

Commissioner of Official Languages Identifies Systemic Problems for English-speaking Canada Post Workers

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Montreal, Tuesday, September 25, 2001 – In the Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages Annual Report, which was released earlier today, the Commissioner noted that:

“further to complaints of discrimination lodged against the Canada Post Corporation, the Commissioner conducted an investigation of its offices in the Montreal area.

The investigation revealed three systemic problems: Anglophone employees cannot work in their preferred official language; the language requirements of positions are not determined objectively; and Canada Post has not developed a strategy for complying with its obligations as regards the equitable participation of Anglophones.”

Alliance Quebec went public with this issue on September 19, 1999. At that time AQ called for an end to the systemic discrimination and compliance with the Official Languages Act.

AQ President Brent Tyler along with Canada Post employee Alan Greer and others will hold a Press Conference to call on the Canada Post Corporation to comply with its obligations under the Official Languages Act and end its unconscionable harassment of Allan Greer, the Canada Post employee who filed an official with the Office the Commissioner of Official Languages more than two years ago.

Press Conference:

Wednesday September 26, 2001

11:30 am

Alliance Quebec Offices

1980 Sherbrooke Street West, Suite 830

Please note that no interviews will be given prior to the Press Conference

Alliance Quebec strives for the promotion of human rights and minority language rights and is committed to the preservation and enhancement of the English-speaking communities and institutions within Quebec.