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QCGN Welcomes Randy Boissonnault as the new Federal Minister of Official Languages

Montreal – July 26, 2023 – The Quebec Community Groups Network (QCGN) looks forward to working with Randy Boissonnault, the newly appointed Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Official Languages. We also welcome the appointment of Anita Anand as the new President of the Treasury Board. Both have key leadership roles in the implementation of recent changes to the Official Languages Act (OLA), and the federal Action Plan for Official Languages 2023–2028: Protection-Promotion-Collaboration. The QCGN will continue to ensure that the interests of English-speaking Quebec are understood and protected by the Government of Canada during these processes.

We welcome Minister Martinez Ferrada as the Minister of Tourism and Minister responsible for the Economic Development Agency of Canada for the Regions of Quebec, and Minister Arif Varani the new Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada. Justice Canada continues to make important investments to ensure access to justice for English-speaking Quebecers. And we congratulate Pascale St-Onge, who takes over as Minister of Canadian Heritage.

Economic prosperity is a key development priority for English-speaking Quebecers; a community that chronically experiences higher unemployment rates and poverty than the majority of Quebecers We are hopeful that our community will benefit from the Government's renewed focus on the economy today's cabinet shuffle signals.

The Quebec Community Groups Network (<u>www.qcgn.ca</u>) 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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