

# CPF Nova Scotia

CANADIAN PARENTS FOR FRENCH — NOVA SCOTIA

Promoting opportunities for young Canadians to learn and use French

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NEWS

## OFFICIAL LANGUAGES IN NOVA SCOTIA RECEIVE MULTI-YEAR FEDERAL FUNDING

Peter MacKay, Regional Minister for Nova Scotia, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, today announced funding totalling \$442,890 over three fiscal years from 2014–2015 to 2016–2017 for Canadian Parents for French, Nova Scotia Branch. He made this announcement on behalf of Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages Shelly Glover.

The Government of Canada has provided this multi-year funding through the Enhancement of Official Languages Program to help Canadian Parents for French, Nova Scotia Branch promote and educate parents about French second language (FSL) training options available to students. It will also help continue to foster an appreciation of both official languages and encourage the promotion of linguistic duality in Nova Scotia. The organization also intends to distribute FSL research material to parents, elected officials, and communities of interest using various media in order to influence FSL policy and programs.

*“Our two official languages are part of our history and our identity. The Government of Canada is proud to support organizations that enhance the language skills and learning opportunities offered to youth in our communities.”*

**—Shelly Glover, Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages**

*“The diversity of our communities here in Nova Scotia will be strengthened through this investment by our Government. Canadian Parents for French, Nova Scotia Branch allows parents and students to have access to more and better educational choices with regard to French as a second language, thereby increasing the capacity of our youth to learn and work in both official languages.”*

**—Peter MacKay, Regional Minister for Nova Scotia, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada**

*“I thank Canadian Heritage for their ongoing funding so that Canadian Parents for French, Nova Scotia Branch can continue its work across the province. From our French camps to public speech opportunities, bilingual career fairs, essay writing competitions, and much more, this funding supports everything that we do as a non-profit organization.”*

**—David Wentworth, President, Canadian Parents for French, Nova Scotia Branch**

•In 2012-2013, total student enrolment across Nova Scotia was 122,643; 52 percent of these students were enrolled in an FSL program.



From left to right: Joan Dobbie (CPF Halifax Peninsula and Mainland South), Minister Peter MacKay, Rebecca Lancaster (CPF Nova Scotia), Stephanie Carver (CPF Nova Scotia) and Dave Wentworth (CPF Nova Scotia)

## CPF NOVA SCOTIA SUMMER CAMPS

Spring is finally here, so you know what's next...Camp Season! We are already well into our planning for this summer. This year's Camp Director is Sara-Pier Pépin Labbé; a Quebec native who is working with Université Sainte-Anne. Sara-Pier has an extensive background in immersion summer camps. We are very excited to have her with us this summer.

Camp registration opened in February and enrollment is increasing every day. Space is still available for many camps, so check with the branch office.

Chapter camp registration is currently open for CPF-Sydney's Camp Breton Dean, located on the Mira River. This camp takes place from June 22-28. For information about this camp please contact the branch office.

This will be our second year offering the international experience of the Francoforum on St Pierre et Miquelon. Students will stay with homestay families, learn about the unique culture of the islands and return home with a stamp in their passports!

For more information on our camps in July and August, ages and costs; please visit [ns.cpf.ca](http://ns.cpf.ca) or contact our branch office. Registration can be done online from the website or email us for a registration form

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## CPF CONCOUR D'ART ORATOIRE

Canadian Parents for French- Nova Scotia held their 31st provincial Concours d'art oratoire (French public speaking contest) on Sunday, April 27 at Mount Saint Vincent University. Students from every school board in the province, including the Conseil scolaire Acadien provincial (CSAP) and the Canadian Association of Independent Schools (CAIS), participated in the event. Students advanced from their school and school board level to the provincial competition in Halifax. One hundred and sixty students in grades 5-12 represented every French program in the province from core French to immersion to French first language.

Over 400 people were at the event to cheer on their friends and family. Entertainment after the speeches was Carillon, a Franco-folk group comprising of four young talented musicians from the French shore of Nova Scotia: Jacques Blinn, Eric Dow, Melissa Comeau and Guyaume Boulianne.



The grade 11/12 first place students are on their way to compete at the CPF National Concours in May for scholarships worth over \$30,000. This year's National Concours will take place at the

University of Prince Edward Island. Participants from across the country will be taking part in the events being held to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Charlottetown Conference.

For a complete list of the 2014 Concours d'art oratoire winners, please consult our website.

## UPCOMING BRANCH EVENTS

*All events are posted on our Events Calenda at [ns.cpf.ca](http://ns.cpf.ca)!*

**May 24:** CPF National Concours d'art oratoire at UPEI.

**June 19/20:** French movies

**June 15-21:** Camp Rankin, CPF Port Hawkesbury Chapter

**June 19-22:** Multicultural Festival!

*Come visit the CPF NS booth!*

**June 22-28:** Camp Breton Dean, CPF Sydney Chapter

**June 27:** Deadline for Educator of the Year and Volunteer of the Year Nominations

**July 4-9:** Francoforum, St Pierre et Miquelon

**July 7-11:** Camp Chocolat 1

**July 13-19:** Nautical and Sea Kayaking Camps, Magdalen Islands

**July 14-18:** Camp Chocolat 2/Camp du Soleil 1

**July 21-25:** Camp du Soleil 2

**August 4-8:** Camp Fran-tastique

**August 11-16:** Camp Universite Sainte-Anne

**August 18-23:** Camp Kadimah!

## Concours Prizes

Grade 5/6 and 7/8 levels first place winners received a week at Camp Kadimah as a prize from CPF Nova Scotia.

The first place winners from grade 9/10 will be spending a week at Encounters with Canada in Ottawa during the next school year.

All grade 11/12 students who competed this weekend and won received entrance scholarships to Université Sainte-Anne and Université de Moncton.

*Students in Business was a Silver sponsor of the event.* Support was also received the Nova Scotia Department of Education, Université Sainte-Anne, Université de Moncton, Mount Saint Vincent University and Canadian Heritage.

## CPF FRENCH MOVIE



On March 6 and 7, close to a thousand FSL students from across the HRM attended a showing of *Madeline*.

The movie filmed in 1998 is based on the beloved French classic by Ludwig Bemelmans. Students enjoyed the high jinks of the little redhead as well as the background of Paris.

*Stay tuned for our next movie in June!*

## CHAPTER EVENTS

CPF Port Hawkesbury held its AGM on March 20th and Halifax Peninsula and Mainland South held its AGM on April 9th. Upcoming AGMs in May are CPF Dartmouth and CPF Sydney.

There was a chapter conference call on April 22nd where chapter activities and issues were discussed. The next chapter conference call will be scheduled in June.

If you are interested in joining an active chapter or would like information on starting a chapter in your local area or school, contact us! There are funds available for activities and support from the branch office.

## CPF ANNOUNCEMENTS

On behalf of the Board and Staff of Canadian Parents for French, Nova Scotia, we would like to thank Meghan McCarther for her contribution and time spent with our organization over the many years. We will be welcoming Erin MacDonald on as our Camp Coordinator. Erin was a summer student in 2012.

Nominations are now open for our Educator of the Year and Volunteer of the Year awards. Details and nomination forms are on our website.

Check out the website for CPF Nova Scotia bursary information and application forms!!! One Université Sainte-Anne entrance bursary per high school!

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