



Activity Report 2020-2021



Office of the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia GOVERNMENT HOUSE





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Government House dressed with Allied flags for the 75th Anniversary of VE Day

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COVER (l-r); new portrait of Grand Chief Gabriel Sylliboy, commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of the Battle of the Atlantic, His Honour presiding over the Order of St. John investiture, Government House with Nova Scotia tartan, the Lieutenant Governor presiding over the swearing-in of Premier Rankin and his new Cabinet, Their Honours celebrating National Flag of Canada Day, 80th anniversary of the Stadacona Band of the Royal Canadian Navy and presentation of the Government House Gold Medal to the Band.



Their Honours and the Household Staff during a routine fire drill



Gloria Stephens, Evenings @ Government House presenter

Foreword



GOVERNMENT HOUSE

Dear Friends,

The last year has been an extremely challenging one for all Canadians on account of the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic. Nova Scotians were further impacted by a number of tragedies that touched every community across the Province. Despite all that many have endured, I remain inspired by the resilience of the diverse array of people who make up our province.

I am pleased to provide this annual accounting of my official activities for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. The last year has been marked by many modifications to events, travel and the schedule that I would normally maintain as your Lieutenant Governor. Nevertheless, through the dedicated and creative work of the household staff, we have found new ways to engage with Nova Scotians, in person, virtually and through a number of online platforms. While many events and visits had to be cancelled, postponed or scaled back, Her Honour and I still had the opportunity to host 42 events at Government House, and attend 38 external events including community visits to Yarmouth, Shelburne and Annapolis Royal during a lull in the Pandemic.

In early May, I was privileged to preside over commemorations of the 75th Anniversary of the end of the Battle of the Atlantic and then to mark the 75th Anniversary of Victory in Europe Day. While the national commemorations that had been planned for these events were cancelled, we made the best of the situation and were honoured to help recognize these signal events in the history of modern Canada with modest, socially-distanced ceremonies at Government House, on behalf of all Canadians.

Treaty Day was celebrated with a Flag Raising and the arrival of a portrait of Grand Chief Gabriel Sylliboy, painted by the renowned artist Alan Sylliboy. Other commemorative events were held for Fête nationale de l'Acadie, National Flag of Canada Day and African Heritage Month to name but a few.

In February I carried out one of my most significant constitutional duties, commissioning a new Premier and then swearing-in a new Executive Council. Throughout the Pandemic, I have been able to exercise all of my duties as The Queen's representative, either through modified socially-distanced arrangements or via electronic means.

The inability to hold social events, such as receptions, summer tours, the annual Garden Party, Nocturne: Art at Night and other similar gatherings unquestionably reduced the number of people visiting Government House in person. However, through the creation of a virtual online tour, outreach through more than fifty video messages and other video productions, we were able to reach more people online than ever before.

As we look towards 2022, the conclusion of the Pandemic and The Queen's Platinum Jubilee, Her Honour and I have a great sense of optimism and we anxiously await returning to a regular schedule of events, full of people, presentations, investitures and recognition. There are so many Nova Scotians and Canadians who have played a pivotal role in seeing their fellow citizens through the present crisis, and I look forward to thanking as many of them as possible.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Arthur J. LeBlanc".

Arthur J. LeBlanc, ONS, QC
Lieutenant Governor



MISSION STATEMENT

*To serve, support and maintain with excellence,
the Office of the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia
and Government House.*

MANDATE

*To support the constitutional and symbolic role of the Lieutenant Governor as
The Queen of Canada's representative in Nova Scotia,
and to maintain and enrich the traditions and heritage of Government House Halifax
as the centre of official hospitality for the province and its people.*



Moment of Silence for Cst. Heidi Stevenson

Corporate Objectives

*The corporate objectives of the Office of the
Lieutenant Governor reflect six goals central to the
mandate of the Lieutenant Governor:*

- *Constitutional/Legal*
- *Crown-Indigenous Relations*
- *Ceremonial*
- *Community Engagement*
- *Promoting Nova Scotia*
- *Preserving Government House*



Their Honours during a visit to the Black Loyalist Heritage Centre



Raising the Mi'kmaq Flag for Treaty Day

Introduction



The Office of the Lieutenant Governor/Government House supports the Lieutenant Governor in fulfilling his constitutional, state and ceremonial responsibilities. The *Constitution Act 1867*, provides that there must be a Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia who is appointed in the name of the Sovereign by the Governor General on advice of the Prime Minister. As the representative of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of Canada, who is Head of State, the Lieutenant Governor, His Honour the Honourable Arthur J. LeBlanc, is authorized and required to execute all matters that pertain to his office according to law and constitutional convention.

