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Millie Boudreau, from Heroes' Memorial, to compete with international students in Montreal

La Diteé PGL from La Fondation Paul Gérin-lajoie is a project involving francophone countries from around the world. Sylvie Turmel was the teacher who organized the project at the school level. Students collected money over a month-long period. Over \$900 was raised. Half of the money stays at Heroes' Memorial School for any educational project or materials that the school chooses and the other half goes to fund educational projects in needy francophone countries.

Another part of the project was to compete in a contest where a dicteé was given and the student with the fewest errors was declared the winner. Millie Boudreau finished in first place from Heroes' Memorial, and she has been invited to participate at La Grande Finale Internationale in Montreal on May 21. She will represent a student in the français langue seconde section. She will compete with students from francophone countries around the world. It will be an exciting adventure. Imagine what contacts she will be able to make with people from around the world!



Congratulations go out to Millie!

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Galt Drama tackles spy spoof



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The entire Galt cast of "Get Smart".

Appearing in costume are (l. to r.): **Junia Goddard** as Betsy Wong, **Meagan Murphy** as Mary Wong, and **Kevin Parnell** as Johnny Wong.

Victoria Vanier

Alexander Galt High School's Drama department is putting on a popular comedy for their spring play: *Get Smart*. The play is based on the first two episodes of the original television show, created by Mel Brooks and Buck Henry in the 1960's. Besides Agent 86 and Agent 99, the play also includes such memorable characters as Mr. Big (Mrs. Big in the case of the Galt play) and the Wong triplets.

"We had auditions in December and the students had to know their lines by February," said the play's director, Drama teacher

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Olivia Louise Grenier. The students, there are twenty-two of them in the play, have been rehearsing almost every Saturday since January. "They're in the final stretch now and we have all the costumes. The students are doing very well," said Ms. Grenier.

There will be three public performances: Thursday, April 27th, Friday, April 28th and Saturday, April 29th, all beginning at 8:00 pm. Tickets can be bought at the door or reserved ahead of time by calling Ms. Rousseau at the school at 819 563-0770, extension 22056. The actors will also perform the play for elementary students from schools in the region.

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Banner Season for Bantam Piper Hockey Team

Bob Fisk,
Special collaboration

The Alexander Galt Bantam hockey team captivated a memorable season by coming from behind to win the RSEQ play off championship over College Mont St. Anne.

After losing game one in the best two out of three final 4-1, the Pipers rallied in game two on the road by defeating the Marquis 6-5 when Dawson Coates scored his second goal of the game with 24 seconds remaining. Veteran center Nick Bradley recorded a hat rick in the contest while Captain Jeremy Tremblay scored the other. Dave St. Laurent recorded the win by stopping 30 of 35 shots directed his way.

Tremblay who was the top scorer in the league got the Pipers rolling in game three when he took a feed from Louis Charles Trepanier on the left side and beat the defender wide and the Marquis net minder with a nice deke. Mont St. Anne scored two goals in the second period, but the veteran Tremblay wired a shot top corner

