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OTTAWA, Monday, September 28, 2026
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[*English*]

The Standing Senate Committee on Official Languages met this day at 4 p.m., in room B30, Senate of Canada Building, the chair, the Honourable Allister Surette, presiding.

Members of the committee present: The Honourable Senators Cormier, Gerba, Henkel, Osler and Surette (5).

Participating in the meeting: Marie-Ève Hudon, Analyst, Library of Parliament; Jérémie Spadafora and Nicolas Daoust, Communications Advisors, Communications, Broadcasting and Publications Directorate.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Thursday, September 25, 2025, the committee continued its study on such issues as may arise from time to time relating to official languages generally. (Topic: Draft regulations on the use of French in federally regulated private businesses).

WITNESS:

Canada Industrial Relations Board:

Maryse Tremblay, Chairperson.

Maryse Tremblay made a statement and answered questions.

At 4:53 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 5 p.m., pursuant to rule 12-16(1)(d), the committee resumed in camera to discuss a draft report.

Pursuant to the order of reference adopted by the Senate on Wednesday, October 29, 2025, the committee continued its examination of the strengthening of federal institutions' arts, culture and heritage responsibilities in official language minority communities and in Canada.

It was agreed that the committee allow the audio recording and/or the transcription of the in camera portion of today's meeting, that one copy be kept with the clerk of the committee for

consultation by committee members and/or their staff, and that the audio recording and/or the transcription be destroyed by the clerk of the committee when authorized to do so by the Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure, but no later than at the end of this parliamentary session.

At 5:23 p.m., the committee suspended.

At 5:23 p.m., the committee resumed in public.

It was agreed that the following budget application under the committee's order of reference to examine and report on the strengthening of federal institutions' arts, culture and heritage responsibilities in official language minority communities and in Canada, for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2027, be approved for submission to the Standing Committee on Internal Economy, Budgets and Administration.

ACTIVITY 1: OLLO - Dieppe/Moncton, New Brunswick (November 2026)	$76,669
TOTAL	**$76,669**

At 5:25 p.m., the committee adjourned to the call of the chair.

ATTEST:

Matthieu Boulianne

Clerk of the Committee