



Act respecting the official and common language of Québec – French (Bill 96)

As of June 1, 2023, the Municipality must communicate exclusively in French. It means that all our written communications, including the newspaper Le Joyau, will be published only in French under the provisions of Bill 96, created and imposed on municipalities by the Government of Quebec. Only communications related to emergencies where the health or safety of citizens is compromised.

Bilingual status

To communicate in English and French, the Municipality must have bilingual status, which is not the case for Barnston-Ouest, since the proportion of the English-speaking population is less than 50% (minimum rate required).

Note that various translation tools are available online, on web browsers, to facilitate the translation of French-language content.

In the coming months, we are awaiting the tabling of the Government of Quebec's language policy to obtain clarification on the terms and conditions of application of the act, particularly regarding oral communications.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us by phone at 819 838-4334 or by email at info@barnston-ouest.ca.

We invite you to consult the following websites for more information:

- Office québécois de la langue française :
<https://www.oqlf.gouv.qc.ca/charte/changementslegislatifs/>
- Ministère des Affaires municipales et de l'Habitation :
<https://www.mamh.gouv.qc.ca/publications/bulletin-muni-express/2022/n-22-16-novembre-2022/>