

**Preston Township Homecoming 2019
Honouring the African Nova Scotian
communities of East Preston, North
Preston & Cherry Brook/Lake Loon**

A strong history

Nova Scotia is known as the birthplace of Black Culture and Heritage in Canada, boasting some of the oldest communities of people of African descent. Historically the province of Nova Scotia had over 52 historic Black Communities that were settled as far back as the 1600's. One of the oldest and largest multi-generational Black communities in Canada is the Township of Preston, home to the three historic and still striving communities of East Preston, North Preston, Cherry Brook and Lake Loon. Steeped in a remarkable history of resilience, spirituality and dedication these communities have a history and culture to share that help build the fabric of this Province and Country.

Our goal

The goal of the Preston Township Homecoming 2019 is to bring to the forefront the many achievements made by people from the Preston area and to highlight the significant events that have influenced the development of the communities. Especially prominent as we honour and pay tribute to the United Nations declaration of the International Decade for People of African Descent, which embraces in its theme the three pillars of Recognition, Justice and Development. All in which this project will embrace through a host of activities involving multi-generations to inspire, educate and to leave a lasting legacy. This includes forums on issues of interest and concern such as health, education, spiritual outlook, education, youth issues, music, sports, and technology. The project will also serve as a beacon of preserving an important and vibrant part of Canadian history and culture.

People from the Preston communities are the descendants of African people who have been here in Nova Scotia since the 1600s. With additional key migrations such as the Black Loyalists in 1782 and 1784; Jamaican Maroons in 1796; and Black Refugees in 1812, who all settled to make Nova Scotia home.

**Preston Township Homecoming
Planning Committee and Executive**

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Rev. Dr. Joyce Ross, Chairperson
Rosella Fraser, Vice Chairperson
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Russell Grosse – Black Cultural Centre
Rosella Fraser - North Preston Recreation Centre
Charles Taylor - East Preston Rate Payers Assoc.
Sherry Bernard - Lake Loon / Cherry Brook Dev. Assoc.
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Staff

Yvonne Atwell, Project Coordinator
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Community Representatives

East Preston

Kevin Brooks
Spencer Colley
Regina James
Darren Riley

North Preston

Rev. Wallace Smith
Viola Cain
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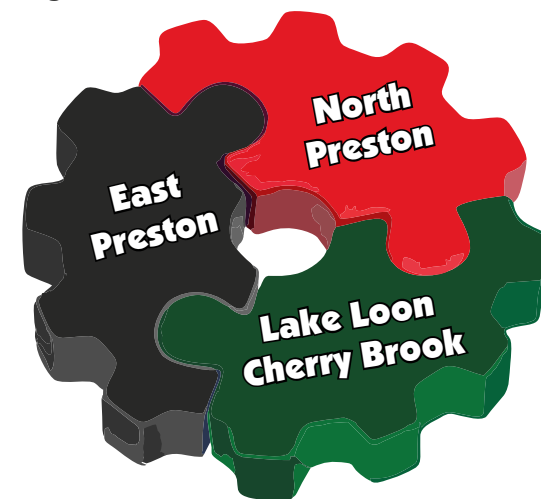
Lake Loon/Cherry Brook

Sherry Bernard
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August 9-15, 2019



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**Program and Activity Guide
Preston Township Homecoming 2019**

Day 1: Friday August 9, 2019

Registration

Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Location: Black Cultural Centre for Nova Scotia

Meet and Greet / Opening Ceremonies

Time: 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Location: Black Cultural Centre for Nova Scotia

Admission: Free

Youth Evening Event & Dance

Time 9:00 pm – 12:00 am

Location: North Preston Recreation Centre

Day 2: Saturday August 10, 2019

Community Breakfast

Time: 7:30 am – 9:00 am

Location: Henry G. Bauld Centre

Registration

Time: 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Location: Black Cultural Centre for Nova Scotia

Community Parade with a Historical Focus

Time: 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Along Main Street

Children & Youth Activity Day

Time: 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Location: Akoma Admission: Free

Guided Community Tours

Time: 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Various locations Admission: TBC

Community BBQ with Live Entertainment

Time: 5:00 pm – 1:00 am

Black Cultural Centre Grounds

Admission: Free

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Day 3 : Sunday, August 11, 2019

Spiritual Day Celebration at Our Local Churches

Regular Start Times: Various locations

Combined Spiritual Church Service & BBQ

Time: 4:00 pm

Location: Black Cultural Centre for Nova Scotia

Day 4 : Monday, August 12, 2019

Pastor's Breakfast

9:30 am – 11:30 am

Location: Henry G. Bauld School

Seniors Tea and Social

Time: 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Location: North Preston, Recreation Centre

Games / Movie Night

Time: 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm

Location: East Preston Recreation Centre

Day 5 – Tuesday, August 13, 2019

East Preston Community Day

Time: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Various Activities

Location: Community of East Preston

The Power of Preston – Play

by Anne Johnson-MacDonald

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Alderney Landing Theatre

Admission: \$20.00 adults, \$15.00 Seniors / Youth / Children

Day 6 : Wednesday, August 14, 2019

Lake Loon / Cherry Brook Community Day

Time: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Various Activities

Location: Community of Lake Loon / Cherry Brook

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Day 6 - Wednesday, August 14, 2019

The Power of Preston – Play

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Alderney Landing Theatre

Admission: \$20.00 adults, \$15.00 Seniors / Youth / Children

Day 7 – Thursday, August 15, 2019

North Preston Community Day

Time: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Various Activities

Location: Community of North Preston

Closing Gala Dinner and Dance Celebration

6:00 pm – 2:00 am

Location: Doubletree by Hilton Halifax-Dartmouth,
Wyse Road

Admission: \$43.00 per person

**For the latest updates and to register,
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