

SPOTLIGHT ON BUSINESS:

Soudex undergoes \$400,000 expansion in New Richmond

Gilles Gagné

NEW RICHMOND: – Soudex Inc., the New Richmond company which specializes in welding, snow removal, excavation and trucking, is expanding its main building for \$400,000. The project started in August and should be complete in the coming weeks.

The construction contract was awarded to Pitts Foundation of Maria and it consists of covering the company’s initial building, which was shaped like a dome, with a rectangular structure that adds one-third to the original surface.

“It was a necessity to improve the building, after 45 years of use. The roof was

leaking and it will improve our operations. Part of the new space will be used for offices and the other part for our operations. We are keeping the dome. It would have cost an extra \$200,000 to remove it and it is still useful,” says manager Francis Leblanc. His brother Rodrigue owns Soudex.

The new building measures 20 feet in width by 135 feet in length and therefore covers 2,700 square feet. The company serves the Bay of Chaleur area with its welding, excavation and trucking activities. The workforce varies a bit but the company employs 12 people on average.



Photo: G. Gagné

The new building covers 2,700 square feet.

David Philippe and Sylvain Roy want parliamentary commission to counter cancer through prevention

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CARLETON: – Only weeks after having successfully fought cancer, Bonaventure riding Member of the National Assembly Sylvain Roy joined by Gaspesian magician David Philippe is spearheading a campaign. Mr. Roy wants to convince Quebec politicians to establish a national strategy to combat cancer, with an emphasis on prevention.

Sylvain Roy is spearheading the petition which was initiated on December 12 by David Philippe. They are asking the members of the National Assembly members “to mandate the (parliamentary) Commission on health and social services to make a summary of past and current governmental actions regarding cancer prevention and elaborate an ambitious action plan to fight that pandemic.”

That ambitious plan, in the mind of Mr. Roy and Mr.

Philippe, must “make Quebec the most advanced North American nation” as far as cancer prevention is concerned.

“Why, in our schools, are we learning the atomic weight of rocks and not food chemistry? Why, when I enter a supermarket, am I under the impression that I come in a chemicals warehouse,” asks Sylvain Roy.

At the end of the summer and beginning of the fall, Mr. Roy had to go through 33 radiotherapy treatments and three six-hour chemotherapy treatments in Quebec City in order to fight throat cancer, at the time he should have been conducting his election campaign in Bonaventure. He still won the election, with the help of other Parti Québécois Members of the National Assembly.

David Philippe has been living with only one lung for the last eight years, due to lung

cancer. In 2013, he also successfully fought brain and bone cancer. The doctors gave him a year or two of life expectancy but he embarked on an experimental treatment and it worked perfectly for him.

“I know I smoked a bit but with a good (prevention) base, maybe I could have avoided that genetic mutation (cancer). I take 60 pills per month. Those pills cost \$8,700 monthly. (...) They are not paid by the government but through an insurance. However, everybody pays just the same. I will never pay enough taxes to reimburse what I have cost the society. If I can allow the society to avoid other cases like mine, I will,” explains the well-known magician.

Sylvain Roy refers to adopting a “coherent national multi-ministry strategy to fight cancer,” because he is convinced that currently, the various ministries involved in the cancer issue, namely Health, Education, Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, work in their own corner “through a silo approach,” without knowing what the other departments are doing.

David Philippe agrees with that statement and gives an example of the necessity to have coherence from one ministry to the other, as part of a prevention approach.

“If there is a very dangerous curve on a road, it won’t be long before a Transport department employee puts up a sign. (...) The solution lies in education. We give helmets to

our kids so they avoid trauma but we go to the grocery store and stuff them with aspartame,” he says, about a chemical found regularly in various food.

Cancer will affect one out of two Quebecers during one’s life span and every fourth Quebecer will die of cancer, points out Sylvain Roy. That reality makes him confident to convince enough Members of the National Assembly of all parties to have a parliamentary commission, that would take

place ideally in early spring.

“I already talked to the government parliamentary leader, Simon Jolin-Barrette. He is part of a big machine and he was not ready to answer right away. (...) I believe that the CAQ government will be receptive. We were in the opposition with them for four years. We have created a few links. They will be more receptive than the Liberal Party, which made enormous cuts in prevention,” concludes Mr. Roy.



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David Philippe and Sylvain Roy want Quebec to be the North American leader in cancer prevention.

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Another record summer for tourism on the Coast

Gilles Gagné

NEW RICHMOND: – The Gaspé Peninsula experienced another record summer tourist season in 2018. The number of visitors surpassed the 500,000 mark, and spinoffs reached \$255 million. All the major parameters indicate a n increase in attendance and financial impact.

