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Warden Ronnie LeBlanc
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Dear Warden LeBlanc:

Thank you for your letter dated February 27, 2019, regarding "Communauté bilingue" and their project to introduce bilingual stop signs in the Municipality of Clare. It is nice to see young people getting involved in their community.

Stop signs as well other regulatory signs are used to convey the rules of the road to drivers. While the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal (TIR) supports the use of language community and street name signs (for some French, Mi'kmaq and Gaelic), in select locations in the province, we restrict regulatory signs to the standard English language signs that are provided in the *Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices for Canada (MUTCDC)*. This is done so that drivers across the province see the same regulatory signs and react appropriately no matter where they are driving.

While the MUTCDC provides both English and French variants of its signs, it does not provide bilingual signs. We believe it is important to follow the national standards so that signs are both uniform and consistent. This is becoming increasingly important with the introduction of vehicles that can drive autonomously. These vehicles are "taught" the meaning of certain sign forms and may not react appropriately if a sign differs from the standard.

While I appreciate the efforts of "Communauté bilingue", TIR is unable to support signs that would be inconsistent with our provincial and national standards. However, should the group have other ideas as to how to reflect community identities in which TIR may be of help, I invite them to send them to Mike Croft, Manager of Traffic Engineering at (902) 424-2533.

Sincerely,

Lloyd P. Hines
Minister

- c: Honourable Lena Metlege Diab, Minister of Acadian Affairs and Francophonie
Gordon Wilson, MLA Clare/Digby
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