

THE ENGLISH SPEAKING CATHOLIC COUNCIL

In 1980, a group of individuals who represented various sectors of the English-speaking Catholic community and its organizations met with the idea of consolidating our human and material resources for the development of our community. This led to the formation in July 1981 of the English Speaking Catholic Council (ESCC) with a mandate to act as a focal point in coordinating the English-speaking Catholic community of Greater Montreal. Over the years, The English Speaking Catholic Council has assumed a higher profile which now extends throughout the province and beyond.

In keeping with the mission of the Church, the English Speaking Catholic Council focuses its efforts primarily in the educational, health and social services, community animation, social justice and cultural domains. Among the Council's specific functions are the following: To develop a sense of community identity and common purpose, to encourage development of leadership in the community, to assist in coordinating human resources and to ensure effective representation before government bodies and on various boards, committees and councils.

The ESCC is a federally registered non-profit organization. (Date of Letters Patent is July 15, 1981.) Its Head Office is located at 2005 St. Marc Street, Montreal. A volunteer twenty-five member elected Board of Directors, made up of generous and dedicated men and women from both the private and public sectors, and assisted by two full-time staff members, governs it.

The ESCC is an important organization within our community for the very reason that its objectives correspond to the teaching of the Church on the role of the laity in the modern world. Its contributions for the past thirty-five years of its existence have been tested time and time again on a variety of issues and it has been accepted as a credible voice at the local, provincial and national levels of government.

The Council is financed largely by donations from the Father Dowd Foundation, Montreal St. Patrick's Foundation, Pillars Trust Fund Inc. and a grant under the Development of Official-Language Communities Program, Community Life Component, Department of Canadian Heritage.

June 2016

THE THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

Message from the President

I am pleased to report on some of the important work of the ESCC over this past year. The Council monitors the needs of English speaking Catholics in Greater Montreal, signalling the voluntary sector, parishes, dioceses or various levels of government of those needs. The Executive Director, Anna Farrow works closely with the Board members who with their respective networks are the eyes and ears of the community. The Council cannot oversee the entire life of the community but must set priorities which are occasionally revised. Where the ESCC lacks resources it collaborates with other English-rights non-profits who take the lead on issues deemed crucial.

Our priorities over this past year have been in the areas of education, health and social services, community animation, cooperation with partner organizations and cultural issues. This has involved:

- working with other associations in successfully opposing Bill 86, which would have curtailed English language rights with regards to schools
- ensuring strong candidates to represent English language interest on the new regional boards for health institutions that were created under Bill 10
- hosting a 5-à-7 for leaders in the English-speaking parishes, cultural communities and organizations to meet, network, and to forge new friendships
- developing initiatives to deal with the problem of seniors' isolation
- monitoring legislation on hate speech and reasonable accommodation
- communicating the concerns of the community regarding assisted suicide legislation to a federal body and to a Montreal area MP.

As this is the 35th anniversary of the ESCC we are hosting a public lecture by Thomas Cardinal Collins at the end of our AGM on June 16th. It will be yet another occasion to bring our community together and celebrate.

As I step down as President I wish to thank our Directors on the Board for all their generous help this year and last. I am deeply grateful to our Executive Director, Anna Farrow for all her dedication and conscientious leadership and to Suzanne Brown the Executive Assistant, for her essential support.

Yours very truly,

John Zucchi
President
Montreal, June 16, 2016

ESCC COMMITTEES

2015 - 2016

Executive

JOHN ZUCCHI
President

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Vice-President

JACQUES DARCHE
Secretary

PAUL DONOVAN
Past-President

Education

- Monitors policy & legislation;
- Facilitates communication among leaders;

Health & Social Services

- Participates with other members of the Community Health & Social Services Network in promoting access to healthcare services in English for the English-speaking minority population, especially seniors, the vulnerable and those who have special needs.
- Ensures that Catholic values are promoted.

Social Issues

- Monitors legislation in the areas of poverty, income security, housing and family policy;
- Prepares position papers consonant with Catholic values.

Young Adults

- Encourages young adults to participate actively within organizations;
- Creates opportunities for development of leadership skills;
- Explores resources available for training and employment.

Seniors

- Advocates to improve the quality of life for Seniors.

Community Animation

- Participates in conferences and celebrations to affirm the dynamic and positive aspects of our community.

Communications

- Parishes, Media, Annual Report, E-Mail, and Web Page;
- Develops liaison with community leadership and its resources.