The Gaspé Peninsula Regional Tourist Association recently released the numbers. According to the association the summer is made up of the months from May to September inclusively.

The management of the Regional Tourist Association say that the exceptional weather in July and August, the economic stability and the fact that some Quebecers have boycotted American destinations, played a role in the results. Moreover, the hardworking of people involved in tourism and the addition of new attractions has also contributed to the good results.

The occupancy rate for accommodations reached 82% in August and 58% in September,



Photo: G. Gagné

Events such as the FMBM in Gaspé drew good and enthusiastic crowds in 2018.

ber, compared to 77% and 53.4% for the corresponding periods in 2017. July remained stable at 74%, the same percentage as 2017 but that year was already marked by a record occupancy rate. For the whole season, the occupancy rate climbed from 59.2% in 2017 to 61.9% this year, a record rate since 2000.

Attractions and festivals also performed well. According to a survey conducted

with 127 businesses, the increase varies between 2% and 7%.

The network of tourist information booths was also well attended, as 220,000 people made a stop there, a 2.26% increase compared to 2017, which was also a record year.

The Tourism Gaspésie website also experienced a sharp increase in hits as 21% more people consulted the in-

formation available on that site, the blog was used by 24% more users. The number of facebook followers increased 8% to reach 62,000. The Instagram account made a 150% jump and now counts 10,000 followers. A tad more than 8,000 people used the holiday planning software to prepare their itinerary.

The Tourism Gaspésie promotional videos were seen by 750,000 people. Québec

maritime, the organization in charge of attracting an international clientele, invested up to \$2 million in various publicity campaigns.

The president of Tourism Gaspésie, Nathalie Blouin emphasizes that the organization's "efforts to lengthen the season are fruitful and we notice a significant clientele rise in September. We now want to make gains in June and we adopt measures in that regard."

As for director general Joëlle Ross, "the Gaspé Peninsula represents a prime destination, diversified and welcoming. The promotion of the region is an all year-long activity and the efforts to market it yield significant results. We wish that the members of Tourism Gaspésie will keep working with us."

Tourism Gaspésie has 700 members. In 2018, winter tourism generated spinoffs of about \$75 million. Tourism spinoffs in the region consequently surpassed the \$330 million mark for the year. Until 2015, the annual spinoffs were hovering around \$225 million yearly.

Lots of Christmas cheer in Cascapedia-St-Jules

Elaine Sexton

CASCAPEDIA-ST-JULES: - The 31st annual Christmas concert held Fifty Plus Club was once again well attended with 25 talented children taking part. On behalf of President Russell Campbell, Elaine Sexton thanked everyone for their support and welcomed all those who gathered to hear some Christmas favourites.

The children had the full attention of the audience. There was a poem, singing and a Christmas spin on popular nursery rhymes including *Old St-Nicholas Had a Tree*. A smaller group sang *Petit Papa Noël*. There were special decorations that the children received as a souvenir of this special night.

Several musicians helped with the concert including Jim Cahill and first time backup guitarist Leo Legouffe. Jim and Leo also had solo performances, which were enjoyed by all. Leo was joined by his *Little River Band*, Jimmy Hardy and Alistair Campbell. Other entertainers were the Sexton sisters, Darlene, Susan and Shelley with Jim on the guitar, Darlene and Elaine. The *Sexton Snowflakes* did some rocking with *CHRISTMAS*, a Johnny Reid classic. Sandra Willett-Dugas and Nancy Vignola also took part in performances.

Santa attended the event and provided treats for the children and asked them what they wanted for Christmas. The door prize from the Club was a turkey and all the fixings to make a holiday meal. The Legion donated candy for the concert and Santa Day. We appreciate how well the children and their parents rehearsed for the concert. Organizers are grateful to the many volunteers who donated their time the night of the concert setting up and putting up beautiful decorations a few weeks before the event, which put everyone in a Christmas mood. Time passes by quickly, so if you would like to be part of this great tradition write it in your agenda as the new year begins. On behalf of President Russell Campbell we wish all the best of health and happiness in 2019.