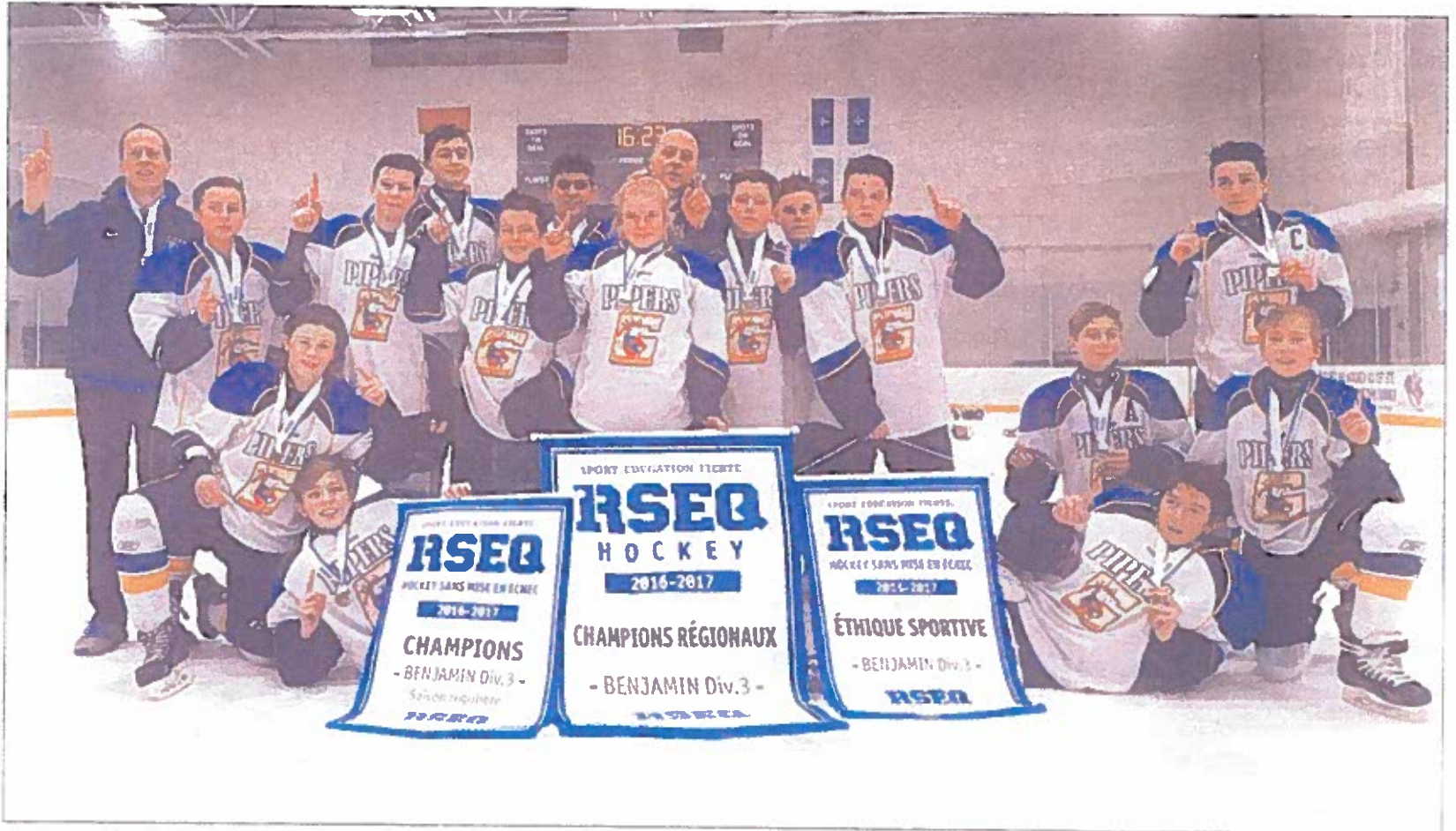


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Galt's bantam boys hockey team has captured the RSEQ Championship.

from the slot with 54 seconds remaining to even the score at two.

A determined Tremblay took another pass from Trepanier in the neutral zone four minutes into

the third period and beat another defender before deking the goalie with a nifty move. Tremblay continued to dominate when scored his fourth goal of the game on a wrist shot

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from the high slot with 6:32 remaining to give the blue, white and gold a 4-2 lead.

The Marquis did not quit as they scored a power play goal with 3:36 remaining in the game to narrow the score to 4-3. With their goalie pulled the Marquis bombarded the Piper net with shot after shot, but goaltender Christian Hartley made

several incredible saves down the stretch to preserve the championship for Galt. Hartley was sensational in the contest as he kicked aside 34 of 36 shots.

The Pipers had a bye in the quarterfinals because they finished first in the regular season with a 15-3-1 record. They swept Seminaire de Sherbrooke in the semi-finals by winning 5-1 and 4-3.

The Pipers also earned the Ethics banner for being nominated as the most sportsmanlike team in the league.

The Bantam hockey team will hold its tryout camp for next year on Friday, May 19 at Bishop's University at 9:30. For boys and girls aged 12 and 13 years old. For more information contact Robbie Fisk at fiskr@edu.etsb.qc.ca.

