

Hello Éric,

Thank you for reaching out, and for AFNOO's work defending Franco-Ontarian interests since 1977. Twelve percent of Ignace's population deserves a real answer.

What place should the francophone community have in Ignace?

Francophone families are very much part of this community's history and its present. Growing up in Ignace, I've lived, worked, and socialized with members of this community. They should have the same access to municipal information and civic life as any other resident. It should not be as a special accommodation but just as normal service.

What policies would I put forward for French-language municipal information?

As mayor, I will work with Council and the community to:

- Check whether provincial FLSA services are actually being delivered locally, and pushing the province if there's a gap
- French versions of key documents: tax notices, emergency alerts, budget summary
- A French option on the township website
- One named contact for francophone residents raising access concerns
- Consulting AFNOO and residents before finalizing any of this

Happy to talk further if useful.

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