

## Media Release

**Yarmouth, N.S.:** The three Yarmouth County municipal governments have joined forces to celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of Yarmouth Town. Yarmouth township was founded in 1761 and in 2011 we will be celebrating 250 years of history.

The Councils would like to see a year-long event that would involve every citizen and organization in some way. “250 years is a long time, and Yarmouth has come a long way over these years.” commented Yarmouth Mayor Phil Mooney. “We want to celebrate this milestone in the best way that we can.”

Yarmouth has had a proud history with contributions from the Mi’kmaq, Acadians and many other cultures that have made incredible contributions to this community over the past two and one-half centuries. The idea is to highlight and celebrate all of Yarmouth’s key time periods with events and activities.

The celebrations are being planned to span the full year. The Councils would like to see schools, church groups, non-profit organizations, service clubs and private individuals to be involved either in activities or part of the celebrations in some way. “We want everyone to be involved,” said Argyle Warden Aldric d’Entremont. “We are hoping that everyone will contribute in some way and participate in this incredible celebration.

As a result, the Councils will be hosting a public meeting of all groups and individuals interested in getting involved in the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at Rodd’s Grand Hotel at 7:00 p.m. on May 5<sup>th</sup>.

“We are hoping that every group will send representatives to this meeting so we can brainstorm and start planning for our birthday party,” said Leland Anthony, Warden of the Municipality of the District of Yarmouth. But, we also welcome individuals who have ideas, and want to be involved in some way. Some of the ideas that have been brought forth include been numerous cultural events, dinners, fireworks, history books, music festivals, Town Crier’s Competition, historic encampment, parades and many different sports events.

“There are endless ideas out there and we want hear what people want, and what they have in mind,” said Mayor Mooney. “We need to start planning now as there are just 20 months before we start our celebration on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011.”

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