



## Cheering on the Montréal Impact!



"On Sunday, October 25, nearly 300 ticket holders with Girl Guides, their families and friends attended the last game of the Impact soccer season of the regular season, and it was a hit! We had 30 girls in the Honour Row, standing proudly on the field, and displayed on the big screen before the start of the game. Then, we were treated to Didier Drogba's awesome soccer skills, in a thrilling game that ended 2-1 for Montreal. For those who attended, don't forget to share your pictures of you wearing your Guiding gear in the stands! They can be sent to [pr.rp@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:pr.rp@guidesquebec.ca)

-Shannon Jackson and Diane Oki, Provincial PR Advisers (Photos by Barth Gillan)

Missed the game? Take a look at the [photo album here!](#)



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### Highlights:

- [New Bring-A-Friend crests revealed!](#)
- [Come to Symposium in January!](#)
- [Calling all Planners and Dreamers](#)
- And much more!

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# Message from the PC

It's November! Is it time to take a breath yet?

There was back to school, back to Guiding, up to Fall Day Camp, back for some Impact, and all the local fun and games and getting-to-know-yous in between. Commissioners and new Guiders all gathered to kick off their seasons. A Youth Council is coming together to be the link between our strong young leaders and our Council action. Evening trainings are going on these days in three communities, and very soon we'll be celebrating our award-earning young members, Hollywood style!

And have you heard there's a brand new crest to congratulate girls (and Guiders) who bring their friends to be part of Guiding! Celebrate #GFF! Whooooo? Maybe you?!

For all this to happen, thanks are due – all around! We accomplish all of these events and happenings as teams, offering our skills, support and enthusiasm, promoting to parents, accounting for cookies, and Oh, the e-MAILS! Our staff works miracles on a daily basis, and your District Commissioners royally deserve all those virtual tiaras!



Take that breath, and take in just what we have accomplished together! Guiding in Québec is awesome!

SO – what's ahead?

**Sparks 'A Camping WEE Will Go'** day November 28 -it's FULL!

**Symposium – Rise & Shine #ensemble** January 16 in St Lambert -registration opens soon!

**Guide Winter Camp** January 29-31, 2016

**Pathfinder Carnaval Adventure in Québec City** February 5-7, 2016

And watch for the **Provincial Brownie Day** event on Thinking Day weekend!

Is this exciting or what? No wonder one night is never enough!

Are you inspired? Would you like to be behind the wheel for some of the fun? Or at least part of the team?

There are so many ways that you can become involved in events and plans. The Piccolo is our welcome portal – when you see your opportunity, contact the link to have your say, or to take part.

Do you want to join in and think BIG? Check out the details and let's get together for [Planners and Dreamers](#) night in Lachine, **Monday, November 23rd**.

And if you have ideas or goals and aren't sure how to see them happen, or where you might fit....

Contact me. Let's talk.



Valerie Zaloum, Provincial Commissioner | [pc.cp@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:pc.cp@guidesquebec.ca)

# Pathfinder Carnaval Adventure



- What:** Experience Carnaval in Québec City with other Pathfinder Units  
Individual groups will experience Carnaval as they wish during the day Saturday and Saturday evening. Visit the [Carnaval web site](#) for information on what is offered.
- When:** Friday, February 5, approx. 6:00 p.m. to Sunday, February approx. 7:30 p.m. Bus stops will be determined after groups have registered (likely West Island, West Montréal, South Shore). Group accommodation will be Holy Trinity Cathedral, downtown Québec City.
- Who:** Open to all Pathfinders in Québec. Guiders must accompany their girls.
- Cost:** \$175.00 which includes transportation (coach bus), sleeping accommodation, meals and snacks, Carnaval “effigy” (admission to Carnaval activities), visit to the Ice Hotel, *Cabane à Sucre* supper on the way home and all taxes.
- Forms:** SG.1 and SG.2 are available (in English and French) on the [forms page](#) of the Québec website, Guiders must complete the unit registration form to register their girls.

The maximum number of participants is 48 and will be on a first-come-first-served basis. There is a possibility of including Rangers, but priority will be given to Pathfinders.

