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FFTNL APPLAUDS THE STEPHENVILLE MUNICIPALITY'S DECISION TOWARDS ITS FRANCOPHONE AND ACADIAN COMMUNITY!

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The Fédération des francophones de Terre-Neuve et du Labrador (FFTNL) wholeheartedly applauds the Stephenville Town Council's decision to restore Francophone and Acadian colors to this historic landmark!

On Saturday, November 4, Stephenville mayor Tom Rose announced his council's decision to encourage the Francophone and Acadian revival of his municipality, declaring its intention to take these steps:

- Work with all levels of government to improve access to French-language training for our residents of all ages;
- Begin the process of transitioning to bilingual signage throughout the city;
- Work with the Fédération des francophones de Terre-Neuve et du Labrador to find acceptable space for a francophone school and cultural center;
- Continue to work closely with the Fédération des francophones de Terre-Neuve et du Labrador on projects of common interest.

"This is great news for our Francophone and Acadian community in and around Stephenville," says Tony Cornect, President of the FFTNL, before adding, "After decades of setback, it's easy to see that our local community is slowly regaining its vitality, in what was historically an Acadian village, where most residents have French or Acadian roots. It is therefore a very important positive gesture on the part of the municipality, and one we would like to salute".

This statement was made as part of the festivities surrounding the 50th anniversary of the Francophone and Acadian community movement of Newfoundland and Labrador, held in Stephenville on November 3 and 4, 2023, a historically Acadian town and the location of the FFTNL's first head office.

The Fédération des francophones de Terre-Neuve et du Labrador (FFTNL) is the voice of Newfoundland and Labrador's francophone and Acadian communities. Its mission is to work to defend and promote the rights and interests of these communities, to promote the French-speaking community of Newfoundland and Labrador and to facilitate its development.

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Mr. Tom ROSE, Mayor of Stephenville



Stephenville's Main Street has been decorated in the colors of our Francophonie these past few weeks in anticipation of our 50th anniversary festivities.