

2025 Lieutenant Governor's Award of Excellence for l'Acadie and Francophonie of Nova Scotia

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Lucien Comeau, Dartmouth, Halifax Regional Municipality (Francophone)



From Baie Sainte-Marie, Lucien Comeau has been engaged in defending and promoting the Acadian language and culture in Halifax for over thirty years. He is an inspiring leader who plays a key role in preserving francophone heritage in Nova Scotia.

From 2012 to 2020, he served as a member of the Conseil scolaire acadien provincial (CSAP) school board, where he supported French-language education.

In 2015, his advocacy led to an agreement with the Halifax Regional Municipality to create a \$150,000 fund to finance cultural projects and student scholarships through the Fondation communautaire du Grand-Havre. At the same time, Lucien played a significant role in establishing the Partenariat acadien et francophone d'Halifax, which aims to integrate French into municipal services. His efforts contributed to the creation of a French-language services office within the municipality.

His commitment extends beyond supporting educational and local government frameworks. For instance, he established a French-language pickleball club for seniors, and he organises community events to encourage Acadians and francophones to gather and minimize social isolation. He recently helped to sort and archive the records of the Conseil Communautaire du Grand-Havre, helping to preserve Acadian and francophone history.

Bailey Ross, Halifax, Halifax Regional Municipality (Francophile)



Bailey Ross has demonstrated his commitment to Nova Scotia's francophone and Acadian communities through his leadership and advocacy. Having studied in immersion and then at the Université Sainte-Anne, he has always been a staunch defender of the French language.

His role as a teacher enables him to pass on francophone and Acadian values daily. He co-hosts bilingual forums and career fairs, inspiring youth to get involved in preserving cultural heritage.

He has been actively involved in Nova Scotia's francophone and Acadian community

from a young age, beginning as a youth representative with the Société Nationale de l'Acadie. His leadership continued at Université Sainte-Anne, and most recently, as president of Canadian Parents for French – Nova Scotia (2023–2025). In this role, he championed the removal of membership fees and promoted scholarships to strengthen French-language education and community engagement. His advocacy for the 2SLLGBTQIA+ community has also earned recognition.

His numerous scholarships are a testament to his exemplary leadership and his impact in building a more inclusive, supportive society that is proud of its francophone identity.

Samuel Gervais, Belliveau Cove, Digby County (Youth)



Samuel Gervais is an exceptional young leader committed to preserving and promoting Acadian and francophone culture in Nova Scotia.

Samuel actively campaigns for language rights, the preservation of cultural heritage, and the continued growth of the Acadian community. His unifying leadership promotes the inclusion of minorities and inspires his generation.

He is engaged on the student council of École secondaire de Clare and on the board of directors of the Société acadienne de Clare, demonstrating his commitment to the continued development of his community.

His provincial involvement is also evident as a member of the Conseil Jeunesse Provincial de

la Nouvelle-Écosse (CJP), where he has held key roles such secretary-treasurer. His responsibilities include relaying the needs and priorities of Acadian and francophone youth, overseeing finances, reviewing policies and participating in the development of strategies to promote Acadian culture.

Samuel Gervais is a committed volunteer who actively participates in community events such as the Gran Fondo (2023 and 2024). He is known for his ability to lead projects and initiate positive change while embodying the values of collaboration, inclusion, and sustainability.