

Q1/Q2 The Francophone community in Thunder Bay has been decreasing for years. Unfortunately the new demographics in the city and the inefficiency of the school system to effectively teach French to students has had a significant negative impact on the Francophone community and its strength. Ideally every Thunder Bay resident should be able to speak French. However the reality is this goal gets further away as every year progresses. The reversal of this sadly begins with the education system. Until more new students and eventually more population of Thunder Bay is able to speak french, there really will be no general will for the municipal government to assist, and importantly, there will be no political support. However assuming that changes, I am not opposed to spearheading adjustments to make more municipal systems bi-lingual, or bi-lingual accessible.

Fundamentally I want all Canadians to be English and French speaking, to improve their cultural enrichment and opportunities but there are many road blocks towards that goal. I suspect it is unrealistic to expect the city council alone can make headway for this.

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