Finance

- Reviews monthly financial statements;
- Prepares budget proposal;
- Monitors investments.

Advisory

- Provides continuity and enhances the strength of the Council;
- Recommends names of candidates for election to the board;
- Offers advice on issues affecting the community.

Chairperson: Patrick Rourke

Membership: Warren Allmand, Gail Campbell-Tucker, David Dussault, Margaret Lefebvre, Clifford Lincoln, Mary McDaid, Martin Murphy, Don Myles, Harold Thuringer, John Walker, Fr. John Walsh, Robert Wilkins.

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STRATEGIC PLAN 2011 – 2016

CONTEXT

The Quiet Revolution of the 1960s set in motion profound changes that challenged all sectors of Quebec society. By the late 1970s the English-speaking Catholic community sensed a growing need to construct more effective instruments to respond to the evolving social, political, economic, and cultural challenges of Quebec society and to foster the vocation of the laity in the Church and the world, as articulated by the Second Vatican Council.

In December 1981, the English Speaking Catholic Council (ESCC) was established as a lay council, to express a supportive and critical response to all of the challenges confronting the community. Today, the ESCC is respected as a credible and effective voice of the English-speaking Catholic laity articulating the needs and concerns of its constituency within the Archdiocese and the community in Greater Montreal and the Province of Quebec.

STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS

Issue 1: The Evolving Role of the Laity

Catholicism does not call on its members to abandon the world but in fact to help shape it for the common good. The laity has an important contribution to make in terms of translating Catholic ideals and values into well-researched, articulated and reasoned positions and actions. While there are different points of view on how to accomplish this, the Board of Directors and other stakeholders in the community will continue to engage in dialogue and reflect on developing positions and actions which demonstrate the relevance of Catholic values in helping to understand and address contemporary social, economic and political challenges which are of concern to the English-speaking Catholic Community of Greater Montreal.

Issue 2: Understanding the Evolving Needs and Concerns of the English-speaking Catholic Community of Greater Montreal

The English Speaking Catholic Council recognizes the socio-demographic, economic and attitudinal evolution of the English-speaking Catholic Community of Greater Montreal over the last thirty years. In order to continue to understand and respond to the current and emerging needs and concerns of this community, as well as to be able to mobilize its resources and coordinate its actions in pursuit of shared objectives, the English Speaking Catholic Council must consistently renew its knowledge of the composition, views, attitudes, assets and resources of the community.

Issue 3: The Current Socio-political Climate in Quebec

There is greater social, economic and political stability in Quebec at this time. This presents an opportunity for the English-speaking Catholic Community to continue to position itself as an essential and unique element of Quebec society and an important contributor to the province's thinking on issues of public importance. The English Speaking Catholic Council will continue to play an important convener, facilitator and advocacy role and help the community work together to define and promote its views on a variety of issues and concerns that are of specific interest to it.

Issue 4: Representation and Community Leadership Renewal

The English-speaking Catholic Community is diverse in terms of demographic/cultural composition and differing views and perspectives. To continue to be representative of this community, the ESCC must reach out to all components of the community and involve them in its deliberations and actions. In addition, the different components of the community are a significant reservoir of community talent and potential leadership for the Council. This is particularly important in terms of engaging and renewing youth interest and participation in the Council and the affairs of the community.

Issue 5: Provincial Mandate

The English Speaking Catholic Council needs to reach out to communities outside the Greater Montreal area and to establish effective mechanisms whereby all English-speaking Roman Catholics in the province, are given the opportunity to have input and be informed as to the positions taken on issues by the ESCC.¹

Issue 6: Internal Resources and Capacity

The English Speaking Catholic Council is led and supported by a committed Board of Directors, Advisory Committee and a small staff contingent. The considerations outlined above suggest and the strategies in this plan confirm the important role that the Council can continue to play on behalf of the English-speaking Catholic Community in Greater Montreal. The implication of this plan is that the Council must find innovative and creative ways to enhance the organization's capacity, specifically in terms of its policy research and advocacy ability, its financial resources and the strength of its communications.

¹ The ESCC serves the English-speaking Catholic Community of the Greater Montreal area. It can, when circumstances warrant, attempt to represent the views of the English-speaking Catholic Community across the province.

GUIDING STATEMENTS

Vision

To act as a coordinating forum for the English-speaking Catholic Community of Greater Montreal and to be a knowledgeable, articulate and reasoned lay Catholic voice on matters affecting the vitality of the community specifically and the common good of Canadian society more generally.

