



## Canadian Parents for French Ontario Board of Directors Announcement

**Niagara Falls, October 17, 2023**— Canadian Parents for French (Ontario) held its annual provincial conference and 47<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Niagara Falls October 14-15, 2023. Members reelected Denise Massie as President of CPF ON for the 1<sup>st</sup> year of her 4<sup>th</sup> term, and incumbent director Deborah Williams who returns for her 2<sup>nd</sup> term.

The full Slate of Officers and Directors for the 2023-2024 CPF Ontario Board is as follows:

Denise Massie, President (Reelected to 4<sup>th</sup> term)  
Myron Karpiuk, Vice President (4<sup>th</sup> term)  
Susan Lee, Treasurer (1<sup>st</sup> term)  
My Dang, Director (3<sup>rd</sup> term)  
Sandhya Mylabathula, Director (1<sup>st</sup> term)  
Deborah Williams, Director (Reelected to 2<sup>nd</sup> term)

The provincial conference kicked off with a morning Youth Panel Discussion, moderated by President Denise Massie, focused on the impacts a bilingual education has had on four young women from different parts of Ontario. Key workshops for parents and youth focused on:

- An update of the State of FSL Education in Ontario, presented by long-time advocate and Chair of the CPF Advocacy Committee, Mary Cruden;
- How to become a volunteer, presented by CPF ON Manager, Chapter Development and Outreach, Rosemary Sutherland; and
- How parents can support a child FSL learner, presented by 20-year French Teacher and author, Tara Natter, Waterloo Region District School Board.

The CPF Board, Staff and Members celebrated CPF Ontario Awards Winners at a special luncheon Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup>:

- **Mlacak Award**: 13-year volunteer and CPF ON advocate Alanda Lantz of Hanover received the Mlacak Award for the outstanding contribution to CPF.
- **McGillivray Award**: Nicole Czaja, a former FSL consultant, educator, Vice Principal for Rainbow District School Board and Past President of OMLTA (2017-18) received the McGillivray Award for outstanding contribution to FSL education; and
- **Youth Leadership Award**: Anastacia (Ana) Weekes, a Grade 10 student in Brampton and 6-year volunteer with her local chapter received the Youth Leadership Award for outstanding dedication, contributions, and initiative of youth towards FSL programming.

The Annual General Meeting was conducted in-person and virtually with notice given to all CPF members residing in Ontario. [View the 2022-2023 CPF Annual Performance Report.](#)

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*Canadian Parents for French is a nationwide, research-informed, volunteer organization that promotes and creates opportunities to learn and use French for all those who call Canada home.*

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