

What place should the francophone community have in Terrace Bay?

The francophone community is an important part of Terrace Bay's identity, history, and future. Francophone residents should feel welcomed, respected, represented, and included in community life.

As Mayor, I would support efforts to ensure francophone residents have meaningful access to municipal information, community programs, cultural opportunities, and public engagement. I believe our French language and culture are strengths that enrich our community and contribute to the diversity that makes Terrace Bay a great place to live.

I also recognize that many of our families, businesses, and community organizations have francophone roots and connections across the North Shore. Those connections should be celebrated and supported.

Ultimately, my vision is a Terrace Bay where everyone feels they belong, where linguistic and cultural diversity is valued, and where francophone residents have a strong voice in shaping our community's future.

Terrace Bay is strongest when all residents see themselves reflected in our community and have opportunities to contribute to its success.

What sort of policies would you put forward to make available or to improve access to municipal information in French?

Terrace Bay already has policies and practices that recognize and support both of Canada's official languages, and I believe it's important that we continue to build on those foundations.

If elected Mayor, my approach would be to review existing municipal policies, listen to the francophone community, and look for practical opportunities to improve access to information where it makes sense and where it can have the greatest impact.

That could include ensuring key public notices, important community information, and municipal communications are accessible to residents in both official languages, while being mindful of municipal resources and priorities.

More importantly, I believe francophone residents should have a voice in identifying where improvements are needed. Good policy starts with listening to the people it affects.

My goal would be to ensure that francophone residents feel welcomed, informed, and included in municipal life, while continuing to work within established municipal policies and the realities of a small Ontario community.

--

Aaron Fewkes

Mayoral Candidate

[20 Elizabeth Avenue, Terrace Bay, Ontario](#)

519-574-8089