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The Current Elected Officials of Greenfield Park Will Maintain the Bilingual Status of the Borough

Longueuil, May 13, 2021 — The President of the Borough of Greenfield Park, Mr. Robert Myles, reacted to the presentation today of Bill 96. He salutes the discernment of the Government of Québec which has chosen to ensure the protection and the outreach of French while respecting the rights of historic English-speaking minorities, in particular the English-speaking community of Greenfield Park.

Greenfield Park has had a bilingual status since 1977. However, Bill 96 introduces into the Charter of the French language a mechanism for withdrawing bilingual status for municipalities that no longer have 50% English-speaking citizens. According to the last census in 2016, the historic English-speaking community now accounts for 26% of the total population of the Borough. To maintain its bilingual status, Greenfield Park must therefore, when the time comes, inform the Office québécois de la langue française by resolution of its desire to maintain its bilingual status.

The elected officials of Greenfield Park have already unanimously indicated their wish to retain the bilingual status of the Borough at the last Borough Council meeting on May 3. Robert Myles reiterates their intention today.

“The Borough of Greenfield Park has a distinct and unique character in Longueuil, where Francophones and Anglophones have lived in harmony for decades. Services are always offered in French first. Why change a formula that works well. The decision rests with the community of Greenfield Park, which will have the opportunity to vote on November 7. I invite them to send a clear message. We must reject those who seek to provoke baffling and division in the united community of Greenfield Park”, said Robert Myles.