

## **QCGN Congratulates Eric Girard, new Minister Responsible for Relations with English-speaking Quebecers**

### **English-speaking Quebecers Regain Strong Voice at Provincial Cabinet Table**

**Montreal, October 20, 2022** – The Quebec Community Groups Network (QCGN) is delighted that Finance Minister Éric Girard, a powerful voice in Cabinet, has been named Minister Responsible for Relations with English-speaking Quebecers.

“We are pleased that Premier François Legault has heard our request for a dedicated minister, and we look forward to a fresh start in relations between our English-speaking community and the Quebec government,” said QCGN President Eva Ludvig. “This appointment is a major first step in ensuring the concerns of English-speaking Quebecers are heard.”

Thanking Premier Legault for assigning a senior minister to the file, Ludvig noted that Girard has an impressive track record at Finance and that he will certainly understand the negative impacts that Bill 96 is having on Quebec’s economy.

“He is certainly someone who is open to our community and the world,” she said. “We look forward to speaking with him about how we can work together in the interest of all Quebecers.”

“While the details of the minister’s mandate are not yet known, we hope that Minister Girard will take the time to connect with our community and that he will help build bridges with other ministers and ministries, so that our community can further engage with our government on the issues that matter to English-speaking Quebecers.”

The Quebec Community Groups Network ([www.qcgn.ca](http://www.qcgn.ca)) is a not-for-profit organization bringing together English-language community organizations across Quebec. As a centre of evidence-based expertise and collective action it identifies, explores, and addresses strategic issues affecting the development and vitality of the English-speaking community of Quebec and encourages dialogue and collaboration among its member organizations, individuals, community groups, institutions, and leaders.

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