



February 27, 2019

The Honourable Lloyd Hines
Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal
Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal
Johnston Building
1672 Granville Street
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Halifax, Nova Scotia B3J 2N2

Dear Minister,

On behalf of the Council for the Municipality of the District of Clare, I am writing to you regarding a special project proposed by the group "Communauté bilingue." This group consists of four ninth grade students from école secondaire de Clare who, as part of a Civics course, approached Council with a recommendation to introduce bilingual stop signs within the Municipality.

The Municipality of Clare is proud to support the group's bilingual stop sign project. As the only municipality in the province that offers services in both French and English, we recognize the importance of having symbols within the community that reflect the identity of its residents.

At the regular Council meeting on February 20, 2019, Gaétan Deveau, Crystal Madden, Blake Theriault and Nicole Thibodeau of "Communauté bilingue" presented their project to Council. They revealed the results of a survey, which concluded that 69 percent of respondents were in favour of bilingual stop signs in the community. They also asked Council to support the early stages of the project as they assess the cost of replacing existing stop signs with bilingual ones. Council members were appreciative of the civic engagement demonstrated by the young presenters and voted unanimously in favour of supporting the group's efforts.

Minister Hines, in the weeks to come, we hope to work together with members of your department and "Communauté bilingue" to find the best solution for moving forward with this project.

Thank you for considering the introduction of bilingual stop signs within the Municipality of Clare, as proposed by "Communauté bilingue." We look forward to helping the students achieve their next steps with your assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Ronnie LeBlanc
Warden
Municipality of Clare

CC: Honourable Lena Metlege Diab, Minister of Acadian Affairs and Francophonie
Gordon Wilson, MLA for Clare-Digby
Communauté bilingue



Le 27 février 2019

Projet Communauté bilingue

ATTN : Gaétan Deveau, Crystal Madden, Blake Theriault et Nicole Thibodeau

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Chers membres du groupe,

De la part du Conseil de la Municipalité de Clare, je vous remercie de nous avoir présenté votre projet à propos de l'introduction de panneaux ARRÊT bilingues à Clare. La Municipalité de Clare est fière d'appuyer votre projet et de vous assister dans vos démarches.

En tant que la seule municipalité en Nouvelle-Écosse qui offre ses services en français et en anglais, nous sommes conscients de l'importance d'une présence de symboles dans la communauté qui reflètent l'identité de nos résidents. Dans les semaines qui suivent, nous souhaitons travailler avec votre groupe, ainsi qu'avec le département de Transports et Renouvellement de l'infrastructure, afin de vous aider à avancer ce projet.

Nous voudrions aussi souligner l'importance du projet d'engagement civique « Engageons nos citoyens », qui renforce la nécessité d'une communauté engagée. Tout citoyen a le droit de se faire entendre. Nous sommes prêts à vous écouter.

Nous vous souhaitons le meilleur des succès dans vos démarches.

Sincères salutations,

Ronnie LeBlanc
Préfet
Municipalité de Clare

CC: Natalie Robichaud, directrice générale, la Société acadienne de Clare



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Warden Ronnie LeBlanc
Municipality of Clare
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Dear Warden LeBlanc:

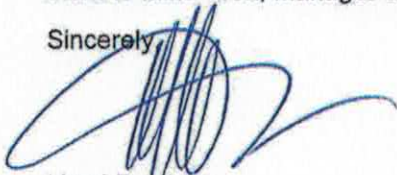
Thank you for your letter dated February 27, 2019, regarding "Communauté bilingue" and their project to introduce bilingual stop signs in the Municipality of Clare. It is nice to see young people getting involved in their community.

Stop signs as well other regulatory signs are used to convey the rules of the road to drivers. While the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal (TIR) supports the use of language community and street name signs (for some French, Mi'kmaq and Gaelic), in select locations in the province, we restrict regulatory signs to the standard English language signs that are provided in the *Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Canada (MUTCDC)*. This is done so that drivers across the province see the same regulatory signs and react appropriately no matter where they are driving.

While the MUTCDC provides both English and French variants of its signs, it does not provide bilingual signs. We believe it is important to follow the national standards so that signs are both uniform and consistent. This is becoming increasingly important with the introduction of vehicles that can drive autonomously. These vehicles are "taught" the meaning of certain sign forms and may not react appropriately if a sign differs from the standard.

While I appreciate the efforts of "Communauté bilingue", TIR is unable to support signs that would be inconsistent with our provincial and national standards. However, should the group have other ideas as to how to reflect community identities in which TIR may be of help, I invite them to send them to Mike Croft, Manager of Traffic Engineering at (902) 424-2533.

Sincerely,



Lloyd P. Hines
Minister

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Gordon Wilson, MLA Clare/Digby
Mike Croft, Manager, Traffic Engineering & Road Safety