

2024 Lieutenant Governor's Award of Excellence for l'Acadie and Francophonie of Nova Scotia

Trevor Murphy, Halifax, Halifax Regional Municipality (francophone)



Trevor Murphy is a singer-songwriter and a marketing and advertising specialist from the Halifax area. Originally from the Surette Island region of southwest Nova Scotia, he moved to Halifax in 2002 to further his education. He holds a Bachelor of Journalism and History from the University of King's College and a Bachelor of Arts from St. Mary's University.

He has been a member of several musical groups, including Quiet Parade, Dance Movie and Fossil Cliffs, and most recently his Acadian alternative punk-rock band, Sluice. He also manages other bands through the company he founded, Acadian Embassy Records.

Trevor is involved as a volunteer in the community, including as president of the Fédération culturelle acadienne de la Nouvelle-Écosse (FéCANE) and 2nd vice-president of the board of Music Nova Scotia.

Through his many contributions to francophone music in Nova Scotia, whether as a singer-songwriter, music producer or volunteer with organizations, Trevor has helped promote Acadian pride and culture, and the development of young francophone musical artists and groups in the province. He is a proud Acadian artist, and an ambassador of his culture to audiences across the province. He serves as an inspiration to young people, demonstrating what is possible to achieve as an Acadian artist, and supports their development through FéCANE's many activities (artist workshops, La Relève, CMA, etc.) and his production company, Acadian Embassy. He strives to promote local artists as often as possible.

Elle Peters, East Lawrencetown, Halifax Regional Municipality (young francophone or francophile)



Elle Peters is a student at École Secondaire Mosaïque in Halifax. Although her life at home is in an English-speaking environment, she is involved in defending the rights of Francophones, and was elected by her peers as president of the Conseil jeunesse provincial de la Nouvelle-Écosse (CJP) in 2023. In this capacity, she has taken part in numerous consultations and actions, such as meetings with elected officials at local, provincial and pan-Canadian levels. She has also organized and facilitated workshops (CJP 101, project management, etc.), games and discussions for both youth and adults. She has taught other young people how to be creative through pottery and clay shaping.

She is involved across Canada with the Fédération de la jeunesse canadienne française, as well as in Nova Scotia: with the Fédération acadienne de la Nouvelle-Écosse, and for several years with her school board's committees (Diversity and Inclusion Committee, African Nova Scotian Committee, Black Excellence Committee, etc.).

She is a leader in her school and community, inspiring other young people to follow in her footsteps. She encourages her peers to join the causes that inspire them, and relentlessly puts forward the needs of the under-represented, especially in her interactions with adult institutional leaders, ensuring that no one is forgotten in their decision-making. Her approach is intersectional and inclusive, and the boards and committees on which she sits certainly benefit directly from this approach. She is a kind, intelligent and very interesting person, motivated and precise in her words and actions, spending her energy with impact, in a focused and positive way.