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The Government of Quebec officially declared that the bilingual status will be maintained at the City of Dollard-des-Ormeaux

Dollard-des-Ormeaux, February 14th, 2023 — At the Council meeting of January 17, 2023, City Council unanimously adopted a resolution to preserve the bilingual status of the City. **On January 31st, 2023, the Government of Quebec acknowledged receipt of Resolution N° 23 0117 and officially declared that the bilingual status will be maintained.**

The City of Dollard-des-Ormeaux obtained its first official bilingual status in April 1978 and this privilege continues 45 years later. With no language barrier, residents would be able to use the City's services in both English and French. Bilingual status also allows the City to maintain the right to post and communicate with its residents in both recognized languages. This status is a fundamental value of the City of Dollard-des-Ormeaux in all aspects of municipal life. **The members of council have successfully ensured the continuity of services to the population in both official languages.**

"We are very pleased with the news that will allow us to maintain our City's bilingual status. The council and I are **proud to celebrate the linguistic richness we have in Dollard-des-Ormeaux.** While we appreciate the efficiency and speed of response from the *Office québécois de la langue française*, **we are still concerned that we must follow this procedure to maintain, what I personally consider, the inherent right of our residents to receive communications in the language of their choice**", said Mayor Bottausci in a statement upon receiving the news from the government of Quebec.

This decision concludes the file on bilingual status, after receiving an initial letter from the *Office québécois de la langue française* indicating that the City of Dollard-des-Ormeaux would no longer meet the condition required by section 29.1 of the Charter of the French Language (RLRQ, c. C 11).

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