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Mr. John Tory
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Re : Toronto's member support to the Association francophone des municipalités de l'Ontario (AFMO)

Bonjour John,

During the AFMO's Annual Conference which took place in Cornwall and on virtual platforms on October 14 and 15, 2020, Toronto's presence was sorely missed in various forums, including the Annual General Assembly.

We have been following with interest the progress that Toronto has made in recent years toward increasing its Francophone presence and visibility. Now, more than ever, Toronto's definite and decisive participation to AFMO's mission would give a strong and unified message, inspiring, by the same token, its neighbouring counterparts such as Kingston and Windsor to join in AFMO's important mission and objectives.

AFMO's mission is to provide a forum and services in French to elected officials and municipal executives and act as a stakeholder and advisor in the municipal field. More specifically, AFMO was created in 1989 by Gisèle Lalonde, Mayor of the City of Vanier, to advocate for the maintenance and improvement of governance and the delivery of municipal services in French and English in the regions of Ontario designated under the French Language Services Act of Ontario.

As an example, Ottawa has been a proud member of AFMO since its founding over 30 years ago and has witnessed the efforts made over the years to support its members in the delivery of French-language services within municipalities. Mayor Watson has pledged his continued support in helping AFMO through the achievement of important collaborative projects with Ontario municipalities. Likewise, the renewal of Toronto's participation will allow us to continue our important mission while continuing to build and maintain close ties between ministries and municipalities.

With recurring financial support from its members, along with provincial and federal funding, AFMO will continue to contribute to the improvement and maintenance of quality French-language services in the municipal sector.

As AFMO's Chair, I can tell you that now, more than ever, the sustainability of this organization depends on the contribution and participation of its member municipalities. We ask you to consider renewing your yearly membership to AFMO.

Thank you for your consideration Mr. Tory, and please accept my very best regards. Je vous remercie de l'attention que vous porterez à cette demande.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roger Sigouin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Roger Sigouin
Mayor, Town of Hearst
President, AFMO