



MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

OTTAWA, Monday, May 8, 2023

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[English]

The Standing Senate Committee on Official Languages met this day at 5:04 p.m., in room B30, Senate of Canada Building, the chair, the Honourable René Cormier, presiding.

Members of the committee present: The Honourable Senators Clement, Cormier, Dalphond, Gagné, Mégie, Mockler and Moncion (7).

Participating in the meeting: Marie-Ève Hudon, analyst, Library of Parliament.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Thursday, March 9, 2023, the committee continued its study on minority-language health services.

WITNESSES:

Assemblée de la francophonie de l'Ontario:

Fabien Hébert, President;

Peter Hominuk, Executive Director.

Fédération des francophones de la Colombie-Britannique:

Lily Crist, Chair of the Board of Directors *(by videoconference)*.

Office of the Ontario Ombudsman:

Carl Bouchard, Interim French Language Services Commissioner.

Fabien Hébert and Lily Crist each made a statement and, together with Peter Hominuk, answered questions.

At 6 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 6:03 p.m., the committee resumed.

Carl Bouchard made a statement and answered questions.

At 6:49 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 6:53 p.m., pursuant to rule 12-16(1)(d), the committee resumed in camera to consider a draft agenda (future business).

It was agreed that senators' staff be permitted to remain in the room during the in camera portion of the meeting.

At 7:07 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Angus Wilson

Clerk of the Committee