ Club of Baie-Comeau were recently presented with the **Marc Deslauriers Community Involvement Award** for their involvement in the **In Search of Yesterday** project. A number of participants were on hand at the most recent NSCA AGM where they were honoured.

The project is now on-line (see p. ?). The twelve panels have been used extensively in Baie-Comeau this past summer. Most recently, they have been on display at the Carrefour Maritime in Baie-Comeau, welcoming the thousands of cruise ship passengers that have come ashore from the five ships.

Fred Fox at Riverview School

by Debbie Laurie



It was a few years in the making, but on September 9th, I finally got to meet Terry Fox's older brother Fred. He lives in Maple Ridge, B.C., and is now Manager of Supporter Relations for the Terry Fox Foundation. I was so excited meeting him at the airport in Sept-Îles...security had to keep me off the tarmac as I tried to greet him with my TERRY FOX LIVES HERE flag!

Fred had a very special reason for making the trip all the way from Vancouver to Riverview School. We are one of only three schools in Canada to have participated in all 32 annual Terry Fox Runs held since 1981. And we are the only one to also have held a run in September 1980 when Terry was forced to end his Marathon of Hope in Thunder Bay when the cancer had returned in his lungs.

So, on Monday morning, September 10th, Fred delivered a very emotional message to us about his brother's legacy and the importance of keeping it alive until a cure is found. He brought his own personal collection of photos of Terry, and the auditorium was filled with emotion as he recounted precious moments in their lives growing up in Winnipeg and Port-Coquitlam. Then, he presented our school with six awesome banners for 5-10-15-20-25-30 years of participation. He also thanked me personally for having organized all 33 runs in our town, and gave me a copy of TERRY by Douglas Copeland. It was a moment I will cherish forever as I never met Terry in person. Fred expressed his family's and the foundation's gratitude with a beautiful inscription in the book. I think he saw for himself our motto: At Riverview, though we are few, just watch what we can do!

TERRY FOX National School Run Day in Port-Cartier

by Debbie Laurie



For the eighth consecutive year, staff and students of Riverview School teamed up with those of St-Alexandre and Mère d'Youville to participate in a nationwide event. We met on scenic McCormick Island where we danced, walked, and wrote messages of hope in chalk on the pavement. Two lucky teachers even won \$50 gift certificates from Ameublements Tanguay!

This year's fundraising efforts resulted in a collective total of \$9 500 which, in turn, means we reached a historic milestone.

Since 1980, the community of Port-Cartier, including Riverview School every year, has raised \$105 000 for cancer research in Terry's name.

Terry said, "I want to set an example that will never be forgotten." It hasn't been, Terry, and the Marathon of Hope is alive and well in this little community!



One More Ray of Sunshine

by Kim Cox, Rosemary Feger and Sonia McNally



Queen Elizabeth High School's Welcome Back activity day was held at the Scout Camp located near the Moisie River.

The sun was beaming and so were the happy faces of students - ready to tackle another year.

Relay races and a scavenger hunt stimulated appetites. So, by lunch time, hotdogs, corn on the cob, and chocolate ice cream bars were satisfactory rewards appreciated by both students and teachers alike.

This was a great way to initiate the beginning of the 2012-2013 school year.

Happy Days are here again!

Fred Fox Fascinates the Flock

by Kim Cox, Rosemary Feger and Sonia McNally

Ok, so we piggy-backed on Riverview, but we at Queen Elizabeth High School have also relentlessly fund-raised over the years for the Terry Fox Run; maybe not 35 years, but we're in the double digits!

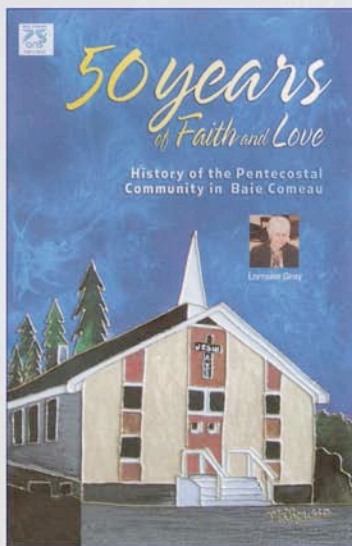
We were honoured that Mr. Fred Fox, Terry's older brother, offered to come to Sept-Îles to visit our students and thank them for their continued commitment in supporting the campaign for cancer research.

His power-point presentation which profiled personal stories about Terry and his mission delivered an inspirational message to our students about hope and perseverance.

The **Marathon of Hope** continues; we'll be cycling and walking on the 28th of September to mark another anniversary.



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Sept-Iles

All services commence at 10:30a.m.



- Nov. 4: Anglican Service
- Nov. 11: United Church Service
- Nov. 18: Anglican Service
- Nov. 25: United Church Service
- Dec. 2: Anglican Service
- Dec. 9: United Church Service
- Dec. 16: Anglican Service

Sainte Famille Catholic Church

15 Comeau, Sept-Iles

English Catholic services are held every Saturday commencing at 5pm. A bilingual bulletin which indicates upcoming special services/events is available at the church

Church of St. Andrew & St. George

34, av. Carleton, Baie-Comeau

All services commence at 11a.m.



- Nov. 11: Holy Communion and Remembrance Day Tribute
- Dec. 2: 2p.m.: 75th Anniversary services with celebrant Bishop Dennis Drainville. Reception to follow. Holy Communion
- Dec 22: Service of Lessons and Carols at 5p.m. Community Potluck Supper and Sing-Song at 6p.m.

