

Girl Guides

Québec Council

**ANNUAL
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2021**



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER



As we prepare for our traditional year-end closing activities in our units, communities, and districts, we finally see and truly feel the light at the end of this long journey, and this is just the beginning. After two Guiding seasons of pivots, learning new ways to engage youth members via video conferencing, navigating new policies and taking on all the personal and professional challenges, WE MADE IT.

We kept Guiding strong in Quebec for the girls, for their families and guardians, for each other and our communities. Despite the many learning curves and new ways to host meeting in person, we were able to grow Guiding in Quebec! Your passion for the Guiding sisterhood has helped over 400 NEW youth members join Guiding this season, and we're just getting started!

This year we saw our first in-person youth member event take place at the end of May, something that only a few short months ago seemed improbable. This summer, after so much anticipation, we will be hosting our first summer camp in over two years! I can only hope that many of our members are going to be attending, as campers, helpers, waterfront, or program staff, and camp volunteers. Who knows, we may even cross paths and swap some crests!

Later this summer, we will be running for Guiding in the Montreal edition of Mud Girl, host a fall camp for Guides, Pathfinders, and Rangers, host a full in-person awards ceremony, and so much more!

Much of what we experience through Guiding is possible thanks to caring, passionate, resourceful, and exceptional volunteers. Whether you are a unit helper, Junior leader, Treasurer and Guider, District Commissioner, District council member, member-at-large, Trefoil, Link member, Adviser, or Provincial council member, thank you. You have all been there for one another, uplifted each other's spirits at times of change and challenge, you fostered wellness and safety when it was needed most, and you truly made a difference in the lives of the girls that week after week, meeting after meeting, needed stability, positivity, and a space to just be themselves, learn and have fun.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for everything that you do and continue to do to inspire greatness wherever you go.

Olivia

On behalf of the Quebec Provincial Council

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Olivia Durand	Co-Provincial Commissioner	
Meagan Wyllie	Co-Provincial Commissioner	to Dec
Helena Green	Deputy Provincial Commissioner	
Sharon King	Deputy Provincial Commissioner	
Samantha Burgess	DC Representative	from Sept
Jennifer Donaldson	DC Representative	Jan to May
Joanne Cardinal	Elected Member - Property Stewardship	
Jennifer Desjardins	Elected member - Community Engagement	
Bethan Wardrop	Member Services Coordinator	
Elena Grager	Provincial Treasurer	Jan to May
Jessica Zeidan	Provincial Treasurer	June to Aug
Cassandra Gillen	Youth Forum Representative	from May
Kelly Vandzura	Council Secretary	

GIRL MEMBERS

Sparks	165
Brownies	294
Guides	388
Pathfinders	110
Rangers	83
Girl Members	1040



ADULT MEMBERS

Unit Guiders	206
Honorary Members	11
Members at Large	15
Trefoil Members	33
Units	113
Districts	4
Spring cookies 2021	n/a
Fall Cookies 2021	1101
Spring cookies 2022	2000
Fall Cookies 2022 projection	2750

LIAISONS / LEADS

Awards Liaison	Annette Levasseur
Diversity and Inclusion Facilitator	Diana Rice
Editorial Support	Kimberley Devey
Minutes Liaison	Annette Levasseur
Nominating Search Committee	Joanne Millette and Cecilia Cherry
Property Stewardship Committee Chair	Joanne Cardinal
Translation Support	Stefanie Nolet
Trefoil Guild Lead	Ellen Gauthier
Fundraising Support	Pam Godfrey

PROVINCIAL ADVISERS 2021

Camping Adviser	Jasmine Shaar	
Cookie Adviser	Jennifer Desjardins	
International Adviser	Caroline Firtl	Jan to March
International Adviser	Julie Firtl	Jan to March
International Adviser	Katherine Tolnai	Jan to March
Membership Adviser	RoseAnna Cirino	
PR Adviser	Emily Lillies	Jan to July
Program Adviser	Patricia Fagga	Jan to March
Deputy Program Adviser	Nikki Murray	Jan to Aug
Safeguide Adviser	Kirsti Harris	
Training Adviser	Pamela Rice	