Mission

To act as a catalyst, convener and facilitator of community life and collective action for the English-speaking Catholic Community of Greater Montreal (ESCC) and to develop and advocate positions on issues of public concern which affirm and promote Catholic ideals and values related to human dignity, social justice and the common good.

CRITICAL STRATEGIES

Promote and Nurture Community Vitality

- Foster network development and reinforcement activities among the parishes, institutions, lay associations and community groups within the English-speaking Catholic Community which enhance information and idea-sharing, create multiple choices and opportunities for community involvement and participation and nurture mutual support, collaboration and community commitment.
- Engage actively the diversity of interests, institutions and cultures in the English-speaking Catholic Community of Greater Montreal in order a) to promote inclusiveness and a sense of shared Catholic community identity as well as b) to strengthen the openness of the English Speaking Catholic Council so as to consider a full range of ideas and strategies for advancing the community's interests.
- Enhance the leadership capacity of community members, institutions and groups and encourage a new generation of involvement and commitment within the English-speaking Catholic Community of Greater Montreal.

Support the English-speaking Community in Quebec

- Participate actively in and contribute to networks, partnerships, community groups, strategies and initiatives which advance the interests of the English-speaking Community of Quebec.

Advocate on behalf of the English-speaking Catholic Community

- Involve community leaders and members in identifying and addressing issues which could impact upon the vitality of the English-speaking Catholic Community of Greater Montreal specifically and Quebec society more generally.
- Identify and monitor public policies and issues which are of concern to the English-speaking Catholic Community of Greater Montreal.
- Analyze selected policies and issues in terms of their actual/potential social, economic and political implications for the English-speaking Catholic Community of Greater Montreal specifically and Quebec society more generally.
- Prepare positions that are inspired and shaped by Catholic ideals and values, the promotion of the vitality of the English-speaking Catholic Community of Greater Montreal and its commitment to the common good.
- Engage and mobilize leaders, institutions and community groups in support of the ESCC's positions and advocate the adoption of these positions by public decision-makers.
- Initiate dialogue with other linguistic, cultural and religious communities and participate in coalitions of interest to advance our common interests and positions of the English Speaking Catholic Council.

Adopted unanimously at the Annual General Meeting of the
English Speaking Catholic Council, Montreal, September 15, 2010.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

The following priorities were identified by the English Speaking Catholic Council (ESCC) for 2015-2016:

1. Plan activities and support research to improve the quality of life for seniors.
 - Address social isolationism amongst English-speaking seniors.
2. Collaborate with established networks to promote access to English-language health and social services.
3. Participate with community organizations and initiatives which advance the interests of the English-speaking community in Quebec.
4. Oversee the continued development of new media resources to serve the needs of the English-speaking Catholic community of Quebec.
5. Reach new consensus among community organizations on a common response to issues of accommodation and identity, specifically as they impact upon the minority-language community.
6. Engage with community leaders and government representatives on life issues.

Education

- Bill 86 was introduced by the provincial government in December 2015. The purpose of the bill was to reform the manner in which school boards are formed and constituted. This bill would have eliminated elected school commissioners and replaced them with minister-appointed representatives. Each council would be constituted by six parents, two school principals, one teacher, one non-teaching staff member and six community members. Section 23 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms grants educational rights to minority language communities; it confers upon those communities the authority to manage and control their own schools. Educational institutions are a cornerstone of community involvement and a key component in the health and vitality of minority language communities. The proposed elimination of elected school boards as outlined in Bill 86 would have, in effect, denied the English-language community those Section 23 rights. The Council collaborated with other community organizations, including the Quebec Community Groups Network (QCGN) and the Quebec English School Board Association(QESBA) in expressing opposition to the reforms proposed by Bill 86. The Council was represented by the Executive Director at a press conference held on December 16, 2015 held to mark opposition to Education Minister Blair's reform bill. On May 13, 2016, it was announced that Bill 86 would be dropped. Premier Phillippe Couillard took pains to commend English public schools in Quebec, saying they could serve as a model for the French system: "We must say again to our English-speaking fellow Quebecers that the way they did things, the way they conducted their school boards and their schools is the way to go for all Quebecers..."
- The Advisory Board on English Education has as its mandate to advise the Minister of Education on all matters to do with the educational services offered in English elementary and secondary schools.