The Office of the Lieutenant Governor/Government House provides administrative and logistical support enabling the Lieutenant Governor to exercise the constitutional powers and responsibilities of the Office and to undertake representational, ceremonial and civic duties. The autonomous nature of the Office is consistent with the Lieutenant Governor's role to function with political neutrality. The Office also supports the Administrator of the Province who acts in the place of the Lieutenant Governor when the Lieutenant Governor is unavailable.

Additionally, the Office is responsible for planning and implementing the Lieutenant Governor's programme, awards, patronages and many other

activities undertaken with, and on behalf of, Nova Scotians in communities across the province.

To help Nova Scotians and visitors understand the role and responsibilities of the Lieutenant Governor, the Office offers a "general tour" programme along with a "talk & tour" program at the Lieutenant Governor's official residence, Government House in Halifax.

The administrative element of the Office of the Lieutenant Governor/Government House reports through the Department of Intergovernmental Affairs and receives its funding from an annual appropriation as part of the same department. As part of the Department of Intergovernmental Affairs, the Office of the Lieutenant Governor/Government House is committed to accounting for activities and expenditures. Support for the physical plant, systems and infrastructure of Government House is provided through the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal.

The Office works closely with the provincial departments, Government of Canada, Mi'kmaq leaders, Canadian Armed Forces, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Halifax Regional Police, Cape Breton Regional Police Service, New Glasgow Regional Police, Department of Canadian Heritage, and numerous non-governmental organizations over which the Lieutenant Governor presides as Patron or Honorary Patron.

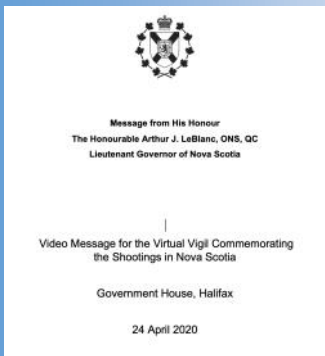
By enabling the Lieutenant Governor to exercise his constitutional authorities and responsibilities and to undertake duties as the representative of the Head of State, the Office of the Lieutenant Governor directly contributes to maintaining a stable and effective government.



Unveiling the African Heritage Month Poster with the Honourable Tony Ince

COVID-19 Pandemic

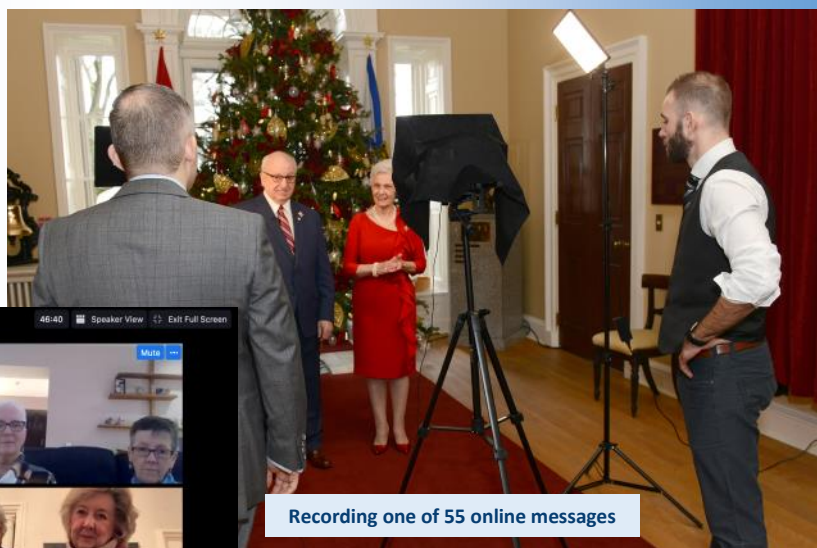
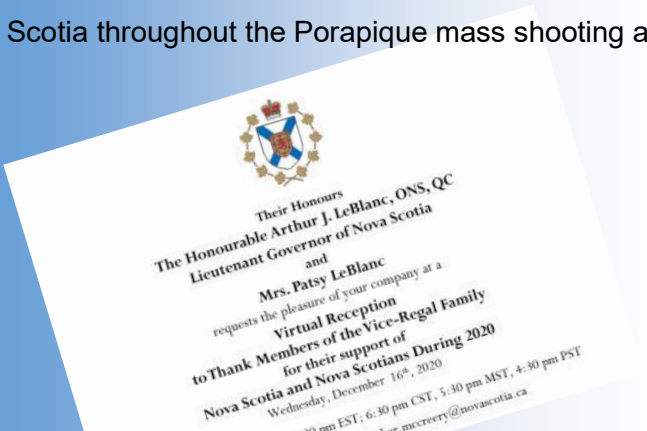
The declaration by the World Health Organization on 11 March 2020 that the COVID-19 virus was characterized as a pandemic, resulted in the proclamation of a state of emergency that has continued throughout the fiscal year 2020-2021. This necessitated making changes to many aspects of the Lieutenant Governor's schedule; the cancellation and postponing of events, and the robust engagement with Nova Scotians through video messages and online events. The enthusiastic reception of online video messages and presentations, with more than 30,000 viewers has helped to mitigate the inability to hold regular large public events at Government House.