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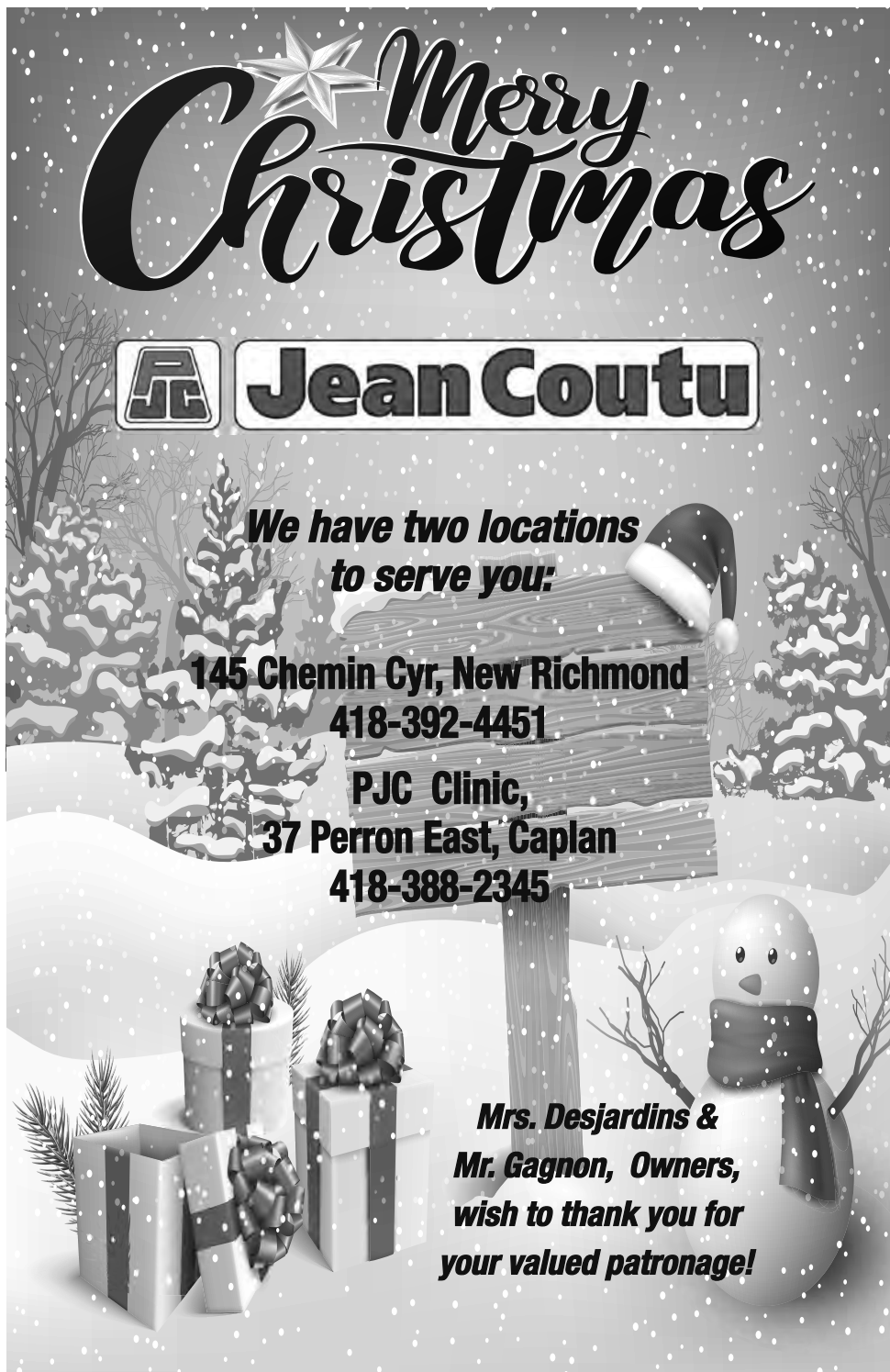
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Three lessons about nature from your old Christmas tree

People living in the northern hemisphere have brought trees and boughs into their homes during the holiday season for thousands of years. The evergreens that we decorate during Christmas can represent a celebration of holidays and a reminder that spring will come again.

I'm a Christmas tree traditionalist, and will never give up the ancient ritual of bringing a fresh tree into our home. Each year, Canada's 1,872 Christmas tree farms produce over three million pine, spruce and fir trees. In addition to supporting Canadian famers, Christmas tree plantations provide habitats for songbirds, including the chipmunk, sparrow and American robin.

But what happens to your Christmas tree after the holidays?

We've come a long way since the days when Christmas trees were dumped into landfills. Most municipalities now have programs that chip and compost old trees. Some conservation groups even collect trees to create fish habitats or stop erosion along streams.

These are great ways to recycle your Christmas tree, but you can also let nature recycle your tree in your own backyard. It takes a little longer than hauling it to the curb, but you can give your tree a second life by giving it as a gift to wildlife. This small act of nature conservation can also help your family learn three lessons about how, even in death, trees are an important part of life and renewal in our Canadian forests.

Lesson 1: Gimme shelter

The first step in recycling your tree is easy. Just put it anywhere in your backyard until spring.

Many of us do this anyway when we miss the pick-up for municipal tree recycling.

