

Bishop'sForum

PROGRAM 2026

August 7–12, 2026

Bishop's University • Lennoxville, Québec

A Civic Leadership Institute for English-Speaking Youth

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

DAILY AGENDA

01	Coordination Meetings, Final Preparation (Organizing Team) 10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
02	Check-ins and Arrivals 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. <i>Purple Pod</i>
03	Opening Dinner 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. <i>Purple Pod</i> Words of Welcome from Celine Cooper, Director, Bishop's Forum 
04	Bonfire 8:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. <i>Purple Pod Plaza</i>

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

DAILY AGENDA

01

Breakfast

7:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.
Dewhurst Tent

02

POLITICS & POLICY - SETTING THE STAGE

03

Session 1 - Welcome Session

9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
Hamilton 304

About the Bishop's Forum & Rules of Engagement
Celine Cooper, Director, Bishop's Forum

Remarks

Geneviève Hébert, Députée de Saint-François, Coalition avenir Québec, Adjointe parlementaire du ministre délégué à l'Économie et aux Petites et Moyennes Entreprises

Christopher Skeete, Ministre des Relations internationales et de la Francophonie, ministre responsable de la Lutte au racisme, ministre responsable des Relations avec les Québécois d'expression anglaise et ministre responsable de la région de Laval



What is a Parliamentary Commission?
Royal Orr, Les Communications Royal Orr



04

Session 2 - Speaker

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Hamilton 304

Quebec/Canada 101

Daniel Béland, Director, McGill Institute for the Study of Canada, McGill University



05

Lunch

11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.

Dewhurst Tent

06

Session 3 - Speaker

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Hamilton 304

The New World Order and Quebec's Future

Kyle Matthews, Executive Director, Montreal Institute for Global Security (MIGS)



07

Session 4 – Speakers

Leading Local

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Hamilton 304

Municipal Politics and Civic Engagement

Kerwins Saint- Jean, Community Development Specialist & Raïs Kibonge, Municipal Organization Specialist



4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Remarks

Marianne Dandurand, Member of Parliament for Compton Stanstead (LPC)



08

Project Work – Get to know your group

4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Group Rooms

09

Dinner

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Dewhurst Tent

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CBC Quiz Night

7:30 p.m.

Purple Pod

Hosted by **Kwabena Oduro, Video Journalist, CBC Montreal & CBC National**



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SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

DAILY AGENDA

01	Breakfast 7:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. Dewhurst Tent
02	Session 1 - Session 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Hamilton 304 Media and mentorship A conversation between Kwabena Oduro, Video Journalist, CBC Montreal & CBC National, and Elysia Bryan Baynes, Journalist and Communications Consultant  
03	Session 2 – Policy Discussion 11:00 a.m.- 11:45 a.m. Hamilton 304
04	Lunch 12:00 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. Dewhurst Tent
05	Session 3 – INTERVIEW AND PODCAST TAPING 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Hamilton 304 The CEO Series with Karl Moore, Associate Professor, Desautels Faculty of Management, McGill University and Sébastien Lebel-Grenier, Principal and Vice-Chancellor, Bishop's University

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Session 4 - WORKSHOP

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Hamilton 304

Parliamentary Commission Workshop

Stephen Thompson, Senior Public Policy Advisor

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Project Work

4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Group Rooms

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Dinner

6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Dewhurst Tent

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ACTIVITY ON CAMPUS

7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

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Film Screening and Book Discussion

What We Choose to Remember (film) / What We Choose to Forget (book)

Guy Rex Rogers, Writer and Director



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MONDAY, AUGUST 10

DAILY AGENDA

01

Breakfast

7:30 - 8:45 a.m.
Dewhurst Tent

03

Session 1 - Keynote Speaker

9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
Hamilton 304

Kahsennenhawe Sky-Deer, CEO and President, Sky-Deer Consulting, Vice President, Dable Advisory & Consulting Services, President, Panorama Development Partners, Former Grand Chief of the Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke



Follow up and Q&A facilitated by Celine Cooper

04

Session 2 - Keynote Panel

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Hamilton 304

Bishop's Forum @ 10: Then, Now, Next

Panelists: **Michael Goldbloom**, **Elysia Bryan Baynes**, **Celine Cooper**



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05

Lunch

12 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.
Dewhurst Tent

06

Project Group Work

1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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Session 4 - Panel

3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Hamilton 304

Democracy, Civic Engagement and Youth in Quebec
Valérie Sagine Toussaint and Samantha Restall, Y4Y
Viviane Cottle, Institut du Nouveau Monde



08

Session 5 - Workshop

4:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.
Hamilton 304

Scattered Automatic Expression Association
Sampreet Arneja and Arielle Warten, Co-Founders and Directors



09

Dinner

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

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Dewhurst Tent

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Open Mic and Talent Show

7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Bandeau Hall

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

DAILY AGENDA

01

Breakfast

7:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.
Dewhurst Tent

02

Session 1 - Keynote Speaker

9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
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Charles Milliard, Chef du Parti libéral du Québec | Leader of the Quebec Liberal Party



Joined by:

Désirée McGraw, Députée de Notre-Dame-de-Grâce, Parti libéral du Québec
Elizabeth Prass, Députée de D'Arcy-McGee, Parti libéral du Québec



03

Parliamentary Commission Workshop – Provincial Employment Roundtable (PERT)

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Sta Kuzviwanza, Executive Director, PERT
Chad Walcott, Director of Public Affairs, PERT



04

Lunch

11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.
Dewhurst Tent

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Session 3 – Workshop

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
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Official Languages Workshop, Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages

Andrew Palucci, Senior Regional Engagement Agent, Quebec and Nunavut Region, Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages

Alexandre Renaud, Senior Regional Engagement Agent, Quebec and Nunavut Region, Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages



06

Session 4 – Workshop

3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Hamilton 304 (virtual presentation)

Communications - Honing your presentation

Thomas Ledwell, Founding Principal and CSO, Ledwell Strategies



07

Project Work Block, 4-6 p.m.

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Closing Gala

6:30 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.

Cleghorn Room

Remarks from **John McMahon, Sous-ministre Adjoint, Secrétariat aux relations avec les Québécois d'expression anglaise – Bureau de lutte au racisme, Ministère des Relations internationales et de la Francophonie**



09

Pack and Finalize Projects

Group Rooms

Post-Gala

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

DAILY AGENDA

01	Breakfast / Check out 7:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. Dewhurst Tent
02	PARLIAMENTARY COMMISSIONS
03	Parliamentary Presentations & Media Scrum 9:30 a.m. - 12:20 p.m. Presentations take place in 20-min increments Centennial Lobby/The Gait Commissioners: John McMahon, Sous-ministre Adjoint, Secrétariat aux relations avec les Québécois d'expression anglaise – Bureau de lutte au racisme, Ministère des Relations internationales et de la Francophonie Chad Walcott, Director of Public Affairs, Provincial Employment Roundtable (PERT) Elizabeth Prass, Députée de D'Arcy-McGee, Parti libéral du Québec Kyle Matthews, Executive Director, Montreal Institute for Global Security (MIGS) Denis Kotsoros, Executive Director, Townshippers' Association Media Scrum: Ruby Pratka (Sherbrooke Record); Gordon Lambie (CBC Sherbrooke); Alexandra Sheila Robertson
04	Boxed Lunch/Debrief and Closing 12:30 p.m.- 2 p.m. The Gait

