

I believe that our main municipal office provides services in French to French-speaking residents who request it. This would include front desk services which provide answers to general inquiries regarding municipal services and items such as tax payments, dog licensing, marriage licenses, property inquiries, etc. To improve on this service, I would suggest that we also should offer services in French at our satellite municipal offices.

I am not sure what you are asking regarding the 'place' for Francophone residents. Do you mean a gathering location for Francophone residents for cultural activities? There is a French Club in Geraldton. I will have to ask if there is a similar club in Longlac, but I believe there is one. Is this what you are referring to? Please clarify.

Our Francophone community is recognized every September for a week through the hoisting of the Ontario Francophone flag at the main Greenstone municipal office and an announcement of Francophone week at that same time. Perhaps there is another date during the year when this event could be repeated if that date has special significance to the Francophone population? Perhaps the Francophone community could approach the new council with ideas as to how to celebrate their unique culture together with the council's participation.

Thank you for your email.

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