



PROCLAMATION

Acadian Heritage Month – August 2026 and National Acadian Day – August 15, 2026

WHEREAS, the Acadian people are descendants of early French settlers who arrived in what is now Nova Scotia beginning in the early 1600s, developing a unique and enduring culture rooted in language, music, tradition, and resilience; and

WHEREAS, the Acadian community has played a significant role in shaping the cultural, historical, and social fabric of Nova Scotia, including right here in New Glasgow and surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, National Acadian Day is celebrated each year on August 15, as designated during the first National Acadian Convention in 1881, and stands as a proud symbol of Acadian identity, perseverance, and cultural pride; and

WHEREAS, the entire month of August is widely recognized across the Atlantic provinces as a time to honour Acadian history and celebrate the contributions of Acadian communities through festivals, music, storytelling, and community gatherings; and

WHEREAS, Acadian culture continues to thrive through generations, enriching our shared heritage and promoting the values of community, creativity, and diversity; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, I, Mayor Nancy Dicks, do hereby proclaim the Month of August 2026 as “**Acadian Heritage Month**” and recognize August 15, 2026, as “**National Acadian Day**” in the Town of New Glasgow.

Mayor Nancy Dicks