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Greenfield Park Borough Council sets the record straight

Longueuil, May 4, 2021 - At the Borough Council meeting, which took place on May 3, the elected officials of Greenfield Park unanimously adopted a resolution on the language and status of the Borough. The resolution asks the Executive Committee to ensure that the laws and regulations affecting linguistic provisions are applied with discernment, in order to ensure that all citizens of the Borough, including the historical English-speaking minority, are always able to access the proximity and information services to which its bilingual status confers it.

“The Borough of Greenfield Park has a distinct and unique character with a community rich in its diversity, welcoming and open to the world. An undeniable contribution to Longueuil”, said Greenfield Park Borough President Robert Myles.

The latter emphasizes that while the National Assembly of Quebec recognizes that French is the only official language of Quebec, “it also recognizes that any action aimed at strengthening the place of French in Quebec must be carried out with respect for the rights of English-speaking Quebecers, full citizens, and without leading to a reduction in the services offered in their language”.

Let us recall that under the provisions of section 29.1 of the Charter of the French Language, the Borough of Greenfield Park is recognized as bilingual and must be able to offer proximity and information services to all its citizens, in French as in English. A recognition that the Borough retains until it is, at the request of the Borough Council, withdrawn by the Government of Quebec. A recognition enshrined in section 12 of the Charter of the City of Longueuil.

Referring to the resolution that will be presented to the next City Council meeting on May 18, Robert Myles acknowledges that the City of Longueuil wishes to be exemplary in the use and promotion of the French language. "But this must not come at the expense of the rights of the historic English-speaking minority of Greenfield Park."

“Longueuil is the 5th largest city in Quebec. It is by mobilizing all living forces that we will be able to continue to offer a stimulating living environment to

these citizens, not by dividing ourselves”, underlined the President of the Borough.

A community garden in Greenfield Park

Borough President Robert Myles has expressed his wish for a community garden to be established in Greenfield Park. A piece of land has been identified by the Borough. The latter said he has initiated discussions with the Riverside School Board on the subject and it is hoped that the City will follow suit.

“Greenfield Park is the only borough that does not have at least one community garden. The implementation of such a project would help increase the quality of life of the Borough’s citizens, especially those who do not have access to a piece of land to grow vegetables. The benefits of community gardens are numerous, at the social, educational and environmental level. We want the citizens of Greenfield Park to benefit from it quickly”, said Robert Myles.