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**Port-Daniel—
Gascons**

UN MEILLEUR AVENIR POUR TOUS

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In order to provide a better service to citizens, the municipality invites you to communicate to the respective municipal councillor, any problem that may arise in your districts (ex : removing snow for road, stray dogs, ditches unclean, street lights etc.)

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District #2 : Mireille Langlois

Téléphone : (418) 396-2745

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District #5 : Marie-Ève Allain

Téléphone : (418) 396-5530

District #6 : Sylvie Blais

Téléphone : (418) 396-2304

Pour le maire : Henri Grenier

Téléphone : (418) 751-3156

Municipal Housing Office of Port-Daniel-Gascons

We inform you that a post for the board of directors for the HLM (Municipal Housing Office) is vacant. Those wishing to serve on the Board of Directors, please give your name to the Municipality of Port-Daniel-Gascons at (418) 396-5225 ext. 1

For more information, please contact Ms. Mireille Langlois at (418) 396-2745.

Word of the Mayor

Dear Citizens,

As usual, it is always a pleasure to join you through our municipal newsletter and share some information about our municipality. In this article, I will focus on a subject that concerns us all, the development of our Municipality!

It goes without saying that the arrival of the McInnis cement plant and the new incomes which it will give us will have to, partly, contribute to the development of our Municipality. The majority of our citizens expect that the Municipality's portrait will change and the significant improvements will be made.

We can think of the Old Convent in the area of Gascons inside which, many people circulate daily (collective kitchen, farmers and community gym). The wharf near the tourist kiosk, in the sight of everyone, is in a state of advanced degradation. Our municipal garage and fire station that no longer meet government standards and what about our municipal roads and rolling stock! These are just a few examples, just some of our concerns!

Another concern that is deeply affecting our municipality and deserves our full attention is the demographic decline experienced by our municipality over the last 20 years, bringing down our population from 3,100 to 2,300! You will agree that this problem greatly affects our local economy and that this could be reflected by the closure of one of our schools! We need to see and find ways, at the very least, to curb this decline in our population and increase the number of our residents. This is why we must seek to increase the attractiveness of the municipality and increase the quality of life of our residents. For example, the installation of water and sewer services will greatly enhance the construction of new homes, businesses and industries. I think, here, particularly in the area of Gascons whose problems of drinking water consumption and wastewater disposal are widely known and documented. We must correct this situation as quickly as possible. To this end, a meeting with the politician will take place this month.

Finally, many other investments and many other revitalization projects will be needed over the next few years if we want to give our beautiful village its pride! And, we must be able to achieve our development, without increasing the taxes of taxpayers. Finally, I join the members of the municipal council and the employees, to offer you our most sincere greetings!

Henri Grenier
Mayor

THE PORT-DANIEL-GASCONS HOUSING

NOTICE TO THE POPULATION

The members of the board of directors of Les Habitations Port-Daniel-Gascons invite you to complete the booking form for accommodation under the Accès-Logis Québec program. This form is for people aged 65 to 72 and 73 and over.

Two housing units are planned;

One unit of 24 units for 73 years and over (autonomous and semi-autonomous persons);

One unit of 12 units for 65 to 72 years old (autonomous persons)

Completing this form does not commit you to anything. This allows us to collect names of people interested in coming to live in Port-Daniel-Gascons housing. We need 108 names (72 names for 73 years and over and 36 names for 65 to 72 years) to demonstrate to the SHQ our interest in the construction of 2 housing units.

To complete the form, you must go to the municipal office of Port-Daniel and the CLSC in Gascons. The form must be completed by May 4, 2018.

In May, the board of directors will invite those who have completed the form to a public information session.

If you have questions related to the form, you can contact the members of the board of directors of Les Habitations Port-Daniel-Gascons:

Yolande Chouinard, presidente 418-396-3342

Réjeanne Grenier, vice-presidente 418-396-3403

Monette Briand, secretary-treasurer 418-396-2403

Marcelle Hachey, administrator 418-396-5600

Margaret S. Mauger, administrator 418-396-1345

Mona Beaudin, administrator 418-396-2111

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Your collaboration is essential for the realization of this project!

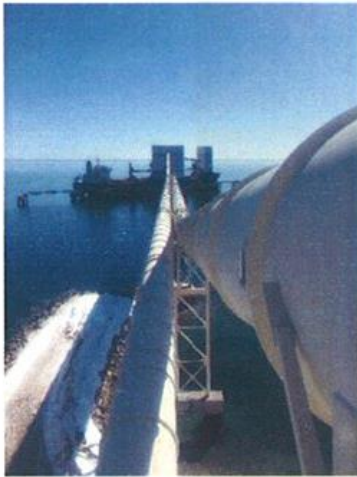
A word from Alexandre Rail, McInnis Cement Vice President Operations

Good day!