MESSAGE FROM YOUR DEPUTY PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONERS

Congratulations to all Guiders after weathering and thriving in another challenging year! We started off only being allowed to meet outdoors (thank you to all the units that shared pictures of their outdoor meetings to get Helena's crest). Next, we went indoors, only to face more challenges navigating GGC protocols, and with our venues. As Guiders, you made sure everything worked for the girls' best interests. You made sure that they had a great experience no matter the circumstances. We deeply tip our hats to all of you, and appreciate all the time, effort, and heart that you have put into your units. We hope that you are able to rest and recharge this summer.

Sincerely,

Helena and Sharon
Deputy Provincial Commissioners

TRAINERS

Diana Rice
Heather Martin
Jennifer Cessford
Joan Lax
Kirsti Harris
Olivia Durand
Pam Godfrey
Pamela Rice
RoseAnna Cirino
Sara Ogilvie
Sarah Di Milo
Valerie Zaloum
Cathenna Michaud (Candidate)
Mayali Cousineau (Candidate)
Pam Ireland (Candidate)

DECEASED IN 2021

- **Druse Bryan**
- **Marlynn (Lynn) Dahl**

Lynn was a member for over 50 years. In that time, she held many positions in GGC, including Area Commissioner, Area Program and International Adviser, as well as Brown Owl in Beaconsfield. Lynn continued her years in Guiding as a well-loved member of the West Island/Cabana Trefoil Guild.



MESSAGE FROM QC REP. ON THE NATIONAL YOUTH COUNCIL

I can proudly say that being a member of the Québec Youth Forum for two years, and a member of the National Youth Council for one year has truly changed my life. When I first began Guiding as a 3rd year Guide, I was terrified to speak up and to talk in public. I always thought that my opinions were not valid. When I became a member of the Quebec Youth Forum, it opened my eyes on the number of opportunities that were available from Guiding. I learnt so many new skills like how to plan and execute an event, how to create a crest, and how to make a challenge. However, the most important takeaway from my time on this Forum was how to be confident, and this change is all thanks to the other member of the Forum, that I can proudly call my friends, that have supported me and helped me face all my fears. When I became a member of the National Youth Council, my confidence blossomed even more, and my fears completely disappeared. The National Youth Council gave me a bigger perspective of what Guiding is all about (friendship, diversity, growth), and that is thanks to all the amazing members that are from all over the country. Both opportunities made me feel like I was heard and understood, and they have encouraged me to advocate for things that I think are important, like the francophone community. I always felt valid, understood, and I was always comfortable being myself, which is sometimes very hard to do. I cannot imagine what my life would have looked like if it wasn't for the support that Girl Guides has given me.



En ce moment, quand je profite de mes derniers jours comme jeune membre, je reflète sur les bons moments que j'ai eu dans les Guides. Je suis maintenant prête à commencer un nouveau chapitre, avec plus de confiance-en-moi, et encore plus de nouvelles expériences. J'ai très hâte à mettre en pratique ce que j'ai appris pendant mon parcours et j'ai hâte aux différentes occasions de leadership qui m'attendent comme adulte!

- Zoé Gagné

To reach out to the Youth Forum, email qc-youth@guidescanada.ca; they would love to hear from you!

YOUTH FORUM

Chiara Bramante
Evelyn Grow
Isabella De Langen
Kristen Rodney
Naomi Garwood
Prachi Patel
Zoé Gagné

SAFE GUIDE ASSESSORS

Annette Levasseur	Nancy Duffina
Joan Lax	Pam Godfrey
Kaitlin Winter	Sinclair Harris
Kirsti Harris	Valerie Zaloum

DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS

Maplewoods	Sarah Di Milo
Oakwoods	Pavolna Owczar
Pinewoods	Kimberley Devey

PROPERTY COMMITTEE Camp Wa-Thik-Ane

Joanne Cardinal	Mayali Cousineau
Kirsti Harris	Lesley Chapman
Sinclair Harris	