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New Non-profit Citizens' Constitutional Summit (CCS) to Host English-speaking Community Summit on a Quebec Constitution

MONTREAL, QC — June 22, 2026 — Following the publication of their February 15 *Montreal Gazette* op-ed, *Time for an anglo summit on a Quebec Constitution*, authors Peter G. White, Giuliano D'Andrea and Richard Walsh Smith are announcing the creation of a new organization dedicated to arranging the proposed event.

The initiative also seeks to engage with the efforts of Frédéric Lapointe, president of the Mouvement national des Québécoises et Québécois (MNQ), who has expressed interest in establishing a meaningful dialogue with Quebec's English-speaking community.

Given that all parties now represented in the National Assembly are committed to passing a Quebec constitution after the next provincial election, we believe Quebec's English-speaking community and other minorities must be ready to participate constructively in the process.

Op-ed co-author Peter G. White explained:

"We recognize that there will be differing perspectives on how to approach this opportunity. By creating a new umbrella organization specifically designed to host the event, we can avoid concerns that any existing group may be perceived as introducing bias into the process."

To support the initiative, the group has reserved the name Citizens' Constitutional Summit (CCS) for the new non-profit organization. Representatives reflecting the broad range of viewpoints within Quebec's English-speaking community will be invited to participate on the organization's steering committee and board.

"The plan is to begin with smaller events that can be organized either by us or by other organizations within the community, eventually building toward a larger summit," added Giuliano D'Andrea, director of the Greater Quebec Movement (GQM), whose website is www.mgquebec.org.

The organizers also expressed their openness to collaboration with other community organizations referenced in the original op-ed, including the Talking Advocating Living in Quebec (TALQ) group, the Task Force on Language Policy (TFLP), the Regional Development Network (RDN), the Community Health and Social Services Network (CHSSN), ethnocultural and religious groups, allophone organizations, and independent citizens interested in convening a community summit on a Quebec constitution.

"We have already begun reaching out privately to these organizations to explore possible cooperation or a merging of efforts," said GQM director Richard Walsh Smith. *"While those discussions continue, individual members of those groups are also welcome to participate directly with us."*

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