



*Declaration by the
City Council of the*

CITY OF **MONCTON**

**OFFICIAL
BILINGUALISM**

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WHEREAS the Constitution of Canada provides that English and French are the official languages of New Brunswick and have equality of status and equal rights and privileges as to their use in all institutions of the Legislature and Government of New Brunswick;

AND WHEREAS the Constitution of Canada provides for the right of any member of the public to communicate with and to receive available services from any office of an institution of the Legislature or Government of New Brunswick in either official language;

AND WHEREAS a municipality is an institution of the Government of New Brunswick;

AND WHEREAS virtually all Monctonians communicate in either or both official languages, thereby providing unique cultural and economic benefits to the City;

AND WHEREAS the City of Moncton is committed to the delivery of municipal services to the citizens of Moncton in the most productive, efficient and cost-effective manner and to delivering municipal services in both official languages;

AND WHEREAS the City of Moncton, in the provision of services or communications to its citizens and the public, either meets or exceeds the requirements of the *Official Languages Act* of New Brunswick and Regulations;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the City of Moncton declares itself to be Officially Bilingual, and will heretofore make all public notifications and information available in both official languages; will provide that the proceedings of City Council are conducted in both official languages while making simultaneous translation services available; and will provide municipal services to the public in both official languages;

That the City of Moncton will perform periodic assessments and evaluations to ensure that the goal of Official Bilingualism, to ensure that municipal services to the public will be provided in both official languages, are being met and that consistent progress is being made toward the continued enhancement of service provision in both official languages;

That a Committee be established by the City Manager to provide information to the public regarding its delivery of bilingual services as well as receive and address complaints from the public regarding the provision of services and communications in both official languages.