Your Christmas tree will enrich your backyard ecosystem right away. Evergreens provide important shelter for birds on cold nights and during storms and as a safe place to rest while they visit your feeder.

You can even use your old tree as a bird (and probably squirrel) feeder by redecorating it with pine cones filled with peanut butter, strings of peanuts and suet.

Lesson 2: Downed woody debris

Come spring, your tree will probably have lost most of its needles and be looking like, well, a dead tree. It's time to put your tree to rest and help out your flowers by mimicking what happens with dead trees in forests.

Scientists call trees and branches on the forest floor "downed woody debris" (the cool scientists just say DWD). This debris is not trash. It is an important indicator of healthy forests by providing habitat, sheltering wildflowers, holding moisture and helping build the soil.

You can recreate DWD in your gardens. Cut off the tree's branches and lay them where spring flowers are starting to emerge. Lay the trunk

on soil and it will provide a home for many backyard animals. Toads will find shelter under the log, and insects, including pollinators such as carpenter bees, will burrow into the wood.

Lesson 3: Spruce to soil

By fall, you'll start to witness the final stage in the life of your Christmas tree, as the branches and trunk begin to decompose and turn into soil. Many of our Christmas trees, particularly spruce and balsam fir, have very low rot resistance and break down quickly when exposed to the elements. The more contact the cut branches and trunk have with the ground, the faster it will start to be recycled by fungi, insects and bacteria.

After a few years, not much will remain of your tree. The needles and branches will have returned to soil, and the trunk will be soft with rot. It will just be a memory of your new tradition of backyard Christmas tree recycling.

(Dan Kraus is Senior Conservation Biologist with the Nature Conservancy of Canada. He is an expert on Canadian species and landscape ecology, and a member of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature Species Survival Commission)



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Cascapedia-St-Jules tree lighting ceremony

Elaine Sexton

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The kids even mailed their letters in a special mailbox that was on hand to make sure they would be delivered on time. Rev. Raymond Kragland attended the event and he thanked God for the blessing of the children.


This day would not be possible without the many helpers who worked behind the scenes. The event was made possible thanks to the volunteers who helped make the hall look festive and made cookies to decorate, as well as Santa, Mrs. Claus, the elves and the Eagle Club. Bright Beginners GMI, a CASA affiliation, had great activities for all to enjoy. We wish everyone a healthy and happy 2019. See you next year.



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Santa Claus comes to town

Elaine Sexton

CASCAPEDIA-ST-JULES: - Many children and parents enjoyed a visit from Santa Claus recently at the Municipal hall in Cascapedia-St-Jules. Several new faces could be seen in the crowd, as the little community of Cascapedia-St-Jules is growing every year. It is wonderful to see the new generation taking part in community events! Over 35 children attended the activity.

For the past 30 years, Santa has been dropping by our community to meet the children. The volunteer firemen are always there to help Santa once he arrives from the North Pole. The Eagles Club generously provided the treats for all the children and parents who came to enjoy the afternoon activity.

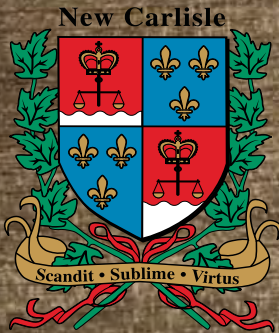
The community is grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Claus who always take time out of their very busy schedule to come and meet the little ones. To his elves and Jimmy Geraghty, his personal chauffeur, your help is very much appreciated.

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Brandon Chesser (NCHS 1997)

Dear Santa;
My name is Matt Cody. I'm 3 and a half. My sitter said I'm a good boy most of the time. Please Santa send me Woody from Toy Story, a race car set and a Nintendo game. P.S. Santa please send a baby doll for my baby sister Jessie Lynn.
Matthew LeGrand (New Carlisle 1997)

Dear Santa;
We've been very good to our mom and dad. Could you come to Grandma Reina's house for Christmas? We would like a drum, a talking bear, a dolly that really eats food, and roller blades. Could you bring Grandpa Conrad some cows for Christmas because we miss his? We love you! Oops, Jordan would also like an orange tractor.
Jessica and Jordan Legouffe (St. Jules 1997)

Dear Santa;
My name is Jacob Renouf. I am seven years old and I have tried to be a very good boy. I make my bed and keep my room clean. I help my mom and dad when they ask me. For Christmas I would like the X-Men water works play set. If you don't have that then I guess I could take something else. Maybe you could get me a Jurassic Park toy. Thank you! Your friend Jacob. P.S. I won't forget your milk and cookies.
Jacob Renouf (New Carlisle 1997)

