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GU DÉ AS ÚR? / WHAT'S NEW?

Comhairle na Gàidhlig will hold its Annual General Meeting Sunday June 26th in Antigonish 1-3:30pm at St. Francis Xavier University in the Schwartz Building, Room 205 Srùbag will be served.

NEW GAELIC CURRICULUM

In 2015, the Gaelic community contributed to a province-wide survey to provide the provincial Department of Education information necessary to undertake significant changes to the approach for Nova Scotia public school education. From that survey came the 2015 Province of Nova Scotia's Action Plan for Education. In it, the province acknowledged a need to better incorporate learning and education in the four major heritage peoples – Mi'kmaq, African-Nova Scotian, Acadian and, of course, Gaelic.

A new education curriculum, entitled Renew, Refocus, Rebuild, is currently being developed and implemented. It is a phased approach and commenced in Fall 2015 with the implementation of the new Primary to Grade 3 (p-3) curriculum. As part of the Action Plan, this new curriculum includes the use of Gaelic cultural learning outcomes for every grade and in every course or discipline. That means that Gaelic learning opportunities and resources will be utilized in every single subject for every single grade level.

Our community's efforts to impress upon the department of Education the need for more Gaelic in the classroom did not go unheard. This is a giant step forward in recognizing the contributions of Gaels, past and present, to the growth of our province.

In order to better support the teachers, the Department of Education is compiling resource documents in each of the four heritage cultures. Comhairle na Gàidhlig in partnership with the Office of Gaelic Affairs and current Gaelic Teachers and volunteers are working to compile relevant and culturally appropriate Nova Scotian Gaelic resources to be included in the Department of Education's Gaelic Resource Guide.

Current Gaelic teachers have met and are contributing resource materials to be submitted to the Department of Education this summer. If you would like to learn more, or contribute, please see our website for more information. www.gaelic.ca/Schools



ADHARTAS / PROGRESS

Comhairle na Gàidhlig would like to thank everyone who participated by planning, hosting, or attending the various Gaelic Awareness Month events across the province. There were flag raisings in Halifax, New Glasgow, Mabou, Sydney and the turnout was fantastic.