

In reference to the article in the Tempo of March 2010, I would like to make the following clarifications regarding bilingual signs:

- The municipality of Bolton's bilingual status and bilingual services offered to its citizens has never been questioned since November 1st, 2009.
- According to the Commission de toponymie of Québec, the name "EAST BOLTON EST", written in one block, is not officially recognized. The official name of our municipality is BOLTON-EST.
- The notice of non compliance sent by the Office Québécois de la Langue Française (OQLF) was received in the spring of 2009. Last October, the OQLF returned once again and requested among other points that the name "EAST" no longer appears on the signs. The new administration had no choice but to comply with this request and that is why the word "EAST" has been temporarily covered on the signs. One of our councilors also suggested that at least the words "Bienvenue/Welcome" be added to the current signs.

Out of respect for the Anglophone population who founded our community and all those who have joined since, I have clearly reiterated, since the first council meeting, that all bilingual services would be maintained. To this end, I am resolved to conserve our community's bilingual status and this will not change, as long as I am mayor.

Cordially,

Royal Dupuis
Mayor