

Once complete, please send the signed and dated form and supporting documents to the Office of Acadian Affairs and Francophonie by either **Mail** PO Box 682, Halifax NS B3J 2T3 or **Email** [Josiah.Hawkins@novascotia.ca](mailto:Josiah.Hawkins@novascotia.ca)

## About the programme

In October 2019, four students from École secondaire de Clare met with MLAs to request the installation of bilingual stop signs in Clare. The students' initiative was supported by Clare and Barrington municipalities as well as the Fédération acadienne de la Nouvelle-Écosse. Nova Scotia has now approved regulatory changes to permit bilingual stop signs ('STOP/ARRÊT') in the province.

In an effort to preserve and promote the linguistic and cultural heritage of the province's Acadian and francophone community, this programme is open to any region in Nova Scotia that is able to demonstrate the importance of Acadian culture and history, and/or the French language, to its social, linguistic and cultural identity. The programme aligns with Nova Scotia's goals of strengthening and supporting the Acadian and francophone community as outlined in the French-language Services Act 2004.

### Note the following requirements:

- The use of this form is reserved for requesting the **replacement of existing stop signs** located only on **provincially owned roads** in Nova Scotia. The Office of Acadian Affairs and Francophonie cannot consider requests to replace stop signs located on municipal roads, nor any requests to install new stop signs.
- When making a request for a group of communities, be sure to list each community individually. (**Click here** for an interactive map.) This will help us identify the geographical area where stop signs are to be replaced. If making a request for a single community or an entire municipality, you can ignore this step.
- This request form **must be accompanied by a letter**, signed by the mayor, a warden or a councillor of the applicant's municipality, which clearly states the respective municipality's support for bilingual stop signs. The letter must be on official municipal letterhead.
- For the purposes of this form, 'municipality' means a member of the Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities. You can find your region's municipality in the list on page 6.

## Your contact information

(\*required information)

Title\* \_\_\_\_\_ Name\* \_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Street no\* \_\_\_\_\_ Street\* \_\_\_\_\_

Suite \_\_\_\_\_ PO Box \_\_\_\_\_ City or town\* \_\_\_\_\_

Province Nova Scotia Postal code\* \_\_\_\_\_

Email address\* \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number\* \_\_\_\_\_

## Your region

Name of region or community \_\_\_\_\_

If making a request for multiple communities within the same area, list them all here.

Municipality (see list on page 6) \_\_\_\_\_

Type of municipal entity:  Regional municipality  County  District  Town

Municipal website (URL) \_\_\_\_\_

## Your region's interest in installing STOP/ARRÊT signs

1. Describe the Acadian (or francophone) history and identity of your region.

For instance, think about places and events that link your region to Acadian or francophone culture and history. Does your region have any monuments or other landmarks with Acadian or francophone ties? Have any important moments in Acadian or francophone history happened in your region? Point form or paragraphs accepted (about 400 words).

**2. Explain the importance of the French language to your region’s social and cultural life.**

For instance, think about francophone groups and organizations in your region. Are any local events held in French? How many people speak French in your area (see Statistics Canada)? Point form or paragraphs accepted (about 250 words).

**3. What advantages and benefits will there be for your region if bilingual stop signs are installed?**

Your answer will help clarify why this project is important to your region. (About 250 words.)

**4. If bilingual stop signs are installed, how will your region recognize or celebrate this project?**

This could be a press release, a ceremony, a promotional video or something else.

(About 100 words.)

## Checklist for submitting your request

- Signed, dated and completed request form
- Letter of support from your municipality (to be attached)

## Declaration

- I confirm that I have read and understand the requirements of this programme.
- I recognize that stop signs located on municipal roads are not eligible for replacement under this programme. Any municipally owned stop signs are the responsibility of their respective municipalities.
- I confirm that the information provided in this form is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant's signature \_\_\_\_\_

## Municipal Units in Nova Scotia

### Regional Municipalities

Cape Breton Regional Municipality  
Halifax Regional Municipality  
Region of Queens Municipality  
West Hants Regional Municipality

### Counties

Municipality of the County of Annapolis  
Municipality of the County of Antigonish  
Municipality of the County of Colchester  
Municipality of the County of Cumberland  
Municipality of the County of Inverness  
Municipality of the County of Kings  
Municipality of the County of Pictou  
Municipality of the County of Richmond  
Municipality of the County of Victoria

### Districts

Municipality of the District of Argyle  
Municipality of the District of Barrington  
Municipality of the District of Chester  
Municipality of the District of Clare  
Municipality of the District of Digby  
Municipality of the District of East Hants  
Municipality of the District of Guysborough  
Municipality of the District of Lunenburg  
Municipality of the District of Shelburne  
Municipality of the District of St Mary's  
Municipality of the District of Yarmouth

### Towns

Town of Amherst  
Town of Annapolis Royal  
Town of Antigonish  
Town of Berwick  
Town of Bridgewater  
Town of Clark's Harbour  
Town of Digby  
Town of Kentville  
Town of Lockeport  
Town of Lunenburg  
Town of Mahone Bay  
Town of Middleton  
Town of Mulgrave  
Town of New Glasgow  
Town of Oxford  
Town of Pictou  
Town of Port Hawkesbury  
Town of Shelburne  
Town of Stellarton  
Town of Stewiacke  
Town of Trenton  
Town of Truro  
Town of Westville  
Town of Wolfville  
Town of Yarmouth