The English Speaking Catholic Council was invited, as in past years, to nominate a candidate to the Advisory Board. A member of the community was nominated in April 2016.

Health & Social Services

- In February 2015, the government passed the controversial health bill, Bill 10, which eliminated the boards of individual health institutions and merged them into 28 regional boards. Through the agency of the QCGN, the organizations which act for the English-speaking community were encouraged to submit names of potential candidates for these boards. The Council was active in seeking good candidates and encouraging them to submit their candidacy for directorships on the boards of institutions that provide health care services in English. The Council is satisfied with the appointments eventually made.
- The Community Health and Social Services Network (CHSSN) is a community initiative formed in 2000 which seeks to provide links, expertise and research for the minority-language community of Quebec as it seeks to “redress health status inequalities and promote community vitality.” The ESCC is a member of the CHSSN and is invited to submit candidates for nomination to its Board of Directors. The Council submitted the name of one its members for consideration.

Cultural & Social Issues

Seniors

The subject of senior isolation, particularly that experienced by seniors of the minority-language community in Quebec, is a topical one.

- During 2015-2016, the Council undertook the provision of three workshops which specifically targeted the issue of isolation amongst Anglophone seniors in the Greater Montreal Area. The first workshop took place on May 22, 2015 and consisted of a presentation by Mary Stark and Sherry Guppy on an ongoing project (begun 2013) of the Contactivity Centre, “No Senior Left Behind,” which focuses on alleviating isolation and helping seniors retain autonomy. At the conclusion of the event, a survey was distributed and 100% of respondents assessed the event as a 4 or 5 on a scale of 1-5 with 1 being insufficient and 5 being excellent. 9 out of 11 confirmed that the workshop would “definitely” be useful/applicable in their work, 1 out of 11 stated that it would be “mostly” helpful and 1 that it would be “somewhat” helpful. All participants acknowledged the importance of the issue of senior isolation amongst English-speaking seniors and were grateful for the opportunity to meet together to discuss this issue and to share resources and ideas.
- On December 9, 2015, the Council hosted the 2nd of its proposed three workshops. Lorraine Birchenough La France and Claire Babin, senior nurses of the Ste. Anne’s Hospital, presented on their development and implementation of a Skype practice among the hospital residents. Claire and

Lorraine provided a comprehensive overview of how the Skype practice was established in the hospital setting, demonstrated the reduction of social isolation among their clientele as the result of the new system, and graciously provided materials which outlined in a step-by-step manner how that practice could be executed in other contexts. The Council was pleased to note that 100% of the participants in the workshop judged it to be “excellent” and “definitely useful/applicable” in their work.

- In collaboration with the Father Dowd Foundation and the 21st Century Catholic Community Campaign, the Executive Director of the Council met with some of the directors of the senior centers which serve the Anglophone population of the Greater Montreal Area. In particular, the Director took part in a webinar on March 15, 2016 in which many of those senior centers were consulted as to their needs and concerns, specifically in dealing with the issue of senior isolation. The primary concern expressed in these various consultations was the centers ability to identify and reach out to isolated seniors. They also expressed the benefit they derived from being able to consult and communicate with other English organizations serving the senior population.
- Given the success of the three events held in 2015-2016, the Council is committed to the provision of two more similar workshops in the upcoming year.

Language Rights Support Program

The Language Rights Support Program is a federally supported program which has three objectives: to promote awareness of language rights, to offer access to alternative resolution processes to facilitate out of court resolution, and to support litigation which advances and clarifies constitutional language rights when test cases are involved. This program partially replaced the Court Challenges Program. In February 2016, the newly elected federal government announced that funding to the Court Challenges Program was to be reinstated. The ESCC applied for membership to the Court Challenges Program in April 2016.

Hate speech legislation & reasonable accommodation

- In September 2013, the Parti Québécois tabled the controversial Bill 60, (*Charter affirming the values of State secularism and religious neutrality and of equality between women and men, and providing a framework for accommodation requests*). As has been documented, the tabling of this bill inspired a great deal of debate on the topics of reasonable accommodation and religious freedom, the like of which had not been seen since the 2007-2008 Bouchard-Taylor Commission. In 2013-2014, the ESCC engaged with a number of faith and cultural communities on the subject of the Charter, hosting several Round Table discussions which involved leaders in the Orthodox, Protestant, Sikh, Muslim, and Jewish communities, including Archbishop Christian Lépine and Dr. Victor Goldbloom.

