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Borough of Pierrefonds-Roxboro  
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**Subject: Notice regarding your organization's demolinguistic data**

Mr. Director,

On June 1, 2022, the *Act respecting French, the official and common language of Québec*, was sanctioned. One of the legislative changes introduced by this Act, set out in section 29.2 of the Charter of the French language, concerns the status of a municipality as a recognized body under section 29.1.

Under section 29.2 of the *Charter*, the Office must send a written notice to a recognized municipality where it finds, in the light of the linguistic data from each census conducted in accordance with Canadian statistical legislation, that it does not meet the condition set out in subparagraph 1 of the second paragraph of section 29.1. This condition is met when more than half of the residents of its territory have English as their mother tongue. It should be noted that this new provision concerns recognized Boroughs in the same way as recognized municipalities.

The Office has found that, according to the demolinguistic data for your Borough collected in the 2021 Statistics Canada census, your organization does not meet this condition. In fact, this census shows that 35.8% of your residents reported English as their first language.

Consequently, we hereby inform you that, pursuant to the second paragraph of section 29.2, the recognition obtained by your Borough will be withdrawn, by operation of law alone, upon the expiry of a period of 120 days from the receipt of this notice. However, the recognition will be maintained if your organization adopts a resolution to that effect before the expiry of that period and notifies the Office without delay.

Finally, please note that, pursuant to the third paragraph of section 29.2, both the Office and your organization have an obligation to publish this notice. This notice will therefore be published by the Office on its Website at the following address: [https://www.oqlf.gouv.gc.ca/francisation/admin\\_publ/statutlinquistique.aspx](https://www.oqlf.gouv.gc.ca/francisation/admin_publ/statutlinquistique.aspx). We invite you to also publish this notice as soon as possible.

For more information, we invite you to contact us toll free at 1 888 873-6202.

Please accept, Mr. Director, our best regards.

The Office québécois  
de la langue française

p. j. Sections 29.1 and 29.2 of the *Charter*

## **Articles of the Charter of the French language**

**29.1** English language school service centres and the centre de services scolaire du Littoral are recognized school bodies.

The Office shall recognize, at the request of the municipality, body or institution,

(1) a municipality of which more than half the residents have English as their mother tongue;

(2) a body under the authority of one or more municipalities that participates in the administration of their territory, where each such municipality is a recognized municipality; or

(3) a health and social services institution listed in Schedule I, where it provides services to persons who, in the majority, speak a language other than French.

The Government may, at the request of a body or institution that no longer satisfies the condition which enabled it to obtain the recognition of the Office, withdraw such recognition if it considers it appropriate in the circumstances and after having consulted the Office. Such a request shall be made to the Office, which shall transmit it to the Government with a copy of the record. The Government shall inform the Office and the body or institution of its decision.

**29.2** Where the Office ascertains, in light of the language data from each census carried out in accordance with Canadian statistics legislation, that a municipality recognized under section 29.1 does not meet the requirement of subparagraph 1 of the second paragraph of that section, it shall send the municipality a written notice informing it accordingly.

The recognition obtained by the municipality is withdrawn, by the sole operation of law, on the expiry of 120 days after receipt of the notice sent by the Office. Recognition is maintained, however, if the municipality adopts, before the expiry of the 120-day period, a resolution to that end; if so, it shall notify the Office without delay.

The notice sent under the first paragraph shall be published by the Office and by the municipality that receives it.