Dear Santa;
I would like a Sega Genesis football tape set for two players and a Real Talking Bubba and a surprise. Have a Merry Christmas.
Christopher Renouf (NCHS 1997)

Dear Santa;
I love you and I want Tickle Me Elmo for Christmas. I have been good and I painted a picture for mommy.
Kaneesha Smith (New Carlisle 1997)

Dear Santa Claus;
I have believed in you since I was an infant. I always loved the gifts you gave me over the years. They were really very nice, but this year I would like a Nintendo tape, a puppy dog, a few trolls and a typewriter. When you come to my house there will be some milk and cookies for you and sugar cubes for your reindeers. My mothers says that you are magic because you can get into peoples homes without anyone seeing you. Hope to see you very soon. Thank you.
Patricia Smith Gr. 4/5 (1992)

Santa Claus;
I am Jonathan. I am 6 years old. I want a Power Ranger that changes head. I want a Power Ranger game for my Game Boy and a game for my Nintendo and that is all I want. Happy Christmas Santa.
P.S. Don't forget I live at 50 Mount Sorel.
Jonathan Imhoff (New Carlisle 1994)

I have been good. I help dad on the farm a lot. All I want for Christmas is a 3 ski. I want to see Rudolph and Dasher. I want lots of snow. I want for Christmas a radio. I wish all your elves a Merry Christmas and I wish you a Merry Christmas too Santa Claus. I wish Mrs. Claus and Rudolph a Merry Christmas and I wish Dasher and all the reindeers a Merry Christmas.
Spencer Hayes (SPDS 1994)

Could you please get me a keyboard for Christmas and some trolls and an electric guitar for Trevor.
Melanie Buttle Gr. 4/5 (1992)

I would like a sled with a steering wheel and a horse shoe magnet. I have not been that good at home but I am very good at school. My sisters are not that good either. I try not to fight with them. Merry Christmas.
Kyle Hayes (SPDS 1994)

Merry Christmas Santa Claus. I like to help my mom and dad. Have a safe trip Santa. I will leave you some milk and cookies. I hope you like them. For Christmas I would like to get Mr. Potato head and Barbie phones. I would be happy with anything.
Amie Major (SPDS 1994)

Dear Santa;
I would like to have anything, love from David.
David Duthie (NRHS 1997)

Dear Santa;
I love you. A spider, an apple. I'd like a computer game. Love from Becky.
Rebecca Milligan (NRHS 1997)

Dear Santa;
I would like a mouse ornament.
Julie Roussy (NRHS 1997)

Dear Santa;
I have been a very good girl. May I have a dolly? Have a good trip.
Erika Bujold (NRHS 1997)

Dear Santa;
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Jason Pelletier (NCHS 1997)

Dear Santa;
I love you Santa. I am a good girl. I would like to have a karate suit like clothes. I love you Santa.
Nora Walker Gr. 1 (1992)

Dear Santa;
I am a good boy. I would like to have a karate underwear.
Steven Benwell Gr. 1 (1992)

Dear Santa;
How are you doing? I have been a very good girl this year. We had a draw for well-behaved students. I won for my class and I got to go to lunch with Mr. Gifford, the principal. I would like a brand-new skidoo. Also some new clothes, some jewelry and a new baby brother.
Monica Smith Gr. 4/5 (1992)

Christmas has come again and I want a Fast Traxx. I hope it isn't a lot of trouble. I know it is expensive but can I please have it. I hope none of your reindeer are not sick. How is Mrs. Claus? I hope she isn't sick. How are your elves. Thank you.
Lance Gallan Gr. 4/5 (1992)

Dear Santa;
For Christmas can you please give me \$100,000. I hope it is not a lot of trouble and if it's too much trouble can you get me a sports car.
Thank you, your friend always.
Chris Flowers Gr. 4/5 (1992)

Dear Santa;
I am good Santa. I don't fight. I don't throw snowballs. I help my mother clean the floor. I help her make bread. My teacher thinks I am good at school. Please bring me a remote control tractor and a truck and some books. Merry Christmas.
Geordie Hottot (SPDS 1994)

Dear Santa;
How are you and your wife? I suppose the elfs are really busy this year making all new toys for us girls and boys. I would like to have alot of things this year but I don't like to put you through all that trouble. So I will jast ask you for three main things. Mountain bike, big troll, and doll on roller skates, and if possible I would like some stickers because I have a sticker collection, Some people do not believe in you but I do my name is Crystal Kruse. I hope all your reindeers are fine. Have a merry Christmas and happy new year. Good luck on your journey.
Crystal Kruse Gr. 4/5 (1992)

