



Emancipation Day August 1

WHEREAS: The Federal House of Commons unanimously passed a vote on March 24 to designate August 1st as Emancipation Day in Canada;

WHEREAS: On April 13, 2021, the Nova Scotia Legislature declared August 1st as Emancipation Day in Nova Scotia;

WHEREAS: Emancipation Day will recognize the history and impacts of slavery in the province;

WHEREAS: The institution of slavery was foundational to the history of systemic anti-Black racism that has impacted people of African descent in Nova Scotia for generations;

WHEREAS: August 1st is Emancipation Day commemorating the anniversary date of 1834 when the British parliament abolished slavery across its empire, freeing about 800,000 enslaved people of African descent throughout the British colonies;

WHEREAS: Slavery continued in the Province of Nova Scotia until the early 1800s;

WHEREAS: We must acknowledge that slavery was part of our province and country's horrific past and this history must be shared in our efforts to work together to address anti-Black racism and all forms of racism so all Nova Scotians can prosper, reach their full potential, and live as equal citizens;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Nancy Dicks, Mayor of the Town of New Glasgow, do hereby proclaim August 1, 2021, as Emancipation Day in the Town of New Glasgow. I call upon all citizens of New Glasgow to observe this day and take the opportunity to learn more about the history of African Nova Scotian people and communities, and to continue to address and eradicate systemic anti-Black racism.

Mayor Nancy Dicks