



PUBLIC STATEMENT – RAISING THE FRANCO – ONTARIAN FLAG

September 25, 2024, Ignace, ON

Today, Mayor Kim Baigrie, Township Staff, Staff and students from the École Immaculée-Conception and the Francophone Community proudly raised the flag on what marks Franco-Ontarian Day in Ontario.



Northwestern Ontario is rich in exceptional cultural and historical heritage, marked by the presence and significant contributions of Francophones communities that have left an indelible mark. Over the centuries, despite challenges and obstacles, the Francophone community in Northwestern Ontario has preserved its language, culture, and identity. Schools, cultural centers, associations, and events have been created to promote and support the French language and Francophone traditions.

Francophones in Northwestern Ontario have also made significant contributions to the region's economic and social development. From the mining and forestry industry to agriculture and tourism, their hard work and dedication have shaped the region's economy and diversity.



Today, here in the Township of Ignace and elsewhere across Northwestern Ontario, we are proud to have a remarkable Francophone community among us who has made its mark in various fields. Talented writers, renowned artists, successful entrepreneurs, and community leaders have all contributed to the vitality and cultural richness of Ignace and this entire region.



Mayor Baigrie, Members of Council, Township Staff and the residents of Ignace are proud of this cultural heritage, and we commemorate the contributions that Francophones have made in Ignace by raising this flag that will fly until October 25, 2024.

Thank you

Mayor Kim Baigrie and Municipal Council