

Recognition, support for CBC top list of QCGN policy demands

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MONTREAL, March 25, 2025 – Maintaining funding for the CBC, especially in regions, recognizing the 1.3-million-member English-speaking community of Quebec as an Official Language Minority Community, and reducing income inequalities the community faces are among the issues federal political parties should address during the coming election campaign, the Quebec Community Groups Network said today.

“We are realistic enough to understand that other issues are likely to dominate the coming campaign, as they should, but that does not relieve us of our responsibility to make representations on our community’s behalf and share them publicly,” said QCGN President Eva Ludvig. “An election is an important moment to raise our community’s concerns with all federal parties.”

As it does at every federal election, the Quebec Community Groups Network, an umbrella group representing and advocating for the English-speaking community of Quebec, presents a list of policy requests of all the major parties in the campaign.

“[While the federal government recognizes us as an Official Language Minority](#), we have seen, especially during the 2023 House of Commons committee debate on Bill C-13, that some parties have been reluctant, or have outright refused, to consider us as such,” added Ludvig.

“As we told the Quebec National Assembly’s Commission des relations avec les citoyens earlier this month during its examination of the proposed Bill 84 on ‘national integration,’ our community has a long and rich history here, dating back more than two centuries. We helped found Quebec. Our community has included political and business leaders, many of whom were leading philanthropists. A list of leading members of the community would contain prominent academics, artists, architects, musicians, poets, athletes, performers and merchants who made countless contributions to their communities, their municipalities, their province, their country and to the world at large.”

A political calculation common to almost all federal (and provincial) parties – that more seats may be gained (and few put at risk) by appealing more to French-speaking voters than the English-speaking community, and that focusing more on us could put other seats at risk – is a major obstacle for our community, Ludvig said. “But surely there are times when political parties must put people above purely partisan interests and do what is right, not just what is expedient.”

The six items on the [QCGN's wish list](#) are fully supported by the [results of a survey](#) the organization conducted earlier in the year, in which respondents (both QCGN members and non-members) overwhelmingly agreed with the list. Their suggestions for additions pertained mainly to items under provincial jurisdiction, such as the management of health care and education. "We are in lockstep with our members, with the English-speaking people of Quebec for whom we advocate," concluded Ludvig.

The Quebec Community Groups Network (www.qcgn.ca) is a not-for-profit organization bringing together English-language community organizations and individuals across Quebec. Its mission is to identify, explore, and address strategic issues affecting the development and vitality of English-speaking Quebec and to encourage dialogue and collaboration.

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