With 139 days of lockdown (40% of the year) where the Lieutenant Governor was not able to hold or attend any events, and the remainder of the period when we were able to host a maximum of 25 people in a socially-distanced fashion, necessitated a significant increase in our online presence. The Lieutenant Governor also spoke with 61 Mi'kmaq and Municipal leaders along with those involved in some of the more than 70 patron organizations that His Honour serves.

Nova Scotians were touched to receive personal messages from Her Majesty The Queen and His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales following the Portapique Mass Shooting, along with messages of support from across Canada and throughout the Commonwealth.

The Lieutenant Governor hosted the first ever virtual vice-regal reception in December 2020 to thank the Governor General, Lieutenant Governors and Territorial Commissioners for their unwavering support to Nova Scotia throughout the Porapique mass shooting and the Stalker 18 crash.



Roles and Duties of the Lieutenant Governor

Constitutional/Legal

In addition to presiding over one swearing-in ceremony of the Executive Council (Ministers of the Crown) at Government House in October, the first held in a socially-distanced fashion, the Lieutenant Governor also accepted the resignation of the Honourable Stephen McNeil, and subsequently commissioned the Honourable Iain Rankin to serve as Premier of the Province.

February's change in the Head of Government was followed by a swearing-in ceremony for a new Executive Council which was jointly organized by the Executive Council Office and the Office of the Lieutenant Governor. Held at the Halifax Convention Centre, this state ceremony included a Mi'kmaq smudging, African-Nova Scotian drummers and the piping in of the designated Executive Councillors, along with the swearing/affirming of oaths, signing of jurats and transfer of the Great Seal, that are required for such transfers of authority.



Formal resignation of the Honourable Stephen McNeil



The Great Seal of the Province



Commissioning the Honourable Iain Rankin as Premier-Designate

Roles and Duties of the Lieutenant Governor (con't)

During most of the 2020-2021 fiscal year, the House of Assembly was in recess, therefore the Lieutenant Governor did not grant Royal Assent to any Bills or preside over any Royal Assent Ceremonies. December saw the Lieutenant Governor preside over a Prorogation Speech and Prorogation of the House of Assembly. In March 2021, the Lieutenant Governor delivered a Speech from the Throne, in a scaled back and socially-distanced ceremony in order to respect public health guidelines.

