

NATION  
PROSPÈRE

ANNUAL  
REPORT  
2022



Nation Prospère Acadie (Nation Prospère), through its research and interventions, develops and implements **durable solutions** to enable Atlantic Canada's Acadian People to thrive in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The organisation is a Canadian registered charity (**71529 7917 RR 0001**) and it intervenes in four areas:

1) **Continuity of the French language and culture**

2) **Protection and enhancement of Acadian heritage**

3) **Conservation of Acadian folk art collections**

4) **Protection of l'Acadie's natural environment**

This fourth annual report outlines the organization's accomplishments in all of these action areas in 2022.

## OUR VALUES

The work of Nation Prospère is guided by societal values that have stood the test of time and will help lead our work to a prosperous future.

- The love of the native land
- The continuity of the French language and life in Acadie
- The appreciation of family
- The right to equality and the respect for others
- The respect for elders
- Freedom of thought, conscience and opinion
- The search for consensus and excellence
- Transparency, honesty and integrity
- Service to the common good
- The concern for future generations

## OUR VISION

We see an Acadian Nation in Atlantic Canada that is French, prosperous, open to the world and whose institutional structures contribute to the well-being and health of all its people. The natural environment and cultural heritage of l'Acadie is protected and enhanced for the enjoyment of present and future generations. A prosperous and welcoming land, l'Acadie lives happily and at peace with the First Nations, English speaking and allophone communities that share its territory. Together, all harness their creativity and resources to build a better world.

## OUR TEAM

Nation Prospère is administered by a Board of Directors comprised of members from or living in Atlantic Canada's Acadie region. It establishes policies, priorities and ensures the good governance of the organisation. The board is supported by a small team and many collaborators.



**MICHEL J.C. CYR**  
President of the Board  
of Directors

Lawyer, former President of the Société nationale de l'Acadie (2004-2006) and Municipal Councillor of the City of Moncton (2001-2004).



**NATHALIE BLAQUIÈRE**  
Secretary of the Board  
of Directors

Author, communicator, journalist, project manager and an international career with the UN.



**MATHIEU G. CAISSIE**  
Treasury of the Board  
of Directors

Administrator, political advisor, former advisor to the Government of New Brunswick to the Organisation internationale de la Francophonie and founder of the Cercle acadien de la langue française.



**DIANE LOSIER**  
Director of the Board  
of Directors

Actress and host for more than 30 years on stage as well as on television, film and radio.



**DANIEL LEBLANC**  
Executive Director

A seasoned planning and management expert with over 30 years of experience in developing durable solutions in Canada and internationally



**CLAUDE BOUDREAU**  
Heritage Director

An expert in marketing and management, he has over 30 years of experience in the fields of education, culture, tourism and Acadian heritage.

# THE CONTINUITY OF FRENCH CULTURE AND LANGUAGE IN ACADIE



Nation Prospère continued its efforts to achieve this charitable purpose in 2022, including the establishment of the new *Cercle acadien de la langue française* and the pursuit of the *Assemblée nationale de l'Acadie* research project (ANA).

## Our accomplishments in 2022 :



[cercleacadien.ca](http://cercleacadien.ca)  
(under development)

### Cercle acadien de la langue française Project

- The establishment of this new project whose primary mission is to bring together citizens who wish to contribute to the promotion and vitality of the French language in Acadian communities, particularly those in Kent County and in Southeastern New Brunswick.
- The organization of a first conference at the Université de Moncton on October 13, 2022, on the continuity of the French language in Acadie, given by Jean-Louis Roy, former Secretary General of the Agence intergouvernementale de la Francophonie (OIF) and former editor-in-chief of the Montreal newspaper Le Devoir.



[anacadie.ca](http://anacadie.ca)

### Assemblée nationale de l'Acadie Project

- The pursuit of research on strengthening institutional structures in Acadie through this project, from a historical continuity perspective for the Acadian and Francophone people living in a minority situation in Atlantic Canada.
- The identification of the first four priority sectors to pursue this research: culture, education, tourism and heritage protection.

# THE PROTECTION AND ENHANCEMENT OF ACADIAN HERITAGE



Nation Prospère's heritage division carried out a number of initiatives in 2022 to enhance and protect heritage elements considered to be of national significance to the Acadian people. Its main achievements in this field were the following:

## Former Couvent de Bouctouche (1880) – Musée de Kent

- Research aimed at renewing the permanent exhibits at the Kent Museum and ensuring the preservation of the former Bouctouche Convent.
- Continued discussions with the federal and provincial governments, as well as the private sector, regarding their participation in a major renovation and conservation project for this historic building (elevator, public washrooms, etc.).



