

Good afternoon Eric,

Thank you for the opportunity to respond.

1. The French language and culture hold a special place in Canada as one of the founding cultures and one of two official languages of our Federal Government. As such, francophones in any Canadian community hold a special place.

2. I would look to our administrators to assess how accessible the City of Thunder Bay is to francophones residents in the city and for them to come back with recommendations based upon best practices and what other communities with similar demographics are doing to make themselves more accessible to francophones. Administration's work would involve consultation with the francophone community in Thunder Bay. I would likely support their findings and recommendations given the evidence they produce and the costing for any changes required.

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