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Townshippers' Association very pleased with the Supreme Court of Canada's decision re: minority language educational rights.

SHERBROOKE, June 12th, 2020 – Townshippers' Association is celebrating alongside its Franco-Canadian counterparts today at the Supreme Court of Canada's (SCC) watershed ruling in *Conseil scolaire francophone de la Colombie-Britannique v. British Columbia*; a decision that provides a wide interpretation of Section 23 of Canada's Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

"This decision is not only an affirmation of the rights of French-speaking parents in British Columbia," said Gerald Cutting, President of Townshippers' Association, "it is also a decision in support of minority language educational rights for communities across Canada and one that sends a clear message to provinces regarding the provision of minority language schools."

Townshippers' Association wishes to recognize the Conseil scolaire francophone de la Colombie-Britannique's leadership in this decade-long effort, the intervention of the Quebec Community Groups Network (QCGN) to remind the SCC of the implications their decision(s) have for English-speakers in Quebec, and commend all involved for their tenacity and dedication to the defense of Section 23 rights for members of Canada's official language minority communities.

About Townshippers' Association

Townshippers' Association is a non-profit, non-partisan community organization that has been serving the English-speaking community of the historical Eastern Townships, since 1979. For more on the Association and its activities, connect online at Townshippers.org or contact Townshippers' in Sherbrooke at 3355 College St. 819-566-5717, toll free: 1-866-566-5717 or in Lac-Brome at 3-584 Knowlton Rd. 450-242-4421, toll free: 1-877-242-4421.

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