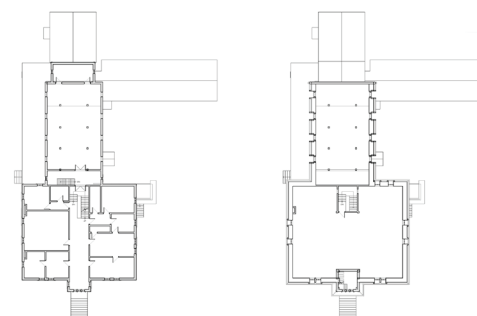
## Acadian Heritage Advisory Committee

- The continuation of the work of the *Advisory Committee on Acadian Heritage*, bringing together eight historians and heritage experts from New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.
- Follow-up with the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada regarding the nomination of Joseph Beausoleil Broussard as a Person of National Historic Significance and the search for a site to commemorate his achievements.



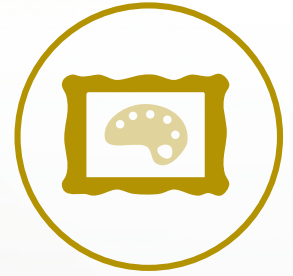
## Other activities to promote and protect Acadian heritage

- Work on a feasibility study for a high-end gallery project on the ground floor of the Bouctouche church, proposed to exhibit major collections during the tourist season.
- The presentation of a service offer to small and medium-sized Acadian museums in the three Maritime Provinces, including the development of a structure to support their future growth. A first working session on customer service was presented at the Université de Moncton in the spring of 2022.



# THE CONSERVATION OF ACADIAN FOLK ART COLLECTIONS

This charitable purpose is accomplished through the *Banque d'art populaire acadien* (BAPA), established by Nation Prospère Acadie in 2019. Our major accomplishments in this area in 2022 are as follows:



**BANQUE D'ART**  
POPULAIRE ACADIEN

[bapa.ca](http://bapa.ca)

## Banque d'art populaire acadien

- The relocation of the entire Cormier Collection to the second floor of the Kent Museum in preparation for major renovations anticipated in 2023.
- The presentation on the second floor of the Kent Museum of a third exhibition of this collection, bringing together 40 paintings and attended by over 1000 visitors.

# THE PROTECTION OF L'ACADIE'S NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

This charitable purpose was ensured by the *Sentinelle de la côte et de la forêt acadienne* project, launched in January 2020, which aims to protect the distinctive features of the Acadian forest and the natural heritage of l'Acadie. Its major accomplishments in 2022 were:



**SENTINELLE**  
CÔTE ET FORÊT ACADIENNE

[coteacadienne.ca](http://coteacadienne.ca)

## New Brunswick Protected Areas Project (Acadian Forest)

1. Our continued participation in the Government of New Brunswick's initiative to add some 385,000 hectares (951,000 acres) of public land to its network of protected areas in the province by 2023.
2. On July 14, 2022, a major milestone was reached with the announcement of the first tranche of new protected areas of 90,471 hectares (223,500 acres), confirming that approximately 17,516 hectares (43,280 acres) submitted by Nation Prospère in 2020 and spread across four Acadian regions were officially designated.
3. These new protected areas are located in the Acadian Peninsula (Miscou Island, 8002 acres and Tracadie watershed, 6041 acres), Chaleur (Nipisiguit River corridor, 18,075 acres), Restigouche (Mount Carleton extension, 9575 acres) and Madawaska (Rivière Verte corridor, 1588 acres).

# CHRONOLOGY (2018 – 2022)

## September 2018

Launch of the research project entitled Assemblée nationale de l'Acadie (ANA).

## December 2018

Incorporation of Nation Prospère Acadie, Inc. a non-profit corporation.

# 2018

## August 2019

As part of the ANA's research work, the presentation of a workshop on regional autonomy ([administrative nationalism](#), [current governance](#), [international models](#)), bringing together three researchers from the Université de Moncton.

## September 2019

The listing of Nation Prospère as a Canadian Registered Charity (71529 7917 RR 0001), enabling it to issue official receipts for tax purposes. This recognition allows the organization to intervene in four areas and in Acadian communities located in the four Atlantic Provinces

## December 2019

The acquisition of the [Maurice and Claudette Cormier Collection](#), consisting of more than 1,200 works of Acadian folk art and the establishment of the Banque d'art populaire acadien.

# 2019

## January 2020

The launch of the Sentinelle de la côte et forêt acadienne project and its protected areas campaign for in the Acadian regions of New Brunswick.

## July 2020

The acquisition of the [Rideau de scène de la Déportation](#) theatre curtain, created by Acadian artist Édouard Gautreau in 1931, and the beginning of restoration efforts on this imposing work of art.

# 2020

## February 2021

The launch of an initial feasibility study on the future of the [former Bouctouche Convent](#) (1880) and the renewal of the Kent Museum.

## June 2021

Active participation in the Government of New Brunswick's local and regional government reform and the presentation of a [research map of New Brunswick's Acadian regions](#) as part of this exercise.

# 2021

## February 2022

The confirmation that Joseph Beausoleil Broussard's nomination as a Person of National Historic Significance, submitted by Nation Prospère in 2021, will be considered by the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada.

## July 2022

The confirmation that approximately 17,516 hectares (43,280 acres), submitted by Nation Prospère in 2020 and located in four Acadian regions, will be officially designated as protected areas in New Brunswick.

## October 2022

The launch of the [Cercle acadien de la langue française](#).

# 2022



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