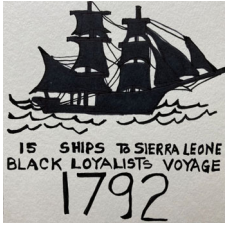

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EXTERNAL EMAIL – USE CAUTION



#1792PROJECT

December 10, 2021

Dear Elected Officials,

Thank you for your continued service on behalf of Nova Scotian communities. As elected representatives in Nova Scotia - regional, rural, and towns - your leadership takes many forms and facilitates countless services for citizens. The request expressed in this letter today is a request for one of these acts of leadership.

January 15, 2022 marks the 230th anniversary of a remarkable exodus that can claim not only to be the first, but the largest single exodus of African descendants returning to the continent of Africa. The courage to take this sea journey to Sierra Leone at the height of the trans-Atlantic chattel slave trade is without precedent. It is a Maritime story. The story of 15 ships prepared in the dead of winter - the Lucretia, the Somerset, the Beaver, the Parr, the Venus, the Mary, the Catherine, the Prince William, the Sierra Leone, the Morning Star, the

Eleanor, the Felicity, Prince Fleury, the Brothers, and the Betsey. It is a story of resilience of the 1,196 seafarers, and a story of failure of community and government to provide safe haven here on these shores for these Black Loyalists.

Our request is that the council undertakes a motion and a proclamation. The motion could include the following requests:

1. To recognize that January 15, 2022, the 230th anniversary of the exodus from Nova Scotia to Sierra Leone is an essential part of the history of all Nova Scotians and Canadians.
2. We ask that municipal governments initiate an annual commemoration of this event on the upcoming anniversary, January 15, of the departure of 15 ships to Sierra Leone.
3. We ask that council recognizes that it has the responsibility of repairing the historic injustice of omission (as this journey is rooted in the history of slavery and racism in Nova Scotia). Thus, not turning to those who lived under the weight of that history for funding a memorial, but consulting with those communities.
4. We have attached a sample proclamation for your convenience.

We would be willing to provide any further information in the form of a presentation or discussion regarding how this event can be amplified throughout the province. We respectfully request that this letter and the proposed proclamation is shared with the Diversity Committee.

Thank you for your continued service to the people of Nova Scotia - you are the gateways for change in your communities!

Sincerely,
Karen Hudson kathrin winkler Carol Millett

Proclamation : Municipal Council and Mayor

Whereas January 15, 2022 is the 230th anniversary of 15 ships departing the harbour of Halifax in 1792, and that the conditions and causes that led to the exodus of 1,196 self liberated Black Loyalist were conditions of abject institutionalized racism and that this departure took place at the height of the transatlantic chattel slave trade one of the cruelest chapters in the history of humanity.

Whereas the recognizes that people of African descent have been a part of Canadian society since the early 1600s and that their enslavement occurred on this land for centuries and that the Black Loyalists departure is linked to the failure of institutional, political and societal will to fulfill the promises that were made to the communities that left for Sierra Leone.

Whereas is committed to promote histories such as the 15 Ships to Sierra Leone that often have been left in a vacuum of erasure. The resources provided for well known monumentation have historically been funded at the expense of those erasures.

Whereascontinues to recognize the ongoing significance of the UN Decade of African Descent and the importance of recognizing the history of Black Loyalists in Nova Scotia and how all communities in Nova Scotia continue to be affected by the historic rift of the Black community.

Whereas we recognize that secure housing and land was promised to these early settlers and very few [received what was owed](#). Noone received the promised 100 acres of land for each head of household despite petitions ([by Thomas Peters](#)). For many Black Loyalists, shared Mi'kmaq knowledge was key to survival in the first winters.

Thereby be it resolved that I, Mayor _____ declare January 15, 2022 the Day of Black Loyalist Exodus: 15 Ships to Sierra Leone #1792Project