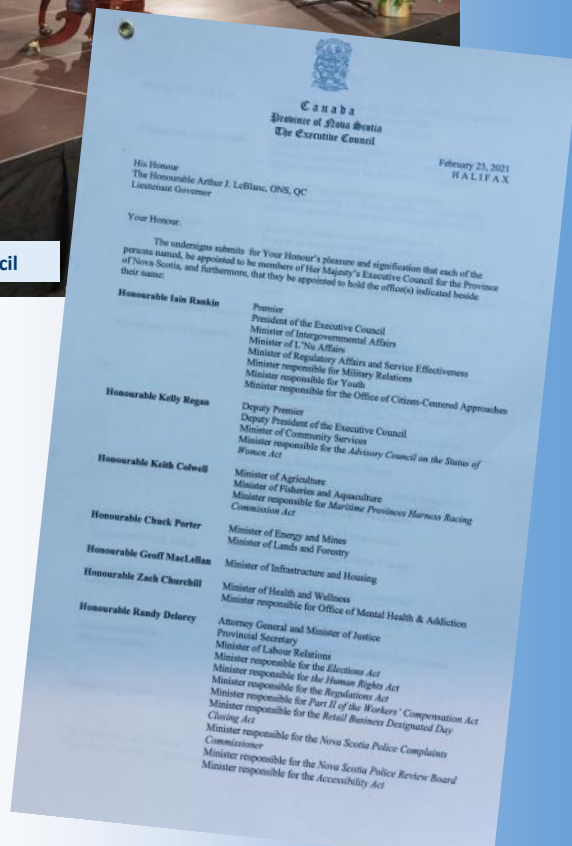
In addition to these duties, the Lieutenant Governor signed 338 Orders-in-Council and 13 Proclamations, along with the Instrument of Advice appointing a new Executive Council (pictured below). The Lieutenant Governor also signed and had sealed 120 notary public appointment commissions for the Department of Justice. This was the first year since 1867 that the Administrator of the Province was not required to act for the Lieutenant Governor.



Swearing-In of the new Executive Council



The Lieutenant Governor delivering the Speech from the Throne



Crown-Indigenous Relations

Despite the Pandemic, the Lieutenant Governor was still able to host a ceremonial raising of the Mi'kmaq flag at Government House on Treaty Day, on 1 October. The customary grand feast and church service honouring the Treaty Relationship between the Crown and the Mi'kmaq people had to be cancelled. Nevertheless, the Lieutenant Governor was in contact with 11 Mi'kmaq leaders to learn about their response to the Pandemic and how their communities were coping with the emergency.

Through the assistance of Honorary Colonel, Dr. Donald Julian, CM, ONS, CD, Government House acquired a ceremonial Eagle Feather which will remain onsite permanently for use during appropriate ceremonies and events. Although the official unveiling has been postponed until October 2021, through the generosity of the Halifax Foundation, Government House commissioned a portrait of Grand Chief Gabriel Sylliboy, by Alan Syliboy, to serve as a companion piece to the portrait of Grand Chief Henri Membertou, which Alan Syliboy painted for The Queen on the occasion of the 2010 Royal Tour.



Portrait of Grand Chief Gabriel Sylliboy



Their Honours with Michael R. Denny as part of *Musique Royale*

Ceremonial

During periods when there was a lull in the pandemic, the Lieutenant Governor was able to host socially-distanced events at Government House, with twenty-five guests per event. This meant running some ceremonies, such as the Queen's Counsel commission presentation, with two separate events.

The Lieutenant Governor hosted 42 in-house events, and His Honour presided over six investitures for various Canadian honours: Order of St. John, the Peace Officer Exemplary Service

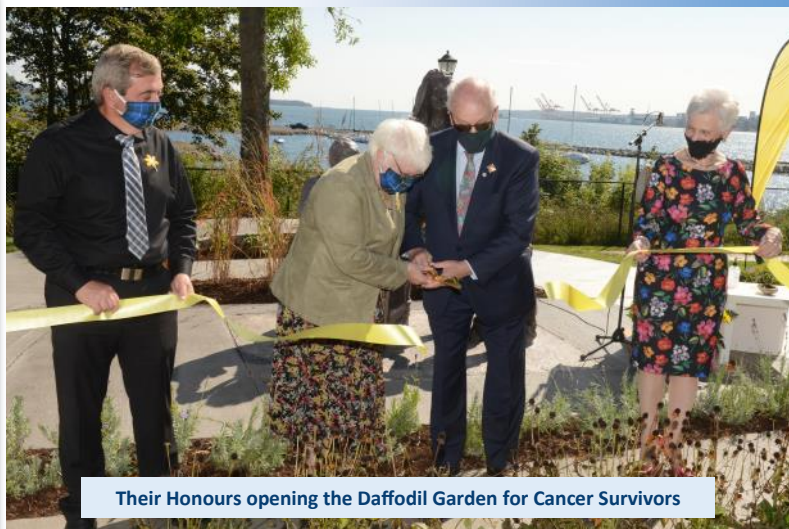
Medal and the Emergency Medical Services Exemplary Service Medal. A number of these events were also live streamed, which greatly increased the ability of friends and family of those being recognized to witness these occasions.

