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Franco-Ontarian Manifesto

HAWKESBURY, March 18, 2019

L'ACFO de Prescott et Russell (ACFO PR) and the Assemblée de la francophonie de l'Ontario (AFO), are pleased to announce that the provincial tour of the Franco-Ontarian Manifesto organized for the Mois de la Francophonie (Francophonie Month) is coming to Hawkesbury. The activity will take place on Thursday, March 21 at Town Hall at 1:00 p.m. The bilingual version of the Franco-Ontarian Manifesto will be presented by community members as well as Town Crier, Daniel Richer and AFO President Carol Jolin.

The Franco-Ontarian Manifesto is the collective work of over 50 people from all corners of the province of Ontario. It was written as a united voice against cuts by the provincial government to French language services.

Details of the tour are available on the Assemblée de la francophonie de l'Ontario website at monassemblee.ca.

Please come to our event and show solidarity for your French-speaking friends and neighbours.

We are and will remain !

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Hawkesbury is a town in Eastern Ontario, near the Quebec-Ontario border. It lies on the south shore of the Ottawa River about halfway between Downtown Ottawa and Downtown Montreal in the United Counties of Prescott and Russell. The Long- Sault Bridge (replacing the Perley Bridge) links it to Grenville, Québec, to the north. Hawkesbury is touted as the third most bilingual town in Ontario, with about 70% of its inhabitants being fluent in English and French, the two official languages of Canada.