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# Francophone groups receive federal funds



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Rose Desnoyers, president of Le Centre Culturel du Conseil de vie française de Cornwall, Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry MP Guy Lauzon and Georgette Sauv?, president of L'Association canadienne-française de l'Ontario gather for a photo in Lauzon's constituency office on Pitt Street. TONY MUMA/CORNWALL STANDARD-FREEHOLDER/QMI

CORNWALL - Official language organizations in Cornwall are receiving a funding boost, announced at the office of Stormont-Dundas-South Glengarry MP Guy Lauzon on Friday afternoon.

"I'm very happy and proud of the work these organizations do and I'm sure they'll continue that good work," Lauzon said, flanked by Rose Desnoyers, president of Le Centre culturel de Conseil de vie française de Cornwall (CCC) and Georgette Sauvé, president of L'association canadienne-française de l'Ontario (ACFO-SDG).

"I think the cheque is in the mail," Lauzon said with a chuckle.

The funding, which totals \$76,000, was presented on behalf of the Hon. James Moore, Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages.

"Our government received a strong mandate from Canadians to promote our culture and invest in our economy," Moore said via press release.

"By supporting these projects in eastern Ontario, our government is delivering on its commitments to provide Canadians with increased access to the arts in their communities while creating jobs and boosting tourism."

Le CCC and ACFO-SDG will receive \$50,000 and \$26,000, respectively, which Lauzon said will only enhance Cornwall's already vibrant francophone flavours.

"Arts, culture and official languages are important to this region's economy," he added.

"Thanks to the work of these organizations, residents and visitors will continue to enjoy local francophone arts and culture and will continue to have access to various artistic experiences and participate fully in all aspects of Canadian life."

Lauzon thanked the CCC for helping him better learn the French language.

"I don't know if it's evident, but I think my French has improved and that's because of the CCC," he said in French.

"I'm proud of what I've learned and I'm happy to announce this funding for the CCC to assist and enhance francophone culture locally."