- In June 2015, the newly formed Liberal government, fulfilling a campaign promise to address these contentious matters, tabled two bills. The first, Bill 59 addresses hate speech and the second, Bill 62, religious neutrality and accommodation requests. In order to inform our partners on these issues, the Council hosted a Round Table on March 31, 2016 with guest speaker Prof. Daniel Weinstock, James McGill Professor in the Faculty of Law and the director of the McGill Institute for Health and Social Policy. Prof. Weinstock addressed the content and status of the two bills. The participants in the March 31st event were most interested to note that Prof. Weinstock indicated that though the current discussion of these issues had gone quiet, the social situation in Quebec was “dry tinder,” that nothing has happened to erode the alliances made during the Bill 60 controversy and these topics were likely to re-emerge as contentious ones in the next election cycle. This was an informative session and also provided an opportunity for the Council to re-establish links with other religious communities in Montreal.

End-of-Life Issues

In its February 6, 2015 decision in the matter of *Carter v. Canada*, the Supreme Court of Canada suspended its ruling providing the Federal Government a one-year time period to draft legislation to accommodate the ruling. Given the change in government following the October 2015 election, the SCC extended that provision by a further four months. In that time, the Council took various steps to impress upon legislators the concerns of the Council, most especially the importance of the protection of conscience rights of health-care workers. In July 2015, the President and Executive Director of the Council met with Francis Scarpaleggia, Liberal MP for the riding of Lac-St-Louis, to express our concerns on this issue. In July 2015, the Federal Government (then the Conservative Party) struck a consultative body to examine the legislative options for assisted dying. The Council submitted a brief to the External Panel on Options for a Legislative Response to *Carter v. Canada*. In its submission, the Council argued for tightly worded legislation which will, as far as possible guarantee that it is not the most vulnerable members of our society that seek out euthanasia as a relief to psychological, financial or mental distress. The Council also expressed the importance of the protection of conscience rights for health care workers, i.e. that those physicians who consider the Hippocratic Oath to be a binding professional code are protected from any pressure, legal, professional, or otherwise, to cooperate in practices which are in violation of that code.

Community Animation

- Fulfilling the element of the Council’s mission statement to “act as a catalyst, convener and facilitator of community life,” the Council, for the second year in a row, undertook the hosting of a Christmas gathering for the English Catholic community of the Archdiocese. With Bishop Thomas Dowd in attendance, the Council welcomed some 150 of those involved in the leadership of the parishes and community organizations to St. Monica’s parish hall for a 5-à-7 reception on December 4, 2015. The event provided a unique opportunity for those in the English-speaking parishes, cultural communities and organizations to meet and network, to nurture established relationships and to forge new friendships. This year’s event was a great success.

- The Council has committed to, and has already begun the planning for the 18th Catholic Community Rally to be held, for the second time, in the context of the Parish Vitality Conference (November 10-12, 2016) organized by the Office for English Pastoral Services of the Archdiocese of Montreal. In 2014, the Council hosted some 42 organizations and associations and some 250 people attended the Rally. Due to a larger venue, the Rally 2016 will be able to accommodate a greater number of organizations than the one held in 2014. The Council is confident that the upcoming Rally will be an important networking and community-building event for English speaking Catholics in Montreal.
- Following upon the June 9, 2012 special assembly on the future of communications in the English-speaking sector of the Archdiocese of Montreal, the ESCC was mandated to develop a strategy alert to the concerns expressed by the assembly participants. This led to the formation of a communications committee and the creation of Ville Marie Online in January 2014. The ESCC maintained its administrative role in the maintenance and development of the website throughout 2015-2016. The Board of the Council now understands its original mandate to have been completed and is working towards VMO being housed under separate administration.

