GM9.11



Decision Letter

French Language Advisory Committee

Meeting No. 1 **Contact** Jennifer Forkes, Committee

Administrator

Meeting DateMonday, December 14, 2015Phone416-392-4666Start Time2:00 PME-mailexc@toronto.ca

Location Committee Room 1, City Hall **Chair** Councillor Norman Kelly

FA1.6

Development of a Work Plan for 2016 - 2018

Committee Decision

The French Language Advisory Committee recommended that the Government Management Committee:

- 1. Request the Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration, in consultation with the General Manager, Economic Development and Culture, to make a presentation to the French Language Advisory Committee at its next meeting on the following areas, with an emphasis on Francophone newcomers and organizations:
 - a. services available to newcomers in French and the communications strategy for making residents aware of multilingual services;
 - b. economic integration of newcomers;
 - c. outreach work with other governments and organizations to support the integration of francophone newcomers;
 - d. updated recent demographic statistics for the Francophone population in Toronto; and
 - e. an analysis of the socio-economic impacts of the Francophone community in Toronto and any possible future projections given growth in the population
- 2. Request staff to incorporate the following proposals into a draft work plan for the French Language Advisory Committee's consideration:

General

- Updated demographic information about the French population in Toronto
- Economic and social impact of francophone immigration to Toronto and the French population more broadly
- Education (all levels)
- Celebration of Glendon College's 50th anniversary
- Arts and culture

Services to Clients

- Front line service in French (i.e. forms of payment for City licensing services - cheque languages)

Aging Population

- Social housing and long term care for seniors
- Health care
- Mental health
- New (youth) generation from outside the province

Francophone Newcomers

- Service provision for a growing newcomer population
- Committee resources to support francophone newcomers.

Decision Advice and Other Information

The French Language Advisory Committee:

1. Requested the City Clerk's Office to coordinate the next two meetings in 2016, as early as possible.

Summary

Committee members will present and discuss trends and issues in Toronto's Francophone community in order to identify Committee priorities. The discussion will form the basis of a work plan to guide the Committee's activities for its term of appointment.

No written material.

Speakers

Thierry Lasserre, Alliance Francaise de Toronto Solange Belluz, Executive Director, Government, Institutional and International Relations, Glendon College