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The region of Southwest Nova Scotia to host the Congrès mondial acadien 2024

ATLANTIC CANADA – Sunday, May 26, 2019 – The Congrès mondial acadien 2024 (CMA2024) will be held in Nova Scotia. The members of la Société Nationale de l'Acadie (SNA) Board of Directors decided on the bid put forward by Clare and Argyle to host this major quinquennial event.

The announcement was made on Sunday at the head office of the national Acadian body in Moncton, New Brunswick.

“The municipalities of Clare and Argyle showed us an *Acadie* that is dynamic, proud and overflowing with ideas. We are confident that the organization of the CMA 2024 is in good hands,” said Louise Imbeault, President of the SNA.

Natalie Robichaud, member of the Southwest Nova Scotia bid committee, said it was a dream come true.

“Our bid committee is overjoyed that the Acadian region of Southwest Nova Scotia has been chosen to host the Congrès mondial acadien in 2024. You are all invited to come live your *Acadie* in our wonderful and welcoming region. We’re going to have a great time!”

Ms. Imbeault also highlighted the quality of both bids submitted for judging, that of the Baie-des-Chaleurs region of New Brunswick and Gaspésie and that of Southwest Nova Scotia.

“We had two well-rounded bids before us, with teams that showed us they were very capable of bringing a project of this scale to fruition. The SNA Board of Directors had a difficult choice to make. The decision was made based on a handful of key points.”

It was a rigorous selection process. After a first round of selection, both candidates were asked to submit a full bid document. An evaluation committee was then assembled to tour both sites. Thereafter, a recommendation report was submitted to inform the deliberations of the SNA Board of Directors.

The host region will soon form a Congrès mondial acadien organizing committee. By November, the SNA and the organizing committee will negotiate a memorandum of understanding to outline the responsibilities of both parties in organizing the CMA.

Settled in 1768 and incorporated in 1879, the Municipality of Clare is located at the southwestern tip of Nova Scotia with approximately 8,000 residents. The Municipality of Clare is the only municipality in the province that conducts business and offers services in both official languages, French and English.

Incorporated in 1880, the Municipality of Argyle is located at the southwestern tip of Nova Scotia with approximately 7,900 residents. The Municipality of Argyle is home to the province's first wind farm and the Village of Pubnico, the oldest Acadian region still inhabited by the descendants of its founder.

La Société Nationale de l'Acadie is a non-profit federation comprised of the four francophone associations representing the Atlantic provinces, as well as the four youth associations. The SNA also includes affiliate members from Atlantic Canada, Maine, Québec, France and Louisiana. Its mandate is to represent the Acadian people at the Atlantic, national and international levels.

In the photo: President of la Société Nationale de l'Acadie, Louise Imbeault (right) and Executive Director of la Société acadienne de Clare and member of the Southwest Nova Scotia bid committee, Natalie Robichaud

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