**TO REGISTER:** Complete the [Unit Registration Form](#) and e-mail it to [camping@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:camping@guidesquebec.ca), subject **Pathfinders QC** by December 18, 2015. A deposit of \$100 per person is due upon registration. Unit payment either by credit card or Unit cheque (within 5 days) made out to: **GGC Quebec Council**. Balance due before departure. Any questions can be forwarded to [camping@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:camping@guidesquebec.ca)

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THE place to be January 16<sup>th</sup>!

# RISE & SHINE

#ensemble

Share a day of CHALLENGE!

Champlain College- January 16th, 2016

*The tough kind, the inspiring kind, and the kind that make us grow as people.*

There will be opportunities to **RISE** to a challenge, put yourself to the test, and reach beyond your comfort zone!

There will be challenges to share with the girls – Québec and Canadian program challenges, right up to great Global Guiding experiences. Exchange ideas, and share inspiration that will enhance your personal Guiding experience: it's a time to **SHINE!**

Together (*#ensemble*) we will explore some of the challenges that we face as an organization, and as volunteers in that organization, as we do our best to meet the needs of a changing world.

*Watch for details in an e-Blast, first week of December!*

## New Crests Available for Pre-Order!



We're so pleased to debut the new Bring-A-Friend crests, designed by Québec member **Laura Jackson**! Girls who bring a friend to GGC will receive the centre green owl (left) as a thank you gift, once her friend registers. Find the [order form here!](#)

Girls can also establish their own parliament of owls with the violet and turquoise companion owls (below), [available for sale!](#) Units can reward girls for local activities with companion owls. Collect as many as you like! (The province has created two order forms as the crests for bringing a friend are subsidized by the province.)

Adult members are able to order the crests for their own activities using the [regular ordering form](#) with payment. Consider thanking the woman who introduced you to Guiding! Let us know:

### Whooooooo brought you???



An open invitation to all interested members to come to:

# PLANNERS & DREAMERS NIGHT

Monday November 23, 7- 9 pm, Summerlea Church, 2nd floor  
**225 50e Avenue, Lachine**

Our overall provincial action plan is looking to the future, with your input and perspective. We also want your ideas on other projects, and feedback on some of the Dream 2017 possibilities (Canada's 150th, Montreal's 375th) This brainstorming event will not be complete without YOU!



CANADA 150  
1867-2017

Coffee & tea will be served, bring a stimulating snack to share!

Please RSVP to [communications@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:communications@guidesquebec.ca)



- Looking for something to do with all your leftover Halloween candy? Try the [Candy Chemistry Meeting-in-a-Box](#) that recently went up on the website. [Click](#) here to see how units in Argenteuil tried it out for their Halloween meeting!

Take a look at program resources available on the national website for these upcoming special days:

- [National Bullying Awareness Week](#) (November 15 – 22, 2015) try the [Girls United](#) Challenge!



- [16 Days of Action to Eliminate Violence Against Women Campaign](#) (November 25 to December 10, 2015) there is a crest available!
- [International Day of Persons with Disabilities](#) (December 3). Discuss accessibility for all during IDPD, find the [Instant Meeting](#) here.



*Design the Camp Village Crests for GM 2016!*

This contest is open to all Pathfinders and Rangers - Design the camp village crests for GM2016. Deadline: November 29. [Contest details and template](#)

## THE OWLSTRONAUT CRESTS HAVE LANDED!

No time like the present to do the [Tech & Nature challenge](#)!  
[Order your challenge crests now.](#)



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# Our Guiding Family

*Be Inspired!*

Brittany Batten and Claire Morier

District Commissioners  
POINTE-CLAIRE DISTRICT



It is not enough to acknowledge that Pointe-Claire District is one big family; you have to celebrate how they continue to make Guiding a great experience.

For Claire Morier and Brittany Batten, it all began when they took on the roles of Commissioner for Pointe-Claire District! Through mutual respect, self-knowledge and innovative ideas, these ladies share a common interest coupled with an openness to be creative, flexible and listen.

