

NATIONAL EMANCIPATION DAY - AUGUST 1

The 335 MPs in the federal House of Commons voted unanimously on March 24th, 2021 to motion M-36 "That the House recognize that: (a) the British Parliament abolished slavery in the British Empire as of August 1st, 1834; (b) slavery existed in British North America prior to its abolition in 1834; (c) abolitionists and others who struggled against slavery, including those who arrived in Upper and Lower Canada by the Underground Railroad, have historically celebrated August 1st as Emancipation Day; (d) the Government of Canada announced on January 30, 2018, that it would officially recognize the United Nations International Decade for People of African Descent to highlight the important contributions that people of African descent have made to Canadian society, and to provide a platform for confronting anti-Black racism; and (e) the heritage of Canada's people of African descent and the contributions they have made and continue to make to Canada; and that, in the opinion of the House, the government should designate August 1st of every year as "Emancipation Day" in Canada."

NATIONAL ACADIAN DAY - AUGUST 15

For more than 400 years now, Acadians have been on the Nova Scotian territory and have hence, become part of the community. Today they contribute to the province's economy, culture, political life and education, just like all other Nova Scotians. Everywhere in the world, August 15th is recognized as Acadian Day and Halifax is no exception to that fact.

This time of celebration is very important for the Acadian community of the area. Be sure to drop by L'Acadie de Chezzetcook Museum and Information Centre anytime at 79 Hill Road in West Chezzetcook. Check out their Facebook Page (en français) or their website, www.acadiedechezzetcook.ca for more information on events throughout the year.

HRM 2021 COMMUNITY MUSEUM GRANTS

HRM has extended its Service Agreement with the Association of Nova Scotia Museums that provides Operating Grants to 13 community-based museums. Here's a link to the full report: www.halifax.ca/sites/default/files/documents/city-hall/regional-council/210629rc1165.pdf.

This year, the following amounts have been allotted to our local museums in District 2:

- **Sheet Harbour and Area Heritage Society:** \$3,000 plus the waiver of \$10,220 in rent by the Sheet Harbour Chamber of Commerce for their Tourism Information Bureau lease and half of the direct expenses in total. \$10,300 for operating and maintaining the MacPhee House Museum, which is a Municipal Heritage Property. And \$5,900 for property tax relief.

- **L'Acadie de Chezzetcook Association:** \$5,000 plus a \$5,200 Capital Grant for a heat pump, and \$3,020 for property tax relief.
- **Musquodoboit Harbour Heritage Society:** \$8,000 and \$1,309 for property tax relief.
- **Lake Charlotte Area Heritage Society:** \$21,000 plus a Special Project Grant of \$20,000 to fund the launch of a Wild Islands Coastal Heritage Accessibility Project - a start-up digital platform that proposes to use GIS software to scan, and digitally archive existing photographs and enhance content by adding historical maps, satellite imagery, property boundaries, travel routes, and contour mapping to enhance public access to the Eastern Shore Archives. And \$10,156 for property tax relief.

2021 HRM COMMUNITY GRANTS

The 2021 HRM Community Grants Program received a total of 90 eligible applications with almost \$850,000 in requests. This year's uptake is slightly higher than last year, which was anticipated as the non-profit sector adjusts to the practical and financial impacts of the coronavirus pandemic. Overall, 61 grants were approved, totaling \$479,646.00 in grants. Here is the link for the full HRM Grants report: www.halifax.ca/sites/default/files/documents/city-hall/regional-council/210629rc1166.pdf. And here is a list of local successful applications:

- **Lawrencetown Sew-ciety Guild:** \$1,000 grant towards the purchase and installation of storage equipment at the Lawrencetown Community Centre.
- **Royal Canadian Legion - Eastern Marine Branch #161:** \$2,230 grant towards the purchase of a commercial grade dishwasher for the facility in Gaet Brook.
- **Coastal Voices Men's Choir Association:** \$4,500 grant to fully fund a self-promotional marketing campaign including two concerts featuring an original arrangement.
- **L'Association Les Voix d'Acadie:** \$5,000 grant towards the production of a self-promotional video. This community choir promotes the Acadian culture of choral and francophone singing.
- **Deanery Project Co-Operative Limited:** \$5,000 grant for interior upgrades to fully fund the conversion of unused space to create a digital studio for use by professional and non-professional practitioners.
- **Old School Community Gathering Place Co-Operative Limited:** \$5,000 grant to fund the construction and installation of on-site exterior signage to increase visibility of their facility in Musquodoboit Harbour.
- **Sheet Harbour Chamber of Commerce:** \$5,000 grant to go towards the service fees to undertake an underwater marine geological survey and land-based hydrological survey to confirm if the site is suitable for development as a marina.

- **Eastern Shore Wildlife Association:** \$5,000 grant for East River campground improvements to grade and landscape a portion of the site for overnight trailer rentals in Sheet Harbour.
- **Sheet Harbour Radio Society:** \$8,000 grant, subject to confirmation of by-law compliance and applicable permits, to fund the purchase of a shipping container for conversion into a venue for 94.7FM community radio in Sheet Harbour.
- **Chezzetcook & District Lions Club:** \$10,000 grant towards the cost of re-modelling cabinetry and equipping the kitchen with designated sinks and a commercial-grade dishwasher for their community hall in Head of Chezzetcook.
- **Akoma Holdings Incorporated:** \$20,000 grant for the construction of an outdoor washroom/shelter for their community garden in Westphal.

HRM 2021 SPECIAL EVENTS GRANTS

HRM provides the ability to award up to three-year funding to organizations with Special Event Grants under the Established Community Festivals and Cultural Events & Showcases programs. Unfortunately, the impacts of COVID-19 continue to impact the ability to host in-person festivals and events. Many volunteer organizers and cultural organizations have spent the past months revising event plans and budgets to move forward, only to have to redesign the programs as impacts from COVID-19 evolve and there continues to be many unknowns.

All the not for profit event and cultural organizations remain reliant on municipal funding to sustain their event programs, while concurrently managing operations and creating and implementing a recovery plan for future.

Therefore, it is more important than ever this year to provide support to festivals and events as they adapt to the effects of COVID-19, while providing public benefit to help restart events as restrictions are eased. Here is a list of local events that still have funding available to them if they wish to hold their events:

- **Taste of East Preston -** \$1,000
- **Lake Echo Community Boil & Blast -** \$1,000
- **Trunk 7 Music Festival -** \$3,200
- **Porters Lake - Lake and Shore Days -** \$4,750
- **North Preston Days -** \$6,000
- **Halifax County Exhibition -** \$25,000



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