I am pleased to share our recent activities. Our team has been quite busy, and its efforts paid off since the advances made in March production allow us to hope for the best in the coming months!

Production Records at the Plant!

Although we are still in ramp-up, in March we realized our best production period of raw meal (*flour produced by the grinding of raw materials together before its passage in the tower and the kiln*), as well as our best clinker production week (*clinker comes out of the kiln before being grinded to make cement*). We are extremely proud of these achievements, reached by our on-site team without any external support, and we are very confident that we can increase the production rate furthermore!



In distribution, we loaded 243 trucks to our nearest customers but also to the New Richmond transboarding station, where we fill our rail cars. This represents around 9,000 tonnes of cement. On the marine side, 55,000 tonnes of cement was shipped, thanks to NACC Quebec, the vessel that we have received several times since the beginning of our operations. But you probably also have noticed larger vessels in the Port-Daniel–Gascons area in recent weeks: this situation will be more and more frequent. Our fleet now includes the Cielo di Gaspésie, especially renamed for us, a large capacity bulk carrier equipped with cranes on its deck. We also use very large vessels to deliver tens of thousands tonnes of cement. They are very impressive to see, both anchored offshore and moored at our marine terminal.

Now that the operations are well set up, I would like to emphasize the pivotal contribution of the Port-Daniel–Gascons companies, who support us daily. In the first 6 months of operation, from June 2017 to January 2018, we sourced \$ 1.5 million worth of goods and services only from your local businesses. We share our recent successes with all of them! Thank you!

Greetings!

**Alexandre Rail, Vice-President, Operations Port-Daniel–Gascons
McInnis Cement**



Walking Club LES JOYEUX RANDONNEURS

LES JOYEUX RANDONNEURS de Port-Daniel-Gascons continue to walk every Wednesday and Saturday morning. Depending on availability, the group varies between 6 and 15 people and we are always happy to welcome new people, especially our visitors during the summer period.

The formula is very flexible: it costs nothing and varied courses are offered each week. Whether hiking is along the coast or in the forest, the pleasure is always at the rendezvous! Welcome everyone.

For more information: Marcel (418-680-3664) Claire (418-396-2833) Robert (418-689-9937)

THE GOLDEN AGE CLUB

« L'ÉTOILE DE LA MER » OF GASCONS

Amateur afternoons:

Sunday, May 20th 2018 at 1:00pm

Sunday, June 17th 2018 at 1:00pm

Place: Multifunctional Center of Gascons

Band: Les Copains

Come and have fun!

House of Youth l'Envolée Jeunesse de Gascons

Opening hours:

Monday: 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday and Wednesday: 5:45 to 9:00 p.m.

Thursday: 5:45 to 10:00 p.m.

Friday: 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Age required visiting the youth center: from 11 to 17 years old

Come garden with us



Would you like to grow fresh vegetables in a friendly and enthusiastic atmosphere?

The community garden of the Old Convent offers you beautiful landscaped areas for the 2018 summer season.

Take part in the collective chore, plant your seeds and harvest the fruits of your labor.

We close the season with the annual picnic , a big village festival, where we celebrate the harvest.

Reserve your place now call Claire (418) 396-2833 or Denise (418) 396-5627

Our Community garden

Last summer our Community Garden rested. He is now ready to welcome new gardeners who will join the most experienced.

Gardening is a thrilling, even exciting activity. To see out of the ground the young shoots that grow to become tasty vegetables is a real pleasure. A pleasure that is shared with other gardeners willing to help and give good ideas.

Our Community Garden operates on an ecological basis, meaning that no chemical fertilizer or pesticide has a place in the Garden. Although seeding will not take place until early June, it is time to show your interest in getting involved in spring planning. Give us a call.