**Their go-to resource:**

As a teacher, Guider and Co-Commissioner, much of Brittany’s inspiration comes from her peers. Within Guiding, she incorporates a lot of the girls’ interests in meeting activities. Both agree that their main go-to resources are other experienced Guiders. Claire admitted spending too much time online and, like most of us, Brittany loves Pinterest!

**A Eureka moment as District Commissioner:**

Leading their first district meeting, Claire realized the magnitude of their responsibilities and felt that providing direction, order and the right motivation was intimidating but also an opportunity to communicate great Guiding. She was relieved by attending District Commissioner meetings and listening to more experienced DCs.

**The biggest undertaking as District Commissioners:**

“Implementing some new district events and initiatives as well as straying from what we have always done.”

**TOP TIP**

It was mutual: “LISTEN”. It is important to be creative, be flexible and delegate. There are so many good ideas out there and often from unexpected places.

**Your Guiding Mantra:**

Brittany: “It’s okay to take chances, make mistakes, and get messy!” – Miss Frizzle

“As long as the girls are having fun,” is something Claire

finds herself repeating quite often. Even if all your careful planning went out the window five minutes into the meeting, if the girls are engaged in doing something meaningful, in the end, it doesn’t matter whether everything went according to plan.

**Guiding in action:**

Pointe-Claire’s celebratory moments: the Great Canadian Shoreline Clean up was a big success as well as a recent [Fall Carnival](#) hosted by the Pathfinders. They are also looking forward to hosting the upcoming Girl Awards Recognition Ceremony taking place November 22, 2015. Pointe-Claire is proud to have two of their own girls recognized for earning the Canada Cord and one being recognized for receiving the Fortitude Award. Congratulations!

**Now is a good time to:**

Try new things. Communities are changing and it’s important that Girl Guides reflects that. Modifying our program and activities while still staying true to Guiding – can be done!

**Share your inner star**

When these two ladies come together, they bring out something new in each other. Thank you ladies for sharing your inner stars!

*This interview has been condensed, to read the full version, check the [Québec blog!](#)*

Pointe-Claire’s Pathfinders and Rangers have also been working hard in organizing wonderful fundraising events for GM 2016. Watch for their upcoming fundraiser at Chapters in Pointe-Claire on November 18 at 5 pm.



# From the Property Committee

## CAMP WA-THIK-ANE 90th ANNIVERSARY BIRTHDAY BASH AUGUST 2016



### JOIN THE PLANNING TEAM

The Property Committee Is looking for members who would like to be part of the planning team for Camp Wa-Thik-Ane's 90th Anniversary Birthday Bash. If you are interested, please send your name and ideas to [iacbouchette@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:iacbouchette@guidesquebec.ca) by December 2, 2015.

### Changes to Wa-Thik-Ane Rates and process

The Wa-Thik-Ane Property Committee has been looking at the rates for site and Staver rentals, as well as the reservation process. This arose from problems that became apparent this past winter and spring. The "first-in-first-choice" system had some issues. We also had some serious loss of revenues due to sites being reserved and then either released later in the spring or far fewer campers than anticipated.

We are endeavoring to make the process more fair and to increase the number of campers, especially on popular weekends.

If you are considering a camp in the spring, you may want to poll your girls before the holidays to ascertain level of interest – "probably will or probably won't" will give you more solid numbers when you are choosing your sites.

Full details will be in the December *Piccolo*.





## Why should I take training? How can training improve my Guiding experience?

It is no secret that the more comfortable we are in a situation, the easier it is for us to enjoy the task and carry it out with confidence and ease. Training is the key to becoming more comfortable. Sessions are designed to increase Guiding knowledge and give Guiders the tools they need to engage and enable the girls in our units. And beside all of this they are fun! Guiders get the opportunity to interact with other women who share their interests and their struggles, and training gives everyone the chance to learn from mutual experience.

Have you taken a training this year? It's not too late!

### Upcoming Training Opportunities in 2016:

**New Guider Training** – Date to be advised – Even if you have been an active unit Guider since September it is never too late to take the New Guider Training and benefit from the knowledge, tips and tricks of the experienced Trainers.



