

## Community Connections...they need our help!

For those of you who enjoy having an **Anglo** paper in our area, please read on. We are lucky to have had a group of people whom decided to put forward an idea for a local English publication. They call it the "*Community Connections*".

This bi-monthly document contains information about cooking, local churches, schools as well as other local issues submitted through local authors. We also have commentaries concerning police programs, political insight, upcoming events as well as results of past activities just to name a few.

It has helped communities around **Two Mountains** display their willingness to share information on issues using the "*Community Connections*", none more clearly than the participation of **Kanasatake** who opens its arms to local surroundings with their unique culture.

This being said, you should know that I recently discovered that this is a NON PROFIT organization, which has been running solely on a *slim* Quebec Government funding budget to "*sustain the English language*". This budget which was already paper thin has been cut significantly and has managed to jeopardize "*Community Connections*" existence.

Two Mountains Mayor Marc Lauzon has also assisted to the maximum of his capacities in order to sponsor "*Community Connections*".

We have seen its evolution, from low grade quality paper in black and white to its now high quality color production. From only a couple of sponsors to a larger market, yet still not enough to continue. High cost of paper, printing etc are creating a probability of a short life. To achieve an increase in popularity and desire for sponsors, improvements must be made.

During a discussion with the key people of the "*Community Connections*", I asked why there were not more articles concerning specific issues in all of the served communities and was advised that there are **NO** reporters. All of the content comes from individuals whom devote their time in hope to assist the existence of this publication with no compensation.

I for one enjoy the fact we still have a small Anglo paper, so I am making a request to all who have read the "*Community Connections*" and even those who think it could use some extra input, to come up with a solution.

I assume that there are a few possibilities. **Privatization** of the publication with someone purchasing and operating it. **Donations** could help with the continuation for some time. I'm sure there are others out there who wish that this publication continue so put on your thinking cap and come up with a few suggestions.

The "*Community Connections*" has been operating on the sheer will of its team, whom have devoted uncountable hours, days, weeks and months to bring us local news with zero compensation. Now its our time to help them out.

Let it be known that this request is only from me to you and has not been sanctioned by the "*Community Connections*" but I felt it was our time to show how much I for one appreciate their efforts.

Should you have suggestions, please forward them to me and it would be my pleasure to insure they be in turn forwarded to the "*Community Connections*" team.

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