Cooperation with partner organizations & Representation

- The Executive Director served for the 2nd consecutive year on the Priority-Setting Steering Committee (PSSC) of the Quebec Community Groups Network (QCGN). The mandate of the PSSC is to undertake a standing community consultation process to collect, analyze, prioritize and articulate the needs and the issues of the English Speaking Community of Quebec (ESCQ) and its constituents. The information obtained during this process is made available to the community sector and supporting stakeholders like government departments and agencies.
- The Council submitted a letter of support for Senior Action Quebec (SAQ) in its application for funding under the New Horizons for Seniors Project program. SAQ's project "Addressing the Caregivers' Needs" is a proposal for a series of workshops which will involve many organizations that work with seniors, seniors themselves, caregivers and other healthcare professionals, organizations that work on behalf of caregivers, home care associations as well as government representatives.
- On November 18, 2015, along with former Council President Clifford Lincoln, the Executive Director represented the ESCC at a meeting organized by the QCGN of English community leaders and Cabinet Ministers and MNAs in Quebec City. The purpose of the meeting was to introduce MNAs to the leaders and issues of the English-speaking communities of Quebec.
- On April 26, 2016, Catholic Action, a newly established network for the English Catholic community of Montreal, held its first AGM. Catholic Action was created in order to provide a shared platform for those providing services and programs for the community. The Executive Director attended meetings of the steering committee for the new organization and addressed those gathered for the CA AGM. The ED stressed that the Council was a willing partner in this new initiative and looked forward to active collaboration with CA.

Nomination /Succession

The ESCC's Nominations/Succession Committee's mandate is to ensure that the by-laws governing the membership of the Board of Directors are respected. The process includes the search for candidates, representative of the community, for election to the Board at each Annual General Meeting, keeping in mind the expertise and experience that will enable the Council to meet the challenges facing our community. It must also assure the succession of the Council's Executive Officers.

Finance

The Council's audited financial statements for the period April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016 are presented in this Annual Report.

Advisory Committee

The Advisory Committee, established in 1994, fulfills a supportive role for the English Speaking Catholic Council by providing continuity and guidance, and widening the reach of the Council. It serves as a link for access to senior business, institutional and government officials and provides input on issues affecting the community.

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For thirty-five years, the English Speaking Catholic Council has brought the expertise and dedication of a vibrant Board of Directors to bear upon the pressing issues which confront English-speaking Catholics in Quebec. I am deeply appreciative for the guidance and encouragement which has been given the Council this past year. I would like to thank the ESCC Board and Advisory, the Archdiocese of Montreal and the Office for English Pastoral Services, the Pillars Trust Fund, Father Dowd Foundation, the Montreal St. Patrick's Foundation and the Department of Canadian Heritage. In particular, I would like to acknowledge the tremendous contributions of the Council's President, John Zucchi. The Executive Assistant, Suzanne Brown, also deserves special mention for her continued dedication and professionalism.

Anna Farrow
Executive Director
Montreal, June 16, 2016

**ENGLISH SPEAKING CATHOLIC COUNCIL INC.
CONSEIL CATHOLIQUE D'EXPRESSION ANGLAISE INC.**

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND NET ASSETS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2016

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
REVENUE		
Donations from Foundations		
- regular	93,592	94,249
- special projects (note 8)	22,765	20,418
	116,357	114,667
Donation from individual (note 8)	-	5,749
Grants - Program Funding	66,000	66,000
Interest	840	633
	183,197	187,049
EXPENSES		
Salaries	92,873	90,010
Statutory benefits	10,518	10,104
Group insurance	10,044	9,794
Rent and repairs	13,522	14,249
Communications and printing	2,001	2,830
Receptions, representation and advertising	2,099	2,036
Professional fees	4,968	4,328
Office	4,529	2,282
Transportation	347	27
Miscellaneous community projects	2,262	1,761
Special projects (note 8)	30,681	30,721
	173,844	168,142
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR	9,353	18,907
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	65,488	46,581
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	74,841	65,488

See accompanying notes

**ENGLISH SPEAKING CATHOLIC COUNCIL INC.
CONSEIL CATHOLIQUE D'EXPRESSION ANGLAISE INC.**

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT MARCH 31, 2016

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
ASSETS		
Current		
Cash and cash equivalents (note 5)	16,397	19,316
Short term investments (note 6)	70,000	70,000
Accounts receivable- other	3,786	3,515
GST / QST receivable	1,383	2,045
Prepaid expense	49	40
	91,615	94,916
Non current		
Furniture and fixtures	1	1
	91,616	94,917
LIABILITIES		
Current		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities (note 7)	16,775	16,986
Deferred projects contribution (note 4)	-	1,174
	16,775	18,160
Non current		
Deferred Red Feather contribution (note 4)	-	11,269
	16,775	29,429
NET ASSETS	74,841	65,488
	91,616	94,917

APPROVED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

_____ Director

Rafik Greis

_____ Director

See accompanying notes

**ENGLISH SPEAKING CATHOLIC COUNCIL INC.
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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