**Symposium** – January 16, 2016 – A whole range of trainings are being planned. More information will follow in the December Piccolo.

The Training Committee looks forward to seeing you at an upcoming event!

## It's not too late to get in with Provincial Training Week

Following up on last year's success the Provincial Training Committee is happy to offer four exciting evening trainings to all Guiders in Québec. Mark your calendars and join us at one or all of these wonderful events.

### How to Register:

- Guiders from the hosting district, please register with your own District Commissioner.
- Guiders from the rest of the province: Please send an e-mail which includes the training you wish to attend, your name, iMIS number (no exceptions), district, branch and phone number to: [training.formation@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:training.formation@guidesquebec.ca)

#### Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>

##### Guiding the Big Picture -Northern Lights District

What it all means – WAGGGS, Where does my unit fit in, how do we share the connection with our girls, our sisterhood as a retention tool.

**Location and Time:** Rosemere Community Center, 202 Chemin de la Grande-Côte, Rosemere J7A 1H4. 6:30 – 8:30 PM

#### Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>

##### Leader Development- Monklands District

Conflict resolution, team building, interpersonal skills and communication.

**Location and Time:** Wesley United Church 5964 NDG Ave. (in the basement of the church). 6:30 – 8:30 PM

#### Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>

##### Girl Engagement -Riverview District

Fun and creative ideas for engaging our girls in all branches and enabling them to create their own Guiding experience. **Location**

**and Time:** Centre Claude-Hébert (Salon St. Marc) 59, chemin Haendel, Candiac, J5R 1R7 6:30pm-8:30 PM



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## Québec Cookie Ribbons



Don't forget to recognize your girls' cookie-selling efforts with the Québec Cookie Ribbons! They can be ordered at any time. Simply download the [order form](#), fill it out and send it to: [cookies.biscuits@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:cookies.biscuits@guidesquebec.ca)

Remember to keep track of the cookies your girls are selling, you will need to know this when the Cookie All Stars site opens in 2016.

## Cookie selling across the province!



First-year Guide Vanessa sold cookies outside her home! She even had program books on the table to share what Guiding is all about!

Photo by Rachel Bachman

Northern Lights girls put their cookie booth to the test in the Rosemère Mall during Cookie Day! It looks like it was a success!

Photo by Jo Povall



Don't forget to share your pictures with us! Send them to [cookies.biscuits@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:cookies.biscuits@guidesquebec.ca)

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# From the Camping Committee



## GUIDE PROVINCIAL WINTER CAMP 2016—There's still room for girls!

**January 29-31, 2016**

**Centre de Plein Air L'Estacade, Saint-Paul-de-l'Île-aux-Noix**

Registration forms for Guides [camping page](#) of Québec website.

Guiders, please encourage and help your girls to register!

Read the [eblast to families](#) here.

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# Trefoil Guild News



We presently have three active units, and at times are joined by four Trefoil Guiders from Eastern Ontario for our gatherings and sometimes lunches. We are twenty-five Trefoil Guiders in Québec. Our activities including the girls at a district level are: Thinking Day services, advancement ceremonies and baking with Pathfinders & 3<sup>rd</sup> Year guides, using chocolate mint cookies.

Other activities:

- Another booth was manned by us, for our Camp Site Wa-Thik-Ane
- The West Island Guild recently made over 200 bracelets in different colors for the different levels of Guiding. These were sold at the provincial camps and the proceeds were donated to Wa-Thik-Ane for its upkeep.
- The Cartier Guild attended tea with the Brownies & donated money to support a multilevel Group for Camp. Unfortunately, that Guild closed this year.
- The Cabana Guild, made bookmarks for patients to be distributed with Books at Lakeshore General Hospital.
- The Hummingbird Trefoil Guild organized 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Walk for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year and made favours for Meals on Wheels. One of our Guiders knits finger puppets for the Montreal Children's Haematology Clinic, which are given to the children after blood tests. A Movie Night as a group was a great success.
- We have also collected toiletry items and packaged them for a woman's shelter and collected hats, scarves and socks for youth on the street.