Information:

Canon Stephen Kohner (418-295-3431)
stephen.kohner@cgocable.ca

Information, Referral and Accompaniment Services in English at Hotel-Dieu de Lévis

Do you know anyone in your community who needs to travel to Hotel-Dieu de Lévis for a medical appointment or treatment?

If you answered "YES", you will be pleased to know that, as part of a pilot project with Agence de la santé et services sociaux de Chaudière-Appalaches, MCDC (The Megantic English-speaking Community Development Corporation) has a part-time Information Agent located at Hotel-Dieu de Lévis who will be happy to assist members of the English-speaking community navigate the predominantly French and sometimes intricate labyrinth that can be Hotel-Dieu de Lévis. Her name is Maureen Small. Whether people are arriving by car, bus, train or airplane, she will facilitate getting them from one location to another worry free. She will accompany them to the specific medical unit in the hospital where they need to go and serve as interpreter if needed.

The MCDC Hotel-Dieu office is open on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:00am – 1:00 p.m. Maureen is awaiting your call and can be reached by phone or e-mail:

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Introducing the NSCA Board of Directors



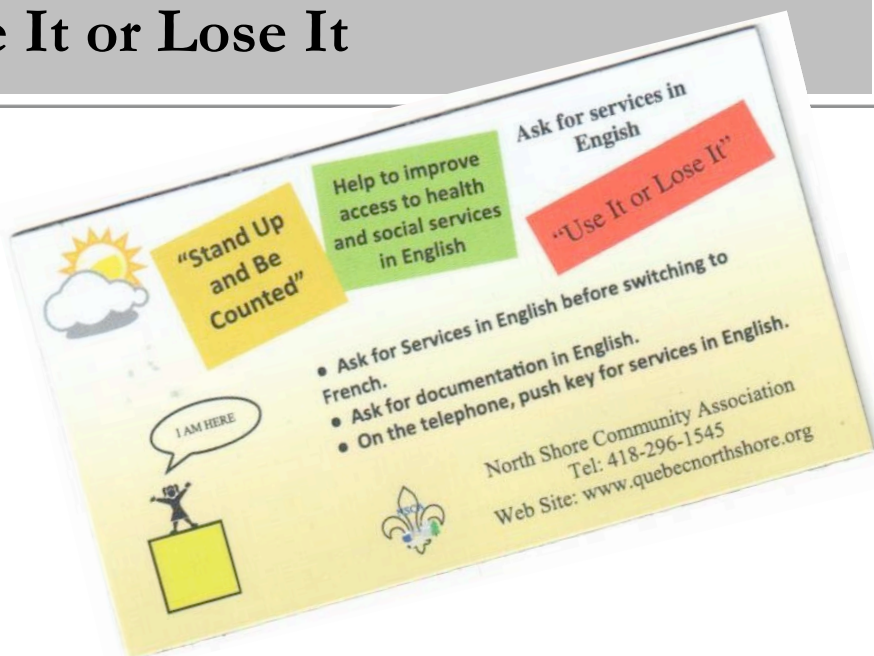
Front Row (L to R): Cathy Larivière (Secretary), David Butland (Treasurer), Debbie Laurie (Chair), Naomi Rowsell (Youth Director)
 Back Row (L to R): Maxime Côté (Director), Mary Ellen Beaulieu (Director), Matthew Durepos (Youth Director), William Larivière (Vice-Chair)
 Absent: Narendra Parihar; Heather Boyle

Stand Up and Be Counted! Use It or Lose It

In an effort to increase the visibility of the English-speaking communities and with that, an increase of health and social services in English, the North Shore Community Association is launching a “Stand Up and Be Counted” and “Use it Or Lose It” campaign.

It is hoped that all the English-speaking bilingual population will begin asking for services in English before they switch to French. Not only will this help increase services, but it will help maintain those English services already in place.

Pamphlets and fridge magnets are being distributed to help remind people to ask for services in English and to use those English services already in place.



Welcome Lunch and Activity Afternoon at BCHS

by Stephen Kohner



Thanks to the active participation of the BCHS Home & School Association, students, parents and staff, the “Welcome Back to School” activity on Friday afternoon of September 12th was a roaring success. Corn, hot dogs, and physical activity were the order the the day!

50+ Club of Baie-Comeau Fall Activities

By Michelle Petit

This past September, the 50 plus club of Baie-Comeau along with some community members Members of Baie-Comeau’s 50+ Club were treated to a luncheon hosted by the NSCA in their honour this past September. A few weeks earlier, they had received the Marc Deslauriers Out Standing Community Involvement Award for their hard work in volunteering their time and energy with the students and staff of Baie Comeau High School to complete the “In Search of Yesterday” project.

The town of Baie-Comeau hosted 5 cruise boats this fall. The NSCA was very proud to partner with the Ville de Baie-Comeau to showcase the “In Search of Yesterday” project so those visiting our town could read the wonderful history of this city. Our gratitude goes out to all the community members who volunteered their time and energy during these days. Without your knowledge of the city and the wonderful stories it would not have been the same.

Our thanks go out to Jean-Ellen Guy, Walter Bisson, Allan Beaulieu, Gladys Claes, Denise Laroque, Donald Goodfellow, Dave MacRae, and Lorraine & James Gray. We appreciate your continued efforts in making this heritage project known thought out our town!



Get involved

Photos from the AGM

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NSCA Mission:

The North Shore Community Association is a non-profit regional organization dedicated to serving, representing, and instilling pride in the English-speaking community of Quebec's North Shore. Our aim is to empower residents and to strengthen the community across the region by working to make information and resources available, by facilitating community initiatives, by encouraging and improving communication, by promoting access to services, by developing partnerships and by increasing the visibility of the English-speaking community. Together, we are building a vital, informed, and strong community.

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