

2nd Floor, Johnston Building 1672 Granville Street Halifax, NS B3J 3Z8

May 27, 2021

La Société acadienne de Clare 795 D, Route 1 Saulnierville, NS BOW 220

Dear Blake Theriault, Crystal Madden, Gaétan Deveau, Nicole Thibodeau, Philip Meuse, and Natalie Robichaud:

Thank you for your letter dated February 5th, 2019, regarding your project to introduce bilingual stop signs in the Municipality of Clare. Your initiative demonstrates your commitment to citizenship and making meaningful change, not just in your community, but across the province.

I am happy to inform you that the Provincial Government of Nova Scotia, and all of our departments, are fully supportive of your initiative. For this reason, we are amending our ministerial regulations and completing a design to allow for English/French bilingual stop signs. These signs will be permitted in every municipality across the province.

Additionally, once the regulations are approved, we will be converting all the current stop signs to bilingual stop signs on the provincial roads in the Municipality of Clare. We are very excited for the Congrès Mondial Acadien in 2024 and believe this is an excellent opportunity to showcase the culture of our Acadian communities.

Thank you to your teachers, your local member of the legislative assembly, la Société acadienne de Clare, and most importantly, to you for the great work! Changing the law can take time and we appreciate your patience.

I hope you continue to be engaged in your community and wish you all the best in your future endeavours. Should you have any more questions about this initiative, please contact our Manager of Traffic Engineering, Mike Croft at (902) 424-3548.

Sincerely,

Honourable Lloyd P. Hines

Minister of Transportation and Active Transit

Honourable Lena Metlege Diab, QC

Minister of Acadian Affairs and Francophonie

c: Gordon Wilson, MLA Clare/Digby

Paul LaFleche, Deputy Minister, Transportation and Active Transit Késa Munroe-Anderson, Deputy Minister, Communities, Culture and Heritage

Mike Croft, Manager of Traffic Engineering & Road Safety, Transportation and Active Transit