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Municipal Message

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National Acadian Day:

A message from the Municipality of the County of Kings

Since 1881 Acadians have been observing August 15 as National Acadian Day. Celebrated with family and community, the day is marked with activities such as parades, music, and festivities. National Acadian Day is an important day in Canadian history and Acadia culture. The day serves as a reminder of the amazing contributions Acadians have made towards their communities and families. It encourages folks to learn more about Acadian culture, heritage, and history, as well as commemorate the strength, resiliency, and heart of the Acadian Spirit.

For generations, Acadians called the Maritimes, and the Annapolis Valley in particular, home and developed technologies integral to the success of the Valley community, such as dike walls. The pioneering Acadians in the Valley were amazing farmers and caretakers of the land, who humbly looked to their Mi'kmaq neighbors, the original rights holders of the Land, for guidance and support in these endeavors. During the 9 years of the Acadian Expulsion, also known as *Le Grand Derangement*, Acadian technology and ways of being were adopted by English Settlers, while Acadians were displaced all around the world, separated from their community and, far too often, culture. Most Acadians were forcibly displaced to other British North American Colonies, however several Acadian folks headed to New Brunswick for safety with Mi'kmaq communities. Today, most Acadians can be found in New Brunswick, Louisiana, and Prince Edward Island. Unfortunately, most Acadians did not return to Nova Scotia.

To this day the contributions of Acadian families to the Annapolis Valley and the Municipality of the County of Kings have been, and will continue to be, integral to our growth and development. The Municipality is eternally grateful for the impacts of Acadian culture and stands in solidarity with Acadians against discrimination and injustice. The Municipality formally commits, through the Strategy for Belonging, to diversity, responsible advocacy and supporting communities in telling their stories through the Key Strategic Priorities to achieve the vision of "a community of communities where all people belong."

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