

Where Are Our Anglophone Politicians?

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To the Editor,

There haven't been many mysteries in New Brunswick in recent years, but one appears to have transpired. That being, where have our Anglophone politicians disappeared to? Were they granted an extended holiday at Larry's Gulch or some hideaway somewhere in the north woods preventing them from defending the interests of their constituents who elected them? Could it be a lack of media coverage if not considered politically correct?

Other than an occasional commentary by the leader of the opposition, we hear very little public reaction from MLAs on the government's recent bills and policies, such as robbing seniors of their savings, dual school bussing, the French language commissioner's push for all top public service jobs to be bilingual, contracts being awarded to other provinces, especially Quebec, and the list goes on. It would appear that social media has relieved them of much of their responsibility since some of these issues have been either delayed or reversed because of public reaction.

It's obvious the province is in a financial crunch, but there appears to be no shortage of cash on the money tree for minority demands such as the Francophone Teachers Association who are threatening to sue the government "we the tax payer" if they fail to receive an additional \$11.5 million over the next three years.

For decades we have been falsely led to believe that official bilingualism does not cost much, but were recently informed that it costs three times as much to teach the French language to a unilingual student. Are French teachers receiving a three times higher salary than English teachers? It's doubtful.

If the truth were known this represents only a portion of the duplication iceberg, the intended result of the 1982 charter of rights.

To quote P. Trudeau in a speech in the US prior to becoming Prime Minister, "There is no way two ethnic groups in one country can be made equal before the law, and to say it is possible is to sow the seeds of destruction"

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