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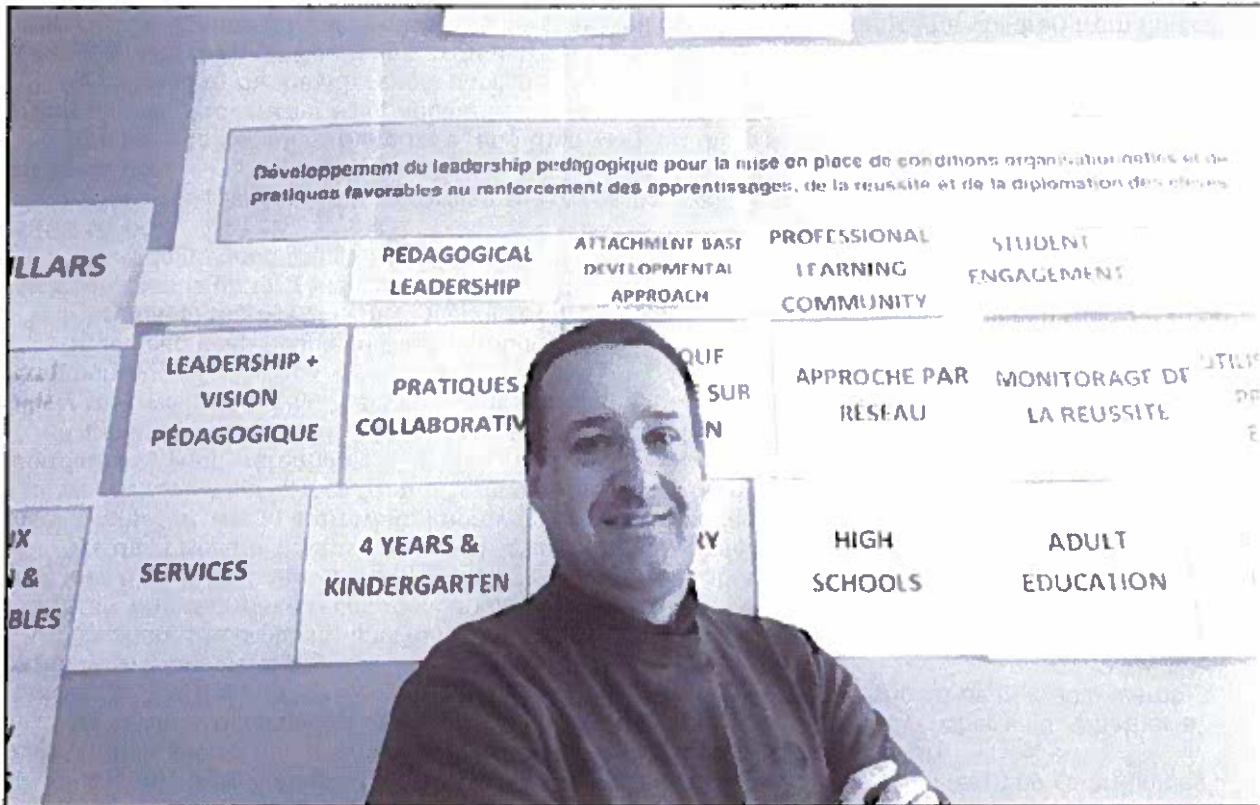
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Provencher's report card after first year at ETSB

Christian Provencher joined the Eastern Townships School Board (ETSB) as Director General at an interesting time.



MATTHEW MCCULLY

At one of his first council of commissioner meetings, Provencher himself said, "You have to be a little bit crazy to be working in education today."

There had been a revolving door of Education Ministers, consecutive years of budget cuts, and a contentious education reform bill still on the table in the National Assembly, calling into question the relevance of school boards. The dust was just beginning to settle after an intense year of collective agreement negotiations among teachers and support staff across the province.

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Even so, he accepted the position of pedagogical leader of the ETSB, aware of the challenges ahead.

A year later, The Record sat down with Provencher to discuss what he has learned about the ETSB and what his vision is for the educational future of Townships students.

"I asked a lot of questions, and I got a lot of answers," Provencher said, in his first months with the board.

His first task was to visit all of the schools and centres in the ETSB to connect with staff and students.

