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RE: Montreal Citizens Charter of Rights and Responsibilities

Dear Sir or Madam,

With the merger of the municipalities of the West Island to the City of Montreal, where the population is mostly English speaking, and to promote the duality of the main languages spoken today in Montreal; this should be reflected in the Charter.

As a director of the Montreal Chapter of Alliance Quebec for the Borough of Saint Laurent and being on the committee to work on the Montreal Charter of Rights and Responsibilities, upon reflection and research, we have found out that the English language is an historic language in Quebec and recognized by the Canadian Constitution as an official language throughout Canada.

Also, the Canadian Constitution recognizes English as an official language in the National Assembly of Quebec and in the courts of Quebec.

Since the City of Montreal recognizes the contribution of the cultural heritage of the English-speaking communities and wishes to ensure that all Montreal citizens benefit from this heritage and legacy; therefore it is desirable to guarantee the use of the English language, as well as the French language in the institutions of the City of Montreal.

It is also important to ensure that the civil services and the public services of the City of Montreal of today to reflect this existing linguistic duality.

So to fully and better reflect this, be it resolved that the enlarged City of Montreal recognize the importance of the English language for the future of the City of Montreal and its increased inhabitants and that this recognition be fully reflected in the proposed Montreal Charter of Rights and Responsibilities.

Yours truly,

Louis Ottoni

Whereas the English language is an historic language in Quebec and recognized by the Canadian Constitution as an official language throughout Canada:

And whereas the Canadian Constitution recognizes English as an official language in the National Assembly of Quebec and in the courts of Quebec;

And whereas the City of Montreal recognizes the contribution of the cultural heritage of the English-speaking communities and wishes to ensure that all Montreal benefit from this heritage and legacy;

And whereas it is desirable to guarantee the use of the English language as well as the French language in the institutions of the City of Montreal:

And whereas it is important to ensure that the civil service and the public services of the City of Montreal reflect this existing linguistic reality;

Be it resolved that the City of Montreal recognizes the importance of the English language for the future of the City of Montreal and its inhabitants and that this recognition be fully reflected in the proposed Montreal Charter or Rights and Responsibilities.

Alors que l'anglais est une langue historique au Québec et est reconnue comme langue officielle par la Constitution canadienne à travers le Canada:

Alors que la Constitution canadienne reconnaît l'anglais comme langue officielle à l'Assemblée Nationale du Québec ainsi que dans les courts du Québec;

Alors que la ville reconnaît la contribution de l'héritage culturel des communautés de langue anglaise, et souhaite assurer que l'ensemble des Montréalais bénéficient de cet héritage:

Alors qu'il est souhaitable de garantir l'utilisation de la langue anglaise autant que de la langue française dans les institutions de la ville de Montréal:

Alors qu'il est important d'assurer que le service civil et le service public de la ville de Montréal reflète cette réalité linguistique:

Soit résolu que la ville de Montréal reconnaisse l'importance de la langue anglaise pour le futur de la ville de Montréal ainsi que ses habitants, et que cette reconnaissance soit complètement reflétée dans la Chartre Montréalaise des Droits et Responsabilités.

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