GOLDEN AGE CLUB « La renaissance » de Port-Daniel

Amateur afternoon: Sunday, May 6th 2018

Monday: sandbag: cost 4\$



Tuesday afternoon (women): bingo, cards, games

Tuesday : pétanque à tout : cost 4\$

Military Whist every Thursday evening at 8:00pm

Table 4 people or give your name to replace occasionally

Contact Gabrielle Roussy : 418-396-2926



Dance: every Saturday night from 9:00pm to midnight

Mother's Day Breakfast: Sunday May 13th

Cost: 7\$ Children less than 12: 3\$

For your rental needs

Contact Gérald Langlois : 418-752-8498

Gilles Langlois, president

Tél. : 418 680-4467



The Commission jeunesse Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine reintroduces its *I take my place* contest

Carleton-sur-Mer, April 5, 2018 – Today, the Commission jeunesse Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine (CJGIM) launches its *I take my place* contest, which seeks to recognise, value, promote and reward the volunteer commitment of young Gaspésians and Magdalen Islanders between the ages of 18 and 35, while saluting their talents, creativity and determination. One regional winner will be chosen by a jury and that individual will receive a \$1,000 bursary. The candidates' volunteer involvement will be evaluated on the basis of the following criteria:

- The actions taken and challenge met;
- The benefits of their involvement for the community; and
- Their individual skills and personal qualities.

"Winning this award has made me even more convinced to be involved in my community. I have never stopped giving my time to make the community I live in more dynamic and stimulating," says Olivier Poulin, winner of the award in 2013.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT, NOT JUST FOR GRANNIES!

We take this opportunity to remind you that the nomination period for the *Community involvement, not just for grannies!* Contest is still open. Introduced last month, it seeks to salute young Gaspésians and Magdalen Islanders **between the ages of 12 and 24** who contribute their time and effort in some way as volunteers in their communities. Organisations can also nominate young volunteers. A jury will select 8 laureates who will each receive a \$500 award.

These two contests, which had not taken place since 2014, are back in a big way to salute the involvement of young people as volunteers in their communities. A total of \$5,000 in bursaries will be awarded to the winners

CONTEST PARTICIPATION

Young people and organisations have until **Friday, May 11, 2018** to submit their own nomination or to nominate a candidate for either contest. Nomination submission forms and all contest-related information are available at portailjeunesse.ca.

ABOUT THE COMMISSION JEUNESSE GASPÉSIE-ÎLES-DE-LA-MADELEINE (CJGIM)

The CJGIM was incorporated in 2015 to pursue its mandates to encourage young people to join forces and mobilise. In doing so, it fulfills its mission to ensure and promote the place of young people in the social, economic, political and cultural development of the region. The CJGIM is notably recognised for its efforts to encourage young people to put down permanent roots in the Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine administrative region.

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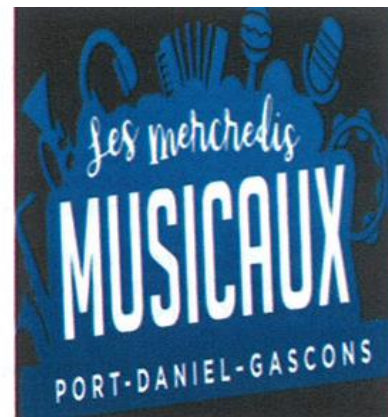


Who are we ?

Municipality of Port-Daniel-Gascons
 Éric Huard, Director of Leisure, Culture
 and Tourism
 Program Manager

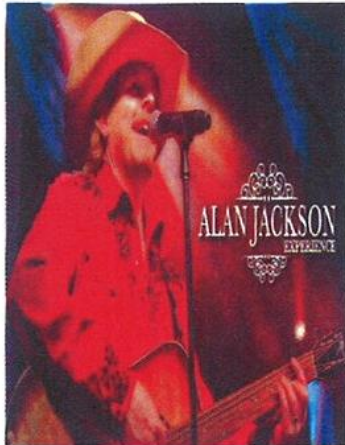
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Located at the Port-Daniel wharf, the cultural and family space of Port-Daniel now equipped with the brand new scene D'hydro Quebec is a meeting place for all citizens. The musical shows and the plays make the summer simply stunning in Port-Daniel-Gascons.



SUMMER PROGRAMMING 2018 :

- July 4th: FlyingJoes (Rock)
- July 11th: The Clemville kids
- July 25th: Alan Jackson experience (country)
- August 1st: Fogerty Revival (Tribute to CCR)
- August 8th: The Paul Deslauriers Band (Blues Rock)
- August 22nd: High5 (Pop Dance)
- September 5th: The Vinyls

I have always been proud of my village and the people who live there. From my native village of Port-Daniel to what it has become today, I saw it grow ... I saw it flourish ... and finally I saw it become a village with great potential... I have seen it become Port-Daniel-Gascons. Port-Daniel-Gascons I am proud of you, of your openness, of your beauty, of your projects, of what you become...continue... grow up!

Dominic Briand "The Clemville Kids "



The Paul Deslauriers Band (Blues Rock)

The shows begin at 7:30 pm. Bring your chairs and your usual good mood. The schedule may be subject to change.

