

Community Spirit Act

CHAPTER 33 OF THE ACTS OF 2011



© 2026 His Majesty the King in right of the Province of Nova Scotia
Published by Authority of the Speaker of the House of Assembly
Halifax

This page is intentionally blank.

CHAPTER 33 OF THE ACTS OF 2011

An Act to Promote Community Spirit

Table of Contents

(The table of contents is not part of the statute)

	Section
Short title.....	1
Purpose of Act.....	2
Interpretation.....	3
Registry.....	4
Resolutions.....	5
Removal from Registry.....	6

Short title

1 This Act may be cited as the *Community Spirit Act*. 2011, c. 33, s. 1.

Purpose of Act

2 The purpose of this Act is to facilitate the adoption of declarations that express community spirit by

(a) providing clear authority for municipalities and villages to adopt community declarations that portray their distinguishing qualities, characteristics and identities; and

(b) establishing a registry in which the declarations may be registered. 2011, c. 33, s. 2.

Interpretation

3 In this Act,

(a) “community declaration” means an expression that represents a distinguishing quality, characteristic or identity of a particular municipality or village, or a geographic area or community within a particular municipality or village;

(b) “Minister” means the Minister of Communities, Culture and Heritage;

(c) “municipality” means a municipality as defined in the *Municipal Government Act*;

(d) “register” means add to the Registry;

(e) “Registry” means the Registry of Community Declarations established pursuant to this Act;

(f) “village” means a village as defined in the *Municipal Government Act*. 2011, c. 33, s. 3.

Registry

4 The Minister shall establish and maintain a Registry of Community Declarations. 2011, c. 33, s. 4.

Resolutions

5 (1) The council of a municipality or the commission for a village may, by resolution, adopt, amend or retract a community declaration for the municipality or the village, or for a geographic area or community within the municipality or the village.

(2) The council of a municipality or the commission for a village may request that the Minister

(a) register a community declaration adopted by the council or commission;

(b) amend a registered community declaration adopted by the council or commission; or

(c) remove a registered community declaration adopted by the council or commission from the Registry.

(3) Upon receiving a resolution from a council or commission, the Minister may

(a) register a community declaration;

(b) amend a registered community declaration; or

(c) remove a registered community declaration from the Registry. 2011, c. 33, s. 5.

Removal from Registry

6 The Minister may remove a community declaration from the Registry at any time. 2011, c. 33, s. 6.