

Thank you for reaching out with your questions, I am always looking for new ways to engage with constituents and how to serve the community better. As I have been campaigning I have had the opportunity to speak with a few Franco-Ignacians and hear their concerns and wishes which inform my answers to your questions.

What place should the francophone community have in Ignace?

- The francophone community in Ignace deserves inclusion in all town events, with bilingual notices being posted to ensure they are made aware and bilingual services provided to ensure their inclusion.

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

- First and foremost, I would insist that **all** public messages put out by the township are issued in both English and French, whether online or in print. It is unacceptable that in this day and age the township is not meeting that basic accessibility standard.
- I would advocate for the creation of additional channels of communication between the francophone community and township organizers such as a registry of Franco-Ignacians to be utilized for contacting them in their native language or a French-first community portal to send messages to township leadership.
- I would work with leaders in the francophone community to organize more activities in French. I know that many francophones in the town feel isolated and disconnected and I believe that bringing them together for more activities in public spaces will help build bonds and strengthen Ignace as a whole.

Merci Encore,
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