



Proclamation

SS Atlantic Shipwreck April 1, 2023

WHEREAS the *SS Atlantic*, a White Star Line steamship, wrecked off the coast of Lower Prospect resulting in the worst transatlantic passenger ship tragedy in the North Atlantic until *Titanic*; and

WHEREAS on April 1, 1873, while travelling from Liverpool, England to New York, the *Atlantic* diverted course to resupply on coal in Halifax. The strong currents from the Bay of Fundy pushed the ship off course and, in the early morning hours, they ran aground off the coast. Local fishermen rushed to the aid of the nearly 1,000 people on board; and

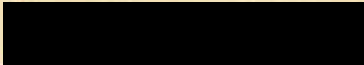
WHEREAS thanks to local rescue efforts and care by local women from Prospect, Lower Prospect and Terence Bay, over 400 passenger and crew were saved. Many of the 550 whose lives were lost are now buried in local cemeteries. The courage, compassion and collaboration of these local families is still remembered by descendants of rescuers and survivors; and

WHEREAS the SS Atlantic Heritage Park Society has been preserving the artifacts and stories from the *SS Atlantic* for over two decades;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Mayor Mike Savage, do hereby proclaim April 1st, 2023, as "SS Atlantic Shipwreck Day" in an effort to raise awareness of this tragedy of one hundred and fifty years ago, so it will always be remembered and commemorated.

Dated at Halifax, Nova Scotia
this 1st day of April, 2023




Mike Savage
Mayor