

City removes unilingual meeting minutes and agendas from web (Paid Subscription – partial view)

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At a recent meeting at City Hall to discuss how council meetings will be conducted in the future, the topic of the City's obligations under the Official Languages Act (OLA) was brought upon.

In the past, the City always provided agendas of upcoming meetings on their website, as minutes from previous meetings and bylaws. But the City recently transitioned to a new website, and aside from lacking aesthetic appeal, the new site also lacks agendas and minutes.

The reason: they have not been translated.

It was explained at the meeting that under the OLA municipalities that have over 10% francophone population must publish or broadcast information in both languages. Montreal has less than a 10% francophone population, but the Act also stipulates that all cities must publish in both languages regardless of their linguistic mix.

Recently, the Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages raised concerns about the City's compliance with the Act.

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