Beverage sale on site.

No parking on site.





***This year the Neighbors day will take place in the parking
of the CLSC in Gascons***

For a reservation, contact Mélissa Castelloux Allain :

418-396-5400

**School swimming lessons for primary students from
Port-Daniel–Gascons**

The municipality, as each year organizes swimming lessons at a cost of \$50 per children for the primary students of Port-Daniel–Gascons. The registration period is now complete. Swimming lessons will begin on Wednesday, May 2 for a duration of 6 weeks. A bus transport is arranged for the pupils and accompanying parents.

We would like to thank our Sponsors: le Marché Doré for healthy snacks and the charity fund of the MRC of Rocher-Percé.

Kids, let's play outside!

« Danger is something kids don't notice while a risk is a challenge kids perceive and choose to face or not »

Don't step in the mud! Come here, you'll get dirt on your shirt! Don't climb there, you'll get hurt! ... Sentences we often hear at the park or near the house. Despite our best intentions, we sometimes tend to be overprotective. However, kids thrive and gain confidence through exploration and free play.

The bigger the playground the more active the kids tend to be and the more they'll have to take decisions and resolve problems by themselves. Free play necessarily means being creative. Here are a couple of ideas : to climb on uneven surfaces, to jump, to hang, to pedal, to slide, to roll up or run fast, to sculpt, to saw, to hold your balance, to tie ropes, to play near rocks, a pond or a lake, to explore or play hide and seek... so many answers to the question: « What can I do?! »

Want to learn more about the subject? Two readings available in the [Réseau Biblio de la Gaspésie et des Îles](#) :

CARDINAL, François (2010). *Lost without nature*. Montréal, Les Éditions Québec Amérique.

FERLAND, Francine (2012). *Come play outside ! For pleasure and health*, Montréal, CHU Sainte Justine (également disponible en [prêt numérique](#)).

Marjolaine Mineau

Communication officer | [Unité régionale loisir et sport Gaspésie-Îles-de-la-Madeleine](#)

**The municipality of Port-Daniel-Gascons
in collaboration
with the Sportiva Group**



The MAJOR tournament to end the season in style!

Open Gaspésien from 24 to 26 August 2018

Catégories : Excellence (pro), A, B et jeunesse

Beach party Saturday night on the beach (DJ, light games, etc...)

More details to come in the coming weeks.

*We wish to thank all the volunteers
From Port-Daniel-Gascons.*

Volunteer Week was held from April 15 to April 21, 2018. The Municipality of Port-Daniel–Gascons wishes to thank all its volunteers. This year's theme of volunteer work: I volunteer, you volunteer, let's combine our volunteer work!

Note that a tribute evening to our volunteers will take place this fall.

FCABQ statement on national **VOLUNTEER WEEK 2018**

Theme:

**I do it, you do it,
let's join our voluntary efforts!!**

Steering our society towards a greater sense of solidarity and mutual aid cannot be achieved by working alone. To instigate such a movement, the combined efforts of all citizens will be needed, regardless of their age, gender, origin, or their economic, social or physical condition.

Volunteering brings us closer to one another and unites us. Quebecers need to come together to provide a wholesome society for future generations.

In a rapidly evolving world, volunteer work is also moving forward. Volunteers engage themselves in different ways every day. That's why we insist on the importance of "joining our voluntary efforts". We believe that by working together as one, we can present a more contemporary and accurate image of what volunteer work represents today.

More than ever, citizens are faced with a society that doesn't always meet their expectations, be it towards equity, solidarity or justice. Volunteers have the collective strength to shape our present and our future. That is why their implication is vital to the well-being of our communities.

Let's join our voluntary efforts!



OPENING HOURS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICES

MUNICIPALITY OF PORT-DANIEL—GASCONS

From Monday to Friday

8 :00 to 12 :00 – 1 :00 to 4 :00

Phone : 418 396-5225 Fax : 418 396-5588



GASCONS SERVICE POINT

From Monday to Thursday

8 :00 to 12 :00 - 1:00 to 4:30

Closed on Friday

Phone: 418-396-5400 Fax: 418-396-2333

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR SESSIONS

Monday , May 14th 2018 : community hall in the Town Hall
(Legrand's House)

Monday, June 11th 2018 : Room three stars Port-Daniel West



NEXT PUBLICATION

If you have announcements to publish in the next newsletter, please send them no later than June 8TH 2018 by :

Fax: 418-396-2333 (identified for the municipal bulletin)

Email: gascons@munpdg.ca

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In person, at the Point de services de Gascons

(At 63A, Route 132 O, Gascons)