While the primary mandate of a school, French or English, is to educate, Provencher said there were a number of differences compared to what he had seen as DG of Commission Scolaire Des Sommets.

"It was very interesting and stimulating to see what we are doing in our schools."

Most remarkable, according to Provencher, was the bilingual environment, and the commitment to graduate students, whether from a French or English background, with a mastery in both languages.

He also appreciated the ETSB'S philosophy of inclusion of all students, rather than integration.

"I find it works really well. That doesn't exist in all boards."

Provencher noticed that what ETSB schools accomplish far exceeds what staff could manage on their own thanks to parent involvement.

"Staff would never be able to do some of those things," he said, recognizing the important role parents play in ETSB schools, keeping the success of students at heart.

Community Learning Centres are also a phenomenon unique to the English sector, Provencher said.

Provencher also remarked that the majority of ETSB elementary schools were originally high schools, many with full gymnasiums and cafeterias and larger classrooms, considering it an advantage to young students to have extra space.

"In the Townships, people have access to a service that is not available in other places," Provencher said, explaining the lone English board in the region should be a source of pride.

In terms of a management style, Provencher rejects a top-down approach.

In the fall, he kicked off the new school year introducing the 'professional learning communities', collaborative model and a simple, all encompassing philosophy: We are ETSB.

"We're all responsible for our students, regardless of what we do," Provencher said. Whether a teacher, a board administrator or a janitor, the mindset across all staff should be geared towards student success, he explained.

"We share the problem, and we share the solution," Provencher went on, explaining that teachers and staff who can make recommendations and work together would be more likely to make positive changes than if changes were imposed without an explanation.

"We don't need big steps," Provencher commented, preferring continuous improvement gradually over years. "We are in a growing, improving trend," he added.

While Provencher comes from a French background, he did notice a preoccupation of the English community; youth retention.

"Ultimately, student success is the goal," Provencher said, "but the more they succeed, the more likely they will be to stay," he said, understanding education in the greater context of the English community.

"If you can keep people in the community, it will reinforce that community," he said.

These days, the board is busy planning for the next school year. Provencher added that the ETSB strategic plan is up for renewal in 2018, which provides an opportunity to set new goals.

"We're doing good things here," Provencher said, proud of what he sees happening currently in ETSB schools.

The board's responsibility, according to Provencher, will be to continue to support what is going on in its schools.

"You have to see all of the puzzle, and then work on the piece that will have the most impact on the other pieces," Provencher said, adding that it isn't always easy.

He referred to the health report published in the fall (Responding Better To The Needs Of The Linguistic And Cultural Communities In Estrie), which pointed out a generally poorer state of health and lifestyle habits among local English speakers, as well as a greater tendency for children from English speaking families to have cavities, be the victims of violence at school or on the way to school, and be considered vulnerable.

"Okay, this is the situation, now what do we do about it," Provencher said. A committee has been formed bringing together health and education representatives to discuss ways to improve the situation.

Heading into his second year with the board, Provencher is excited about new challenges, and happy to be part of the 'We' in ETSB.

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Lieutenant Governor awards youth medals to two ETSB students

By Matthew McCully

Amélie Provencher from Alexander Galt Regional High School and Gabrielle Bourbeau from Richmond Regional High School were awarded the Lieutenant Governor youth medal for their positive attitudes and contributions to their schools and local communities.

Amélie Provencher has been on the principal's list every single term she has been in high school.

In addition to her academic excellence, she has succeeded in athletics as well; she is a high level cross-country runner at Galt, and has also been a nationally ranked figure skater. Provencher has participated in three Jeux de Québec, competing both as a runner and figure skater.

Provencher also finds time to volunteer in her community, donating her time to La Maison Caméléon de l'Estrie,

a respite centre for parents with children with special needs.

Provencher has applied to Champlain College for next year, intending to study health sciences.

Gabrielle Bourbeau is active in a number of school activities, including sports, travel club and school plays.

While maintaining a high academic average and a busy extra-curricular schedule, Bourbeau has demonstrated a strong work ethic and a genuine desire to have a positive impact in her community by volunteering her time to read with elementary students. She also spends some of her free time giving computer tutoring sessions to local seniors.