AS AT MARCH 31, 2016

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Excess of revenue over expenses	9,353	18,907
Changes in non-cash working capital		
Accounts receivable- other	(271)	(215)
GST / QST receivable	662	(2,045)
Prepaid expense	(9)	(40)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(211)	(267)
Deferred projects contribution	(12,443)	(10,418)
	(12,272)	(12,985)
Cash flows generated from (used in) operating activities	(2,919)	5,922
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds from sale of investments	70,000	55,000
Purchases of investments	(70,000)	(70,000)
Cash flows used in investing activities	-	(15,000)
NET DECREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(2,919)	(9,078)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING	19,316	28,394
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END (NOTE 5)	16,397	19,316
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION		
Interest received	840	633

**ENGLISH SPEAKING CATHOLIC COUNCIL INC.
CONSEIL CATHOLIQUE D'EXPRESSION ANGLAISE INC.**

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2016

1. Description of activities

The English Speaking Catholic Council Inc. is a coordinating body for organizations serving the English Speaking Catholic Community primarily in education, matters affecting seniors, health and social services, social justice and cultural issues.

2. Income taxes

The Council was incorporated as a non-profit corporation under Part 2 of the *Canada Corporations Act* on July 15, 1981, and continued under the *Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act* on January 15, 2014. Under section 149 of Income Tax Act, charitable organizations are tax exempt.

3. Summary of significant accounting policies

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, in bank and on deposit with broker, with a maturity of less than three months at time of purchase.

Financial instruments - short term investments

Short term investments are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments and fixed maturity that an entity has the positive intention and ability to hold to maturity. They are measured at amortized cost using the effective interest rate method less any impairment loss. A gain or loss is recognized in excess of revenues over expenses when the financial asset or financial liability is derecognized or impaired, and through the amortization process.

Furniture, fixtures and equipment

Furniture, fixtures and equipment are recorded at a nominal value of \$1.00 as it is the Council's policy to charge any additions to the current year's operations. There was no amount expensed in 2016 or 2015.

Revenue recognition

The Council uses the deferral method of accounting for contributions. Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured. Interest income is recognized in the period earned.

**ENGLISH SPEAKING CATHOLIC COUNCIL INC.
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2016

3. Summary of significant accounting policies (con't)

Management estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with *Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations* requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Fair value of financial instruments

The fair values of cash and cash equivalents, short term investments, other receivables and accounts payable and accrued liabilities approximate their carrying values due to their short-term maturity.

Disclosure of allocated expenses

The Council normally charges all expenses directly to the applicable expense account.

4. Deferred contributions

Deferred contributions represent unspent resources externally restricted for various purposes and restricted operating funding received in the current period that is related to subsequent periods.

	Red Feather	Communications project	2016	2015
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Balance, beginning of year	11,269	1,174	12,443	22,861
Contributions received	-	10,392	10,392	10,000
Recognized as revenue during the year	(11,269)	(11,566)	(22,835)	(20,418)
Balance, end of year	-	-	-	12,443
Current	-	-	-	1,174
Non current	-	-	-	11,269

5. Cash and cash equivalents

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
Cash in bank	15,897	18,816
Petty cash	500	500
	16,397	19,316

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6. Short term investments

	2016		2015	
	Cost	Market value	Cost	Market value
	\$	\$	\$	\$
GIC interest rate 0.66% due September 3, 2016	70,000	70,000	-	-
GIC interest rate 1.2% due September 3, 2015	-	-	70,000	70,000
	70,000	70,000	70,000	70,000

7. Accounts payable and accrued liabilities

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
Salaries	442	3,111
Government remittances	9,180	7,688
Insurance	1,153	1,119
Professional fee	4,216	4,421
Other	1,784	647
	16,775	16,986

8. Special projects

During the year, the directors approved contributions of \$30,680 (\$30,721 in 2015) to support the following:

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
Notre Home Foundation & Red Feather Website	11,269	-
Communications Project (VMO website)	11,496	20,418
Workshops & Round-table meeting	538	-
Legal Inquiry	1,000	-
Community Networking event	6,378	5,874
Parish Vitality Conference (Rally)	-	4,429
	30,681	30,721

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8. Special projects (con't)

The above project expenses were financed as follows:

	2016	2015
	\$	\$
Notre Home Foundation & Red Feather Website	11,269	-
Communications project (VMO website) - Foundations	11,496	20,418
Community Networking event	-	5,749
	22,765	26,167

9. Financial risk

In the normal course of its operations, the Council uses various instruments for purposes other than trading, which by their nature are subject to market and credit risks. These financial instruments are subject to normal credit standards, financial controls, risk management as well as monitoring procedures.