Hannelore Rene de Cotret, Provincial Trefoil Advisor | [trefoil.trefle@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:trefoil.trefle@guidesquebec.ca)

## Safe Guide News

**Safe Guide: our risk management program! Safety is the responsibility of all!**

The **2015** version of **Safe Guide** is now available on the national Safe Guide web page along with an explanation of changes (6 pages). **All Guiders** should read this document carefully. It will give you the highlights of the different changes with detailed explanations as you will need to refer to the 2015 version of Safe Guide when planning activities. **All previous versions are out of date.**

## Safe Guide Training

There will be a Safe Guide Training on Thursday November 19, 2015 at Dorval-Strathmore United Church in Dorval. Leaders interested in attending must register ASAP as the number of places are limited. Please contact Louise at:

[louise.triggs@oricom.ca](mailto:louise.triggs@oricom.ca)



Please check Safe Guide for any craft fair activity on Page 39 section— Food and Water.

Louise Triggs, Safe Guide Adviser | [sg.gs@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:sg.gs@guidesquebec.ca)

## Holiday Craft Fairs



## Red Cross First Aid Courses from Pulse Aide Inc.

Tailored to the needs of GGC as per Safe Guide July 2015



Complete details of First Aid Requirements for Safe Guide Activity Levels are found in the [Safe Guide document](#), **July 2015 update**, found on the Girl Guides of Canada national website. Please note that online e-learning courses are not acceptable. Also, in Quebec, Blended Learning courses (online courses with an in-person hands-on learning component) are not available from the Red Cross as there is no French counterpart to their national program.

Pages of interest in [Safe Guide 2015](#) relating to First Aid include, but are not limited to, pages 9 - 13 and 29 - 33.

**N.B. All First Aid Qualifications must be entered into iMIS before your Safe Guide Activity!**

### **Recertification Courses for Emergency and Standard First Aid (8 hours) – 2 dates and locations scheduled**

**Pre-requisite:** All Participants must have a current (not expired) Red Cross Certification at the time of the course, must bring their own First Aid & CPR Manual, 2011 edition, to the course, and must review all material before the course..

**8 hours – 3 year cert** 1. Sunday November 29, 2015 Kirkland  
**\$85 with Own manual** 2. Saturday January 9, 2016 Laval

**Full Emergency or Standard First Aid Course required** if you have no certification or one that has already expired.

**Upon completion, GGC–Quebec Council will reimburse 2/3 of the course cost for active Guiders**

For details and to register, or to book a course for your own District or Guiding community, please email Joan Lax at [pulseaideinc@gmail.com](mailto:pulseaideinc@gmail.com)

Joan Lax, First Aid Specialist, | [pulseaid@gmail.com](mailto:pulseaid@gmail.com)

## Treasurer's Trove

*For Unit and District Treasurers*

### **Signing Officers**

If you haven't updated them yet, please do so now. This must be done for all unit and district accounts every year. This must show in District minutes, although if there are no changes, you should not have to visit the bank.

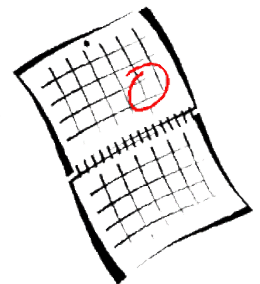


### **It's Budget Time!**

Please include it with your next District Minutes. It is a good idea for units to do a budget too, but not required.

### **Year-end**

Year-end is Dec 31, which is coming soon, so make sure your books are up to date before the Holiday rush! That will make it easier to wind things up for Dec 31, when they must be closed for review.



As always, if you have any Guiding financial questions, e-mail me at [finances-support@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:finances-support@guidesquebec.ca)

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# Pointe-Claire Fall Carnival

On Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015, the Pathfinders and Rangers of the Pointe-Claire district hosted a Halloween carnival in order to raise funds to go toward their Guiding Mosaic Trip in Sylvan Lake, Alberta this coming summer. The event was open to the entire community and appealed to people of all ages.



