

1998 CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

Division of Culture, Heritage and Recreation

Every year the Minister responsible for Francophone Affairs presents the Certificate of Appreciation during Provincial French Awareness Week to recognize individuals, sections or divisions of the Provincial Government who have actively contributed to the development and enhancement of French services.

This year's recipient, the Division of Culture, Heritage and Recreation of the Department of Education, has greatly contributed to the development of the Acadian and Francophone community by being receptive to their needs and concerns. The Division has shown a great sense of cooperation and willingness to support various community organizations in the promotion of Acadian culture. Through the Acadian Cultural Development Program, the division supported many Acadian and Francophone artists and organizations as well as the programming of numerous festivals and events.

The Division, through its many projects and exhibits, has also assisted the Acadian Museum in preserving and exhibiting the rich heritage and culture of Island Acadians. Moreover, they also played an instrumental role in the integration of the Acadian Museum into the P.E.I. Museum and Heritage Foundation.

In the area of recreation, the Division supported the many initiatives of the *Comité régional des Jeux de l'Acadie* (The Acadian Games Regional Committee) in its efforts to prepare the P.E.I. delegation for *La Finale des Jeux de l'Acadie* (The Finals of the Acadian Games).

Furthermore, we must not overlook the work the Division has done with the *Fédération culturelle de l'Î.-P.-É.* (The French Cultural Federation of P.E.I.) in developing a cultural policy that addresses the priorities of the Acadian and Francophone cultural community in matters relating to the development of the Acadian cultural product. Even the Division's own strategic plan supports and complements this Acadian cultural policy.

Moreover, in an effort to continue improving the delivery of French services and further contribute to the development and enhancement of the Acadian and Francophone community, the Division has assumed a leadership role within the Department of Education in regards to the implementation of the French Services Policy and Guidelines which exemplifies the true meaning of this certificate and you remain a true example for others to follow.