Liquidity risk

The Council does not experience a liquidity risk at this time due to the availability of funds from its marketable securities.

Interest rate risk

The Council manages its investments based on its cash flow needs and with a view to optimizing its investment income. The effective interest rate realized during the year was 0.66% (2015, 1.2%).

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Adult Religious Education Services
Aid to the Church in Need
Almage Senior Community Centre
Alpha Course
Ancient Order of Hibernians
Association of Catholic Retired
Administrators (ACRA)
Auberge Madeleine

Batshaw Youth & Family Centres
Benedict Labre House
Bon Dieu Dans La Rue

Camp Caritas
Camp Kinkora
Canadian Centre for Ecumenism
Catholic Action Montreal
Catholic Charismatic Services of Montreal
CCS - Collective Community Services
Catholic Information
Catholic Times of Montreal
Catholic Women's League of Canada
Centre for Reproductive Loss
Christian-Jewish Dialogue of Montreal
Citizen Advocacy Montreal
City House Foundation
Commissioner of Official Languages
Communion and Liberation
Community Health and Social Services Network
Concordia University Catholic Student Association
Consensus Mediation Centre
Couples for Christ
Crib and Cross Franciscan Ministries

Department of Theological Studies,
Concordia University
Development & Peace/ Caritas Canada
Diocesan Camping Association
Diocesan Family Camp
Diocesan Liturgy Camp
Diocesan Liturgy Services
Diocesan Office for Faith Education
Diocesan Priesthood Guild of Montreal
Diocesan Vocation Office
Diocesan Youth Ministry Office
Don Bosco Mission Office

Engaged Encounter Montreal
English Speaking Catholic Council
En Route Foundation
Executives Available

Family Matters/ The Marriage Workshop
Family Retreat Centre (Dominus Vobiscum)
Father Dowd Foundation
Father Dowd Residence
Father Dowd Residence Auxiliary
Foundation of Catholic Community Services

Holy Cross Residence

Ignatian Spirituality Centre of Montreal
Institute for Christian Communities

Justice, Peace & Integrity of Creation Office

Knights of Columbus

L'Abri en Ville
L'Arche Montréal
Legion of Mary – Montreal Curia
Logifem Inc.
Loyola Alumni Founding Chapter
Loyola High School
Loyola High School Alumni & Associates
Loyola High School Foundation

Marguerite Bourgeoys Museum and Chapel
Marriage Preparation (Diocesan)
MECUM Contemplative Christian Community
MEDITATIO -
Canadian Christian Meditation Community
Montreal Catholic Counselling
Referral Service
Montreal Challenge Movement
Montreal Directed Retreats
Montreal English Catholic Cursillo Movement
Montreal Gingras-Lindsay Rehabilitation Institute
Montreal Pro-Life
Campaign
Montreal St. Patrick's Foundation

Nazareth House/ Anne's House
Newman Association of Montreal
Notre Dame de Sion Elementary School

Office for English Pastoral Services

Pastoral Home Care Services (Diocesan)
Peace, Freedom & Healing Ministry
Pillars Trust Fund

Quebec Community Groups Network

Residence Project Chance

Sacred Heart School of Montreal
Saint Antoine 50+ Community Centre
Salesian Youth Centre
Separated and Divorced Catholics
Social Action Ministry Office (Diocesan)
Social Justice Connection
St. Margaret Residence
St. Mary's Hospital Auxiliary
St. Mary's Hospital Centre
St. Mary's Hospital Corporation
St. Mary's Hospital Foundation
St. Patrick Development Foundation
St. Patrick's Society of Montreal

The Priory School
The Teapot 50 Plus Centre
Theologia Book Ministry
Thomas More Institute
Twenty-first Century Catholic Community

UNITAS
United Irish Societies of Montreal

Villa Maria Foundation
Villa Maria High School
Ville Marie Online
Visions Camp

West Island Citizen Advocacy
Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Youth in Action Camp

* See OEPS Directory for additional information (Parishes, Clergy, Permanent Deacons, Religious Communities and Parish Catechetical Leaders, and index of English Catholic Resources and related groups).