Their Honours also attended five ship departure and arrival ceremonies as members of the Canadian Armed Forces were deployed on overseas missions. Government House events staff also assisted with the funeral for former Lieutenant Governor, the Honourable Alan R. Abraham, CM, ONS, CD, in October 2020.

Community Engagement

In addition to internal Government House events, the Lieutenant Governor presided over one investiture outside of Government House; in partnership with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. The annual Order of Nova Scotia investiture had to be postponed.

The Lieutenant Governor undertook 38 external events over the course of the fiscal year and delivered 86 speeches and video messages.



Overall Activity Level

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and the fact that nearly 40% of the fiscal year was spent in lockdown greatly restricted the Lieutenant Governor's ability to visit communities throughout the province or host events at Government House. The various activities undertaken by the Lieutenant Governor are divided into five separate categories, along with speeches which are delivered at many events. Constitutional Duties, consist of such events as the Speech from the Throne, meetings with the Premier, Executive Council Officials and signing orders-in-council, statutory and non-statutory instruments. In-House Events, consists of receptions, dinners, investitures, performances, presentations, meetings, and ceremonies held at Government House which are presided over by the Lieutenant Governor. External Events Hosted by Government House, consist of events presided over by the Lieutenant Governor which are organized and arranged by the Office of the Lieutenant Governor but which are held at an outside venue such as the presentation of the Lieutenant Governor's Education Medals and the Lieutenant Governor's Respectful Citizenship Award. External Events Organized by Government House but not attended by the Lieutenant Governor, relate to tours and other events.

Table 1.1 Overall Activity Level

Event Type	1 April - 31 March 2020-2021	1 April - 31 March 2019-2020	1 April - 31 March 2018-2019
Constitutional Duties	88	75	81
In-House Events*	42	102	111
External Events Hosted by Government House	0	5	5
External Events	38	179	164
Events organized by Government House but not attended by the Lieutenant Governor	2	36	45
Virtual Calls to Community Leaders	61	-	-
TOTAL EVENTS	231	397	406

* 87 in-house events cancelled/postponed due to the Pandemic. ** approximately 150 external events cancelled.

Speeches

Over the course of the year the Lieutenant Governor delivered 31 in-person speeches and 55 video messages. In addition to this 17, press releases were issued, along with 64 special messages and 265 statements on social media platforms that include Facebook, Twitter, Flickr and Instagram. While the COVID-19 Pandemic pushed the number of speeches significantly lower than the previous year, the number of video messages and outreach via various social media platforms has greatly increased the Lieutenant Governor's presence online, and virtual connection to citizens.

Table 1.2 Speeches delivered

Event Type	1 April - 31 March 2019-2020	1 April - 31 March 2019-2020	1 April - 31 March 2018-2019
Speeches delivered	31	139	145
Video Messages	55	2	2



Certificate Programme

The Lieutenant Governor's Commemorative Certificate Programme which recognizes milestone birthdays, wedding anniversaries and military retirements resulted in 755 certificates being produced and mailed. This total realizes a slight increase over the previous years and shows that the Pandemic has had a near negligible impact on this programme.

Table 1.3 Certificate Programme

Event Commemorated	1 April - 31 March 2020-2021	1 April - 31 March 2019-2020	1 April - 31 March 2018-2019
Milestone Birthdays	420	392	379
Wedding Anniversaries	211	217	265
Military Retirement	124	111	141
TOTAL	755	720	785

Continuing Public Access

For the first time since the 2010 establishment of the Summer Tour programme following the 2006-2009 restoration of the building, no public tours were conducted at all.

