

# Eastern Townships School Board Nominates A New Director General And Assistant Director General

Magog

The Council of Commissioners of the Eastern Townships School Board (ETSB) unanimously approved the following nominations, effective December 20, 2017:

## Director General:

Mr. Michael Murray, ETSB Chairman, is very pleased to announce that Ms. Kandy Mackey has been promoted to the position of Director General. Ms. Mackey has held the position of Assistant Director General for the last four years, as well as Director of Pedagogical Services since 2012. She has become a valuable member of the senior management team and has over 21 years of experience with the school board as a teacher, principal and director. She has brought pedagogical leadership and innovation to the board and has been instrumental in implementing approaches that support not only students but school teams as well. She has taken lead roles in developing Professional Learning Communities in our schools, implementing the Neufeld Approach and supporting the ETSB's vision for student engagement and success.



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**Kandy Mackey** is the new Director General of the ETSB.

## Assistant Director General:

The chairman is happy to also announce that Mr. Michel Soucy has been appointed to the position of Assistant Director General. Mr. Soucy has been with the ETSB since June 2012, as the Director of Operations, overseeing the buildings and grounds, school transportation and information and technology dossiers. He holds a Masters in Business Administration and Corporate Finance, as well as a Bachelors of Finance. During his time with the ETSB, he has led his teams in making gradual and systemic changes to improve overall efficiency, focusing on the impact that these departments have on student success and staff engagement. Previous to his tenure at the ETSB, Mr. Soucy worked for over 20 years in senior management positions in both financial and real-estate organizations.



The new Assistant Director General is **Michel Soucy**.

"The council is delighted with the nomination of both Ms. Mackey and Mr. Soucy. We are confident that there will be a smooth transition that will allow us to seamlessly move forward and ensure continuity of our priorities. On behalf of the Council of Commissioners, we look forward to continuing to work together," stated Mr. Murray, Chairman.

The Stanstead Journal, Jan. 10, 2017

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**Bob Fisk,**  
**Special collaboration, Lennoxville**

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"The new strategy for the vitality of our regions and territories is based on an inversion of the usual way of doing things," the Minister said. "We asked regional representatives; mayors, prefects in the MRC, to define their own priorities for the next five years in terms of social and economic development (...) Now every ministry will have to adapt its policies and adapt its actions to take into account those priorities determined by the regions."

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to a healthy, educated, and engaged population," said Doctor Melissa Genereux, Director of public health for the Eastern Townships with the CIUSSS-de l'Estrie-CHUS, Chair of the Eastern Townships Committee for healthy lifestyles, and member of the transitional roundtable group for regional social development. Doctor Genereux explained that the overall funding raised, which is roughly \$26,000 to 27,000, will be used to hire the Niska consulting firm to help facilitate face-to-face meetings between different groups already at work within the region.



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# Magog se serre les coudes

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**MAGOG — Une série d'organismes œuvrant dans le secteur du développement social en Estrie planifie d'accroître leur collaboration à brève échéance, ce qui pourrait améliorer leur efficacité et leur contribution au milieu. Jugeant le projet prometteur, le gouvernement du Québec a accepté de fournir une aide financière afin de rendre sa mise en œuvre possible.**

En visite à Magog jeudi, le ministre des Affaires municipales et de l'Occupation du territoire du Québec, Martin Coiteux, a lui-même annoncé l'octroi d'une somme de 13 000 \$ pour ce projet.

« Cette initiative, émanant des milieux locaux, s'inscrit dans l'approche de notre nouvelle stratégie gouvernementale pour assurer l'occupation et la vitalité des territoires où les régions sont désormais aux commandes. Grâce à la concertation des différents organismes locaux et régionaux, ce projet permettra de favoriser une meilleure utilisation des res-

sources », a fait valoir M. Coiteux.

Les organisations qui souhaitent accroître leur concertation songent à créer un organisme à but non lucratif qui prendra la forme d'une table de concertation en développement social. L'objectif est de « favoriser l'émergence d'un leadership partagé, diversifié et engagé ».

Parmi les organisations qui ont décidé de participer au projet, on retrouve notamment le Collectif estrien 0-5 ans, le Comité estrien des saines habitudes de vie, la Table estrienne de concertation interordres en éducation, l'Alliance pour la solidarité et l'inclusion sociale, la Table des directions générales des commissions scolaires de l'Estrie ainsi que le Regroupement des organismes communautaires de l'Estrie.

## **RENCONTRE DÉTERMINANTE**

Associée à la démarche, la directrice de la santé publique en Estrie, Mélissa Généreux, confie que plusieurs intervenants du milieu sentaient le besoin de combler le « vide existant » en matière de concertation régionale, surtout ressenti depuis la disparition de la Conférence régionale des élus de

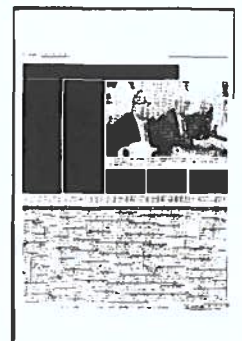
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« On a voulu regarder tous les modèles de concertation qui existent au Québec pour choisir la meilleure formule, souligne Mme Généreux. Il est bien clair que les idées, une fois que la future structure sera créée, proviendront de la base et du milieu plutôt que des dirigeants uniquement. C'est réellement l'approche qu'on préconise. »

Au cours des prochaines semaines, les différentes organisations partenaires participeront à une rencontre déterminante, qui devrait permettre au projet de véritablement prendre son envol.

Le ministre Martin Coiteux croit que la collaboration accrue entre les organismes permettra la « multiplication des projets à taille humaine » dans les domaines de la petite enfance, de la réussite éducative, des saines habitudes de vie et de la lutte à la pauvreté.

Les 13 000 \$ offerts par le gouvernement provient du Fonds conjoncturel de développement, lequel est administré par le ministère des Affaires municipales et de l'Occupation du territoire du Québec.



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