Respected among her teachers and peers, Bourbeau is known as someone who is not afraid to stand up for what she believes to be correct or fair.

Bourbeau has expressed an interest in becoming a doctor.



Amélie Provencher



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North Hatley condo project called a saviour and a disaster



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A couple stands on a boardwalk next to the Massawippi Lake in North Hatley, Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2006. PHIL CARPENTER / MONTREAL GAZETTE FILES

In the picturesque Eastern Townships village of North Hatley, population 632, town council is promoting a 210-unit condominium complex it says is crucial to ensure the survival of a municipality with a heavy debt load and a shrinking population. They fear services like the post office and the anglophone elementary school, which is down to 62 students, are at risk of closing unless they can attract more residents.

They are being met with concerted opposition by residents who argue that sticking a multi-storey housing project in the centre of a heritage town that could increase the population by 50 per cent will destroy the very essence that makes the village what it is.

Critics add that the housing project is slated to be built in what was until recently defined as a flood zone, putting the project and the town itself at risk.

"The town has given an agreement in principle (to the developer) to build 210 units in buildings four to five storeys in height in the middle of a village that is characterized by historic buildings that are two to three storeys high," said Michael Grayson, a resident since 2003. "We have been fighting this even before the agreement. We feel it goes totally against the character of the town."

Developer Richard Laliberté started buying up property in 2012 in an area then designated as a flood zone, acquiring more than two acres of land, Grayson said. Laliberté submitted a proposal to build more than 200 residential units. The town granted an agreement in principle in 2014.

The following year, North Hatley had a new map of the flood zone area drawn up by a Sherbrooke consulting firm, which downgraded the risk of flooding indicated in previous maps. The local regional municipality of Memphrémagog approved the new map in 2015, despite allegations of inaccuracies brought forth by residents, who noted the area suffered heavy flooding in 1994.

Last Thursday, residents came to a public consultation held by the regional municipality for one of the final steps in the approval process of the condo project, a management plan for the North Hatley flood zone. Residents argued the plan was premature because it was based on inaccurate information regarding flood risks, particularly as it pertains to the rerouting of the Kezar stream. The development could cut off what once served as an overflow channel for Lake Massawippi, putting the project and the community at risk, Grayson said.

North Hatley Mayor Michael Page said the flooding issues have been addressed by the town and experts from Quebec's environment ministry. Local opponents are using unfounded flooding threats to halt a development project they don't agree with, he said. And while he said he understands their fears, the town has little choice.

"We are an aging community and the more we are at risk of losing services, like the post office or the school, the harder it is for people to stay here year-round," Page said.

North Hatley has been forced to upgrade its road and sewage system, as well as put in a costly water purification plant recently to protect Lake Massawippi. The town has \$9 million in debt, no industrial base, and only 430 households to pay taxes.

Bringing in an extra 200 residences would go a long way to help paying down debt and ensuring schools and post offices stay open, Page said. Aging homeowners looking to downsize could move into condos, giving young families a place to buy.

Although a 50-per-cent population boom sounds drastic, he said, it means the town would go from roughly 630 residents to about 900, meaning it would still be small. Page says town planners will ensure the condominium complex is not an eyesore and will not deter from the charm that brings thousands of tourists during the summer months.

"We will still remain a small town, but with a more dynamic core and more people involved in the towns," Page said. "To me, adding 200 to 300 people would be an awesome help."

In a town that is only three kilometres square, there is little other land available to support a housing project that will significantly boost the population. Five provincial government ministries are studying the proposal to ensure it will be a positive, he said.

"I feel that the people who work in those ministries are all experts in their fields — I don't understand how they could all be wrong and getting it all ass-backwards. That's what (residents who oppose the project) are saying. They'll say anything because they don't want to see any change, obviously."

For residents like Grayson, however, it is the lack of impact studies, be they fiscal or environmental or on traffic, that is troubling. He supports more modest growth to bolster the town's population, as well as discussing the possibility of merging with other municipalities or sharing services with them to offset costs.

"To put all your eggs in one basket and say building these condos will save this town is a very dangerous way to try and correct things," he said. "Because it might bring worse problems."

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