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The Francophone community has an important place in the Municipality of Red Lake. As a small , rural remote town, the barriers people face with language bring much more of a challenge than in larger communities. Therefore, organizations like yours are irreplaceable, especially for people new to the community. Without organizations such as yourself, people new to the community might not be able to navigate the town as effectively without French language support. This is a town of industry and it brings people from all over the world together. The Francophone community also continues to grow and promote the importance of maintaining culture and collaboration in Red Lake, fostering an environment for all. As well , our local Francophone community helps to create awareness each September with the flag raising to celebrate Francophone-Ontario month, and also by participating in community events such as poutine bars, crepe breakfasts and more. Continued relationship building with our local Francophone community remains important for working together to create a stronger future for our Municipality.

Ontario has the largest community of Francophones outside of Quebec. Having municipal documents that are available in french would be valuable, and I've considered many options to date. Translation of documents upon request should be considered by the Municipality. I've also considered implementing a sign up system for people to choose their preference to receive communications from the town in English or French, when we send information in the mail or other notices. As well , our social media information having both English and French translation would benefit our Francophone community and acknowledge this heritag