The girls planned and organized all the activities for the night including a Pie-the-

Pathfinder-in-the-face, tape the leader to the wall, a bean bag toss and so much more. The turnout was great and everything ran very smoothly. The girls worked extremely hard and all their efforts showed.



Congratulations girls and keep up the amazing work, you girls are doing great!

Our next big fundraiser will be a Holiday dinner in De-

cember. Watch for their upcoming fundraiser at Chapters in Pointe-Claire on November 18 at 5 pm. For more information on the event in December you may contact Margaret Marak ([M.Marak@live.ca](mailto:M.Marak@live.ca)).



## News from the office

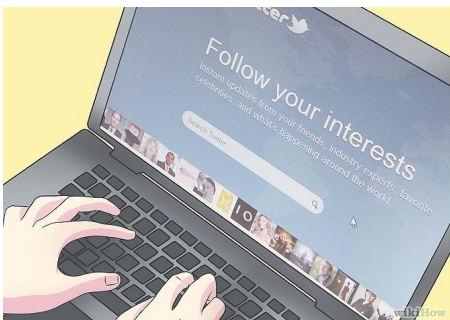
This time capsule was constructed by past member Andrée Sayer of Dorval, and contains the many memento items collected from members at our 2010 Rally Day event. It has come to stay in the Provincial Office. It won the Silver Medal at the 2007 Skills Canada Competition in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

As a girl, Andrée was a member of the Dorval Brownies and Guides. She studied Cabinetmaking and Furniture Finishing at Rosemont Technology in Montréal from 2005-2007 and was chosen to represent Québec at this National competition.

Skills Canada aims to encourage and promote skilled trades and technologies to youth across the country.



## Blog it out and put your SPIN on things!



The [Québec blog](#) is always looking for your stories! Let others know what's happening in your unit, a super activity you held or your top three tips for planning your Guiding year! Email [communications@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:communications@guidesquebec.ca) with your text and images, or get in touch with an idea! Remember, that blog might be the final touch to earn a [Québec Spin](#) for yourself or the girls in your Unit!

## Remembering our veterans for Remembrance Day



“At our meeting last week, the 1st Huntingdon Sparks and 1st Huntingdon Brownies worked together to create a beautiful fingerprint mosaic in the form of a dove. Today, I presented it to a representative of our local Legion.”

Heather Harper, Guider, HayesApple Valley District



Girls in Lennoxville honoured veterans by walking in the Lennoxville Remembrance Day Parade.



## *Celebrating a Spooky and Scary Halloween!*



Northern Lights Guides and Sparks held their Halloween parties with games and Halloween treats!

Photos by Anny Rail-Fink (from Northern Lights Facebook Group)



For their Halloween meeting, Secteur Argenteuil tested out the [Candy Meeting-In-A-Box](#) as part of working on their QC Tech & Nature Challenge!

Photos by Sara Ogilvie

This Guiding year is sure to bring some great photo moments! Email your snaps to [communications@guidesquebec.ca](mailto:communications@guidesquebec.ca) to fill these pages!



# GGC-QC 2015-2016 Event Calendar

DATE	EVENT
November 16-20	<a href="#">Guider Training Week</a>
November 22	<a href="#">Girl Recognition Event</a> , Pointe-Claire
November 23	<a href="#">Planners and Dreamers</a> evening
November 28	<a href="#">Provincial Spark Day</a> — A camping 'wee' will go!
December 15	Deadline for <a href="#">Winter Guide Camp</a> registrations
December 18	Deadline for <a href="#">Pathfinder Carnaval</a> Registrations
January 16	<a href="#">Guider Symposium</a> , Champlain College, St Lambert
January 29-31	<a href="#">Winter Guide Camp Weekend</a>
February 5-7	<a href="#">Pathfinder Carnaval</a> Adventure in Québec City
February 22	World Thinking Day
April 30	Festi-Guides, Lachine
May 5	GGC-QC Annual General Meeting
May 7	Camp Opening Weekend

## Back Check Note!

When you received your copy of your PRC from Back Check the office does not keep a copy of it. You must retain that file for your records.

Need to contact an Adviser? Download an updated contact list of the Québec Council and Advisers [here!](#)