Dear Santa;
I would really like it if you can get me an organ chest and seat for Christmas. If you can get me it I will not ask for anything else. Oh ya! How is Miss Clause. Do not tell me a lie I know you do not tell lies so can you get me a chest and seat. Say hy to Miss Claus. Thank you.
Natasha Beebe Gr. 4/5 (1992)

Dear Santa;
I've been good this year. I hope I get what I wish for. I like Rudolph he has a shiny red nose. Me and my mom are going to make chocolate chip cookies. I hope you have a Merry Christmas. I want a Super Nintendo and a Power Ranger. Please leave us some gummy bears in our stockings.
B.J. Almond (SPDS 1994)

Dear Santa;
I love you Santa. I am a good girl. I would like to have a pereur skiiis.
Jennifer Bujold Gr. 1 (1992)

Dear Santa;
Could you please get me a G.T. I've been good. Can I have six dollars and a dog? I also would like a hammerheads game and Fast Traxx.
Johnny Smith Gr. 4/5 (1992)

Dear Santa;
For Christmas I want a Barbie and some clothes, a tape to watch on TV, puppy surprises, and I would like to have stickers and a colouring book and some markers, pyjamas and socks. I don't want too much. My little brother Jason wants power ranger toys, a tape to watch on television, a car and that's all.
Tracy-Lee Pelletier (New Carlisle 1994)

Dear Santa;
I'm good. I help my mother, I wash the floor. I don't fight. Please bring me the big jeep up at Robin's. Merry Christmas.
Dale Mann Junior (SPDS 1994)

Dear Santa;
I help mom do the dishes after supper. I am good because you are coming soon. I am good at school. please bring me a Barbie doll.
Diana Lee Wylie (SPDS 1994)

Dear Santa Claus;
I am good. I colour good at school. I make snowmen. I help mommy make cookies and cakes. My sister Brooke wants a sleigh. I want Power Rangers and Ninja Turtles. Merry Christmas. P.S. I want a remote control truck too.
Andrea Major (SPDS 1994)

Dear Santa;
I would like a yak for Christmas. I will be good for the rest of the year and I want a nintendo 64. I like Mrs. Claus too.
Matthew Bujold (NCHS 1997)

Looking back into

SANTA'S MAILBOX



Dear Santa;

I want to know all of your reindeer's names. For Christmas I would like Barbie dolls and clothes. I promise to be good and I want all kinds of stickers. xoxoxo Merry Christmas.

Kristin Douesnard (NCHS 1997)

For Christmas I would like a Water Babies on a seesaw, the triplets and a GT, the talking tots, Merry Christmas.

Chelsea Vantol (NCHS 1997)

Dear Santa;

I want transformers for Christmas. I will be good forever.

Tyler Smith (New Carlisle 1997)

Dear Santa;

I want a watch, a car, a Batmobile car and Robin and Batman.

Travis McWhirter (NRHS 1997)

Dear Santa;

I have been good. May I have Barbie?

Alyssa Willet (NRHS 1997)

Dear Santa;

I want a doll, a robot, a Star Wars game, a puppy, a candy cane and a balloon. I am six years old and I've been good!

Caitlin Syvret (Bougainville 1997)

Dear Santa: I want a truck with just an antenna and a star wars movie, a robot and a sled with handles on both sides. I am 7 years old. How is Rudolph?

Jeremy Leggo (Douglastown 1997)

Dear Santa;

I would like a new piggy bank and a real reindeer to pull firewood. I would also like a smoke detector for my father. And, how is Rudolph? Please take my cold away if you can. I am 7 years old. I will leave you some muffins when you come to my house.

Ricky Chicoine (Barachois 1997)

Dear Santa;

I am 7 years old. I want a toy robot, some Leggo Blocks and a Star Wars game. I would also like a ninja set, Santa. How is Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer?

Joey Chicoine (Belle Anse 1997)

Dear Santa;

How are you? I'm fine. For Christmas this year I would like an electric train and some underwear. I would also like a tea set, that's all. How is Rudolph doing and how are Dasher and Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cuped, Doner and Blitsin? I am leaving some cookies and milk with some meringues too and carrots for the reindeer. Love your friend Brigid.

Brigid Matheson (St. Georges de Malbaie 1997)

Dear Santa,
I would like special place
Ghostbusters.
love,
Ryan Smith

Dear Santa,
I love Christmas
because it's lots of
fun! How are the hard
days going? For Christmas
I want a walkman, skibol,
a tape The New Kids
on the block. Good-
bye for now. Love,
Crystal. My sisters and I are
going to give you milk and
cookies.
Crystal Miller
(age 7)



Dear Santa,

My name is Zachery Austin Clement and I am 14 months old. I finally learned how to walk and I am up to a pretty good speed now. My Mom, Dad and Nannie almost have to put it in second gear to catch me!! I have seven teeth, so bring on the turkey, and I gave up that baby bottle months ago!!! For Christmas this year everyone keeps asking me if I would like to have a baby brother or sister. Now Santa listen up, if you can't get the baby brother or if the baby sister is unavailable, don't worry about it. I won't be too upset with you, a big truck or tractor will do just fine!! Thanks Santa, you're the best!!

