



News from Margaret Douek, Executive Director

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BATSHAW YOUTH AND FAMILY CENTRES



HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

Margaret Douek, Executive Director

We have just gone through a year full of activities, achievements and challenges. I will look forward to meeting with you in early fall to review our accomplishments and plan for the coming year.

I want to take this opportunity to wish all of you a wonderful summer!

FREE APPLIANCES FOR FAMILIES AND YOUTH!

Kim Kurtz, Volunteer Services, ED's Office

At last, families in need of a fridge or stove have help. Corbeil Appliances, in partnership with Groupe CDP and Québec youth centres, have launched a program to help disadvantaged families and youth by providing them with second-hand stoves, refrigerators, washers and dryers. Corbeil Appliances will deliver the appliances directly to recipient families.

The initiative will provide welcome relief for both workers and needy families. The long-standing problem of finding appliances for families and young people in need has been a challenging one for workers. But not only finding one in good working order, but also arranging to have the appliance moved. Corbeil Appliances has generously offered to help solve the problem. They will pick up used appliances from the general public, check them and deliver them free of charge to the homes of young people and families in need. If you would like to donate your used appliances please call 1-877-660-7521.

Effective immediately, the appliance program will be accessible to all Batshaw workers. The process is simple. For example, if a worker requires a stove for a family, they would simply send an e-mail to Kim Kurtz with the name, full address and phone number of the family, as well as the name of the worker and their telephone number, indicating in this case that the family requires a stove. The request will be verified and forwarded to Corbeil Appliances who will deliver it directly to the address.

So should you have a family or a youth in need of a stove, refrigerator, washer or dryer, contact Kim Kurtz with your request. Thank you Corbeil Appliances for making a difference!

UPDATE ON INFLUENZA A (H1N1)

Violence Prevention, Health and Safety Services

On June 11th, the World Health Organization (WHO) increased the alert level from 5 to 6, confirming that it is now a pandemic. This decision had been expected by Public Health authorities and organizations of the health and social services network who stood ready.

While cases reported in our region are mild and under control, we remind you that simple hygiene measures effectively reduce infection transmission and the spreading of the virus. These include washing hands regularly, coughing and sneezing in the bend of the elbow. For any question about your health, call *Info-Santé* (8-1-1) and visit the Web site www.pandemiequebec.gouv.qc.ca regularly to keep abreast of the situation.

The WHO is leading the situation, issuing directives and updates around the world under a TOP – DOWN model. In Québec, the MSSS is leading the dossier. It supervises all activities and makes all the decisions targeting the prevention of the virus spreading among the public. As an organization of the network, we must comply with all the guidelines provided to us, and we are not authorized to take any initiative in this file.

The BMC continues to be regularly briefed on the situation and will inform you of any new developments that might have an impact on your work.

12th ANNUAL BATSHAW POW WOW – “HONOURING OUR YOUTH”

Nathalie Dumontier, Pow wow Organizing Committee

Sunday, June 21st, the 12th Annual Pow wow will take place at the Prévost campus in collaboration with the people of Kahnawake. We will have dancers, singers (Donna Jacobs from Kahnawake), drums (host drum Bull Rock singers as well as the Odaya women's drum group), refreshments (BBQ), traditional meals (roasted beaver, bear, moose, caribou, wild goose, sturgeon, lake trout and bannock bread), special feature events such as the “walking out” ceremony for Cree Nation toddlers will be performed, all for your sensory enjoyment. Crafts will be showcased and some will be for sale.

Representatives of the Mohawk, Cree, Inuit, and Innu Nations will be entertaining, educating and sharing their culture with us. We will also have the opportunity to give recognition to the First Nation Veterans, Peacekeepers and rangers as well as all CAF will also be honored in a ceremony during the day's events. We will host special guests from the Kahnawake, Morin Heights and St-Jérôme Legions, as well as members of the 2nd Canadian Ranger Patrol Group many of whom are native. The commanding officers of the 2nd Ranger patrol will take part in the day's festivities. This event also allows the surrounding community to partake in the day's activities.

Admission and parking are free. We count on seeing you there, **Sunday, June 21st, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Prévost campus.** You can reserve a seat on the bus (with Merv at the Prévost reception #6800) leaving from Atwater at 9:30 a.m. For more information, contact Scott Nicholls # 2239, Andy Simon # 2269 or Nathalie Dumontier # 2232.

MDC PROFESSIONAL DAY

Virginia Kerr, Educator, Family Preservation, DCFS

The MDC Annual Professional Day will be held on Friday, November 13th. The Organizing Committee is looking for presentations and, following the success of last year's events hopes to continue the trend of providing a day filled with motivation and inspiring ideas covering all aspects of our work, both in the workplace and in the community. Topics relevant to our work with youth, families and the community will be considered and the formats may include workshops, interactive exercises and panel discussions. All topics will be considered. Presenters are asked to submit the form that will be made available through the MDC intranet link and email. In the meantime, you may state your intention to present and your specific topic by email to Gina Carvalho or Virginia Kerr. We are looking forward to hearing from you.

HUMAN RESOURCES PLANNING IS NOW GREEN!

In an effort to enhance our recruitment efforts, make information easily accessible to potential applicants and reduce paper waste, Human Resources Planning will be changing its reception and management of resumes. Effective mid-June we will no longer accept *paper* resumes from external applicants. In order to facilitate employees' applications to job postings, employees can already apply online via a centralized database system called **CVManager**. This system will allow employees to apply to job postings via the intranet, and allow external applicants to submit their resumes via www.batshaw.qc.ca. Simply follow the instructions and complete the fields required and you're done. **CVManager** is a confidential, paperless information system.

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