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L'AFN continues to provide services to its membership
during a period of transition

Nanaimo – L'Association des francophones is in a period of transition.
We bring you big news!

1. The recently elected board of directors is working diligently for L'Association des francophones de Nanaimo (L'AFN). The team has reviewed various projects with the goal of continuing to offer popular activities and services to its members and the communities of Greater Nanaimo and Vancouver Island, within the context of maintaining the excellent reputation of the association. President Édith Bouchard, Vice-President Lise Leblanc-Quinn, Secretary Lisette Maisonneuve, Treasurer Marcel Cloutier, and Councillors André Letain and Joanne Hogan are driven to continue to offer a varied range of services to the membership.
2. However, the board of directors has had to continue volunteering for its membership within a realistic framework. Given the transition period that is taking place as the board restructures our organization, council members have voted to postpone the very popular Maple Sugar Festival du Sucre d'Érable by one year. Originally scheduled to have taken place in February 2011, the 11th edition of the Festival will now resume delighting Nanaimoites and tourists with its *joie de vivre* in February 2012. Meanwhile, board members are considering a one-day Sugar Shack for 2011 only. This event is to be confirmed at a later date.
3. The members of the board of directors are delighted to announce the new cultural and community coordinator for L'AFN: Katharine Keown. She demonstrates abundant initiative and administrative talent as she works tirelessly to complete numerous assigned tasks. We wish her tremendous success as we appreciate her passion for Francophone culture. We are also pleased to welcome her assistant Shaunessy Hutchen, who brings to L'AFN administrative skills pertaining to funding applications.

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