Love, Zachery.....XoXo



Dear Santa,

I am always very good. For Christmas I would like a Play Station II, games, television, DVD player, Harry Potter things, a nu jam guitar, books, clothes and two budgie birds. Say hi to Mrs. Santa and all the reindeers. I will leave a lunch for you Santa.

Love, Kristal Ward
New Carlisle, Québec



Dear Santa

Hi! Santa, my name is Josh and I am 5 years old. For Christmas I would like Excavator, construction set, Bob the builder Set and Bob the Builder man. That's all Santa.

Love Josh Jean
Gaspé, Québec



Dear Santa,

I am writing this note to you to tell you 3 important things. I have tried to be a really good girl this year, with only a few mistakes. I would like a dolly on a scooter with a remote control and I will be at my Nanny and Pop's this Christmas. Their names are Cletus and Lee Leggo. I hope you can remember all of that.

Devyn Haugen xoxoxoxoxo
Petawawa, Ontario



Dear Santa,

I have been a very good boy this year. For Christmas I would like a Game Boy Advance in colour, a game remote control truck and a real kitten. Say hi to Mrs. Santa and all the reindeers. I will leave a lunch for you Santa.

Love, Lloyd Ward
8 years old
New Carlisle, Québec



Dear Santa Claus,

How are you this year. I am fine. For Christmas I would like a set of drums, the game Guess Who and Clue Simpson and a Bey Blade with the stadium and a karaoke machine. I will leave some homemade cookies for you.

Love Kayla Bond
8 years old
St. Georges de Malbaie, QC



Dear Santa,

I am 5 years old. I would like a Leap Frog pad. My sister, Lauryn is 3 years old. Could you bring her a new boat for the bathtub?

Natalie Chicoine



Dear Santa,

I am five years old and have been a very good girl. This year I am into Barbie stuff and would like to receive anything to do with Barbie. Can you make more clatter on my Papa's roof so I will know that you did not miss me on Christmas Eve? My nanny will put out chocolate chip cookies and milk for you in case you might need a little boost. Thanks Santa.

Amy Day Flowers xoxo
New Carlisle, Québec



Dear Santa,

Hi, my name is Morgan Jean and I am 4 years old and I go to Pre-K. I want a skateboard and Legos for Christmas

Morgan Jean
Gaspé, Quebec



Dear Santa,

My name is Bradley Jean. I am 4 years old and in Pre-K at Gaspé elementary. I would like an Air Rebound, Power Ranger and a Hot Wheels garage.

Thank you, Love Bradley



Dear Santa,

I have been a very good boy this year. For Christmas, I would like a Beyblade Stadium and Playstation 2. I will leave you a lunch on Christmas eve.

Love Ryan O'Connor
(6 years old, Grade 1,
Gaspé Elementary)



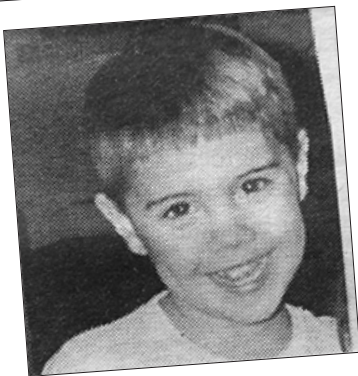
Dear Santa,

I love you. I have grown a lot. I am learning in school. I am going to Rimouski on December 7th. 2001. How is Rudolph? I hope he is fine. How Are Cupid and Dancer? How are the elves today? How are you today? My favourite toy is a metal detector.

Love, Gregory Renouf
Grade 2, NCHS

LETTERS TO SANTA

FROM YEARS GONE BY..



