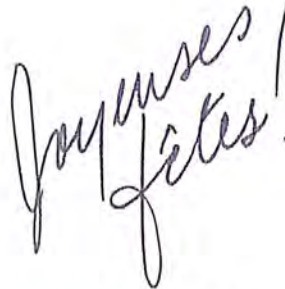


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Mr. Ronnie LeBlanc  
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Warden LeBlanc:

I am writing you as a follow-up to our meeting of September 12, 2018, with my colleague Deputy Kelliann Dean and members of our teams regarding financial assistance to support increased French language services within the Municipality of Clare.

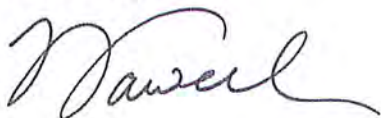
We have had an opportunity to review your financial proposal for 2018-19 submitted to us on November 11th as well as the projections for both 2019-20 and 2020-21.

Following an analysis by Municipal Affairs and the Office of Acadian Affairs and Francophonie, I am pleased to advise that we will be in a position to approve an amount of \$40,000 for 2018-2019 to support expenses related to costs incurred for French-language services provided within the Municipality of Clare. I would ask you to contact Mark Bannerman at (902) 424 3821 for additional information on the administrative procedures to access this funding.

For the funding request beyond 2018-19 fiscal year, we do not have confirmed budgets for 2019-20 and are unable to make any commitments at this point. However, I would recommend reaching out to the Office of Acadian Affairs and Francophonie early in the new fiscal year to commence discussions on potential funding avenues.

I take this opportunity to thank you once again for meeting with us and look forward to continued dialogue in the important area of French-language services.

Sincerely,



Tracey Taweel

cc: Deputy Kelliann Dean, Deputy Minister, Municipal Affairs  
Mark Peck, Executive Director, Municipal Affairs  
Mark Bannerman, Executive Director, Acadian Affairs and Francophonie