

July 3, 2017

Mr. Jim Watson, Mayor  
Members of the Municipal Council  
Ottawa, City Hall  
110, Laurier Avenue West  
Ottawa (Ontario)  
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Dear Mayor and Members of the Municipal Council of Ottawa,

At the recent Annual General Meeting of the Association of Professors Retired from the University of Ottawa, the assembly unanimously passed a resolution stating that "A bilingual Canada deserves a bilingual capital". It was explained that the request to the Ottawa City Council is that it invite the Legislature of Ontario to amend the City of Ottawa Act, 1999 to ensure that it enshrines into provincial legislation the bilingual status of the City. The resolution was proposed by Professor John Trent and seconded by Professor H el ene Dallaire.

What is significant about the resolution is that it comes from French and English speaking retired professors and was passed unanimously. Our Association represents some 650 retired professors of the University of Ottawa who have dedicated their academic careers to Ottawa's largest bilingual academic institution. We would hope that the Council will accord their resolution a good degree of respect.

Sincerely,

Pierre Calv e, President