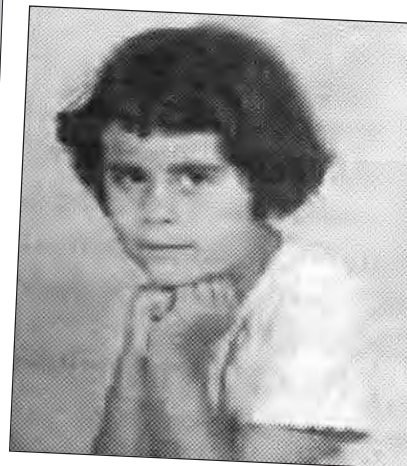
Dear Santa,
Please bring me a sled for
Christmas. I love you.
Félix Larocque



Hi Santa,
Could you bring me candy please
and a Monster Truck. My name is
Marshall and I'll be four years old
on December 29th. Thank you.
Marshall Billingsley
New Carlisle, Quebec



Dear Santa,
I love you. I would like a doll and four
Barbies please. My Daddy would like a
hockey stick and gloves please.
Mommy just wants a holiday. Thank
you very much, your friend.
Alyssa Major
6 years old



Dear Santa,
I am 4 years old. I am in pre-k in Belle
Anse School. Please bring some
presents for my friends and me.
Thank you Santa.
Aurora Patterson-Drainville



Dear Santa,
I am 7 years old and I would
like to have army men and an
army track and a Spiderman,
Fred Farm.
Walter Bernard
Gesgapegiag, Que.



Dear Santa,
I don't want to sit on your knee
because I'm scared. I have been a
good boy, so I hope you will come
to my house and bring me a remote
control monster truck. I will give
you some chips and juice
Cody Flowers (3 and a half)
New Carlisle



Dear Santa,
My name is Molly Gallibois. I
am 4 years old and in Pre-K. For
Christmas I would like a camera
and some craft supplies. Please!
I will have cookies and milk
ready for you.



Pre.K. NCHS
My name is Laura-Lynn Blais. I am 6
years old. I think you are real neat. I
have been a good girl pretty most of
the time. For Christmas, I would like a
Barbie Barbie, stickers, make-up, 6
glasses, Baby Kelly Doll, movie, Skate
Barbie. I love you.
Love Laura-Lynn Blais
New Carlisle, Quebec



Dear Santa Claus
I have improved a lot. I am excited
for Christmas. We are learning
about Christmas words. Do you ride
a skidoo? How are your elves? Do
they still wear green suits? I want a
blue microphone that was on TV or
a Bopit. But I would like a micro-
phone.
Love, Emilie Woods
Grade 2, NCHS



Dear Santa Claus,
It is snowing out. I am fine. I am
good this year. I am doing well at
school. I am 7. I am learning. How
are you? How is Rudolph? How is
Mrs. Claus? For Christmas I want a
pair of skates and a poochie.
Love Brittany Flowers
Grade 2, NCHS



Dear Santa,
I like your toys, and your rein-
deer. Could you bring me a re-
mote control car please? Be
careful of my door because it
squeaks and I wake up but Santa I
will stay in my bed and go back to
sleep.
Brett Billingsley
Kindergarten, NCHS



Dear Santa,
I would like a game called The
Shark Breaks the Bridge.
I will give you some chocolate
cookies.
Charles Briard
Pre. K. NCHS



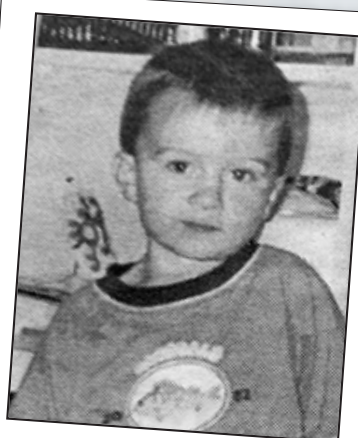
Dear Santa,
It is snowing here on the Gaspé
coast. I've grown since last year and
I'm smarter because I know a bit of
the times tables. I am 8 years old and
I'm a good boy. How are you and how
is Mrs. Claus? How's Rudolph and the
other reindeer? Are all the elves
doing good? I hope you don't have a
cold. Please can I have a game boy
color game or Disney's Atlantis. If you
can't give me one of those things you
can give me anything.
Love your friend, Andrew Woods
Grade 2, NCHS



Dear Santa,
I love you. Would you please
bring me a Make-Up Wendy
Doll?
Taylor Gallon
Pre.K. NCHS



Dear Santa,
I've grown a lot. I've been good. I am
smarter than last year. At school we
are learning how to write Christmas
words. I can read more than last year.
My birthday is in March. I am 7 years
old. How are you? How are your rein-
deer? How is Mrs. Claus? How are
your elves? When is your birthday?
Are there penguins at the north pole?
How old are you? Don't forget that I
love you. My best gift would be a
robot baby.
Love, Jessika Gallan
Grade 2, NCHS



Hi Santa Claus,
My name is Dallas LeBerre. I'm
only 2 years old. My hometown is
getting ready for you, with all the
pretty lights. New Carlisle looks
cool. I've been really good. For
Christmas I would like Bob-The-
Building things and clothes. Drive
carefully and stay warm.
Love Dallas Thomas LeBerre
New Carlisle, Québec

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