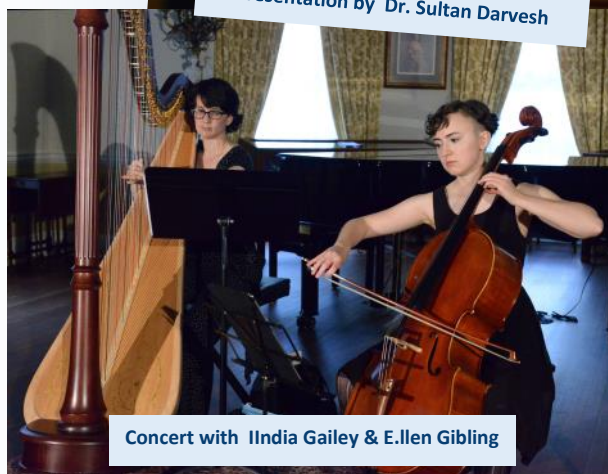
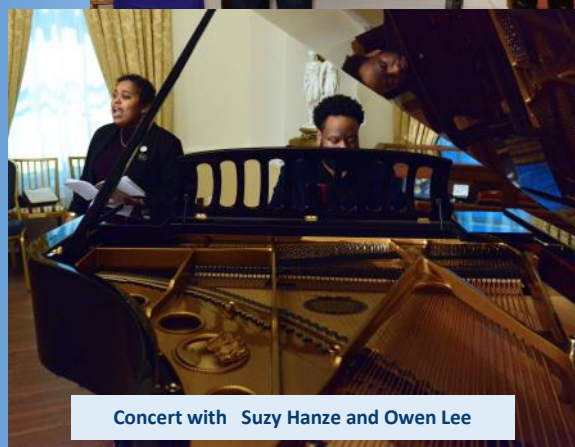
As a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic, the July/August Sentry Programme, which was inaugurated in 2012 and has been supported by the Canadian Armed Forces' 5th Canadian Division, had to be cancelled as well. It is expected that for the 2022 summer season and in connection with The Queen's Platinum Jubilee, both the Summer Tour programme and the Sentry Programme will be reactivated.

Table 1.4 Summer Tour Programme Visitors

	Summer 2020	Summer 2019	Summer 2018	Summer 2017	Summer 2016	Summer 2015
Visitors	0	3,833	3,794	3,569	2,292	2,967

Due to the inability to conduct public tours, an online 360° interactive virtual tour was inaugurated and has been integrated into the Lieutenant Governor's website. This new tool allows people from around the globe to take an engaging tour of the main floor of Canada's oldest official residence.

There being several months where health restrictions were eased, an abridged version of the *Evenings @ Government House* series was hosted by the Lieutenant Governor. In total, nine presentations were held, while four had to be cancelled. Given limited seating capacity of only 25 guests, a lottery system was used to select participants, while the Lieutenant Governor's Facebook page hosted a live stream of these events to maximize participation by those who were not able to attend. Although the in-person attendance for *Evenings @ Government House* dropped from an annual average of 840 people to 222 (~25 at each), with the introduction of the online platform more than 3,767 people viewed the nine presentations over the 2020-2021 fiscal year, bringing the number of participants to just under 4,000. total.





The cancellation of such annual marquee events as Nocturne: Art at Night, the Garden Party, New Year's Day Levée, most routine investitures and awards ceremonies resulted in a total of only 530 guests attending events in person. Overall this represents a 96% drop in visits to Government House, which normally hosts 14,000 visitors annually.

The increased online presence and production of commemorative services for the Portapique Mass Shooting, 75th Anniversary of the Battle of the Atlantic and 55 video messages from the Lieutenant Governor to various patron organizations and groups resulted in increased online public participation not seen since the advent of the internet in the 1990s.

Prior to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Lieutenant Governor delivered a single video message each year that was posted on the Lieutenant Governor's Facebook page, YouTube Channel and would also be played on the CBC and EastLink on Christmas Day. Previously these messages would receive between approximately 400 views on Facebook and YouTube. The 2020-2021 fiscal year saw the various video messages delivered by the



Lieutenant Governor receive a total of 31,508 views (more than simply clicking a link), with the largest number of hits garnered for the 75th Anniversary of the Battle of the Atlantic Ceremony which the Lieutenant Governor held in May 2020.

Promoting Nova Scotia

Aside from national and provincial honours, the Lieutenant Governor recognizes excellence in a diverse array of fields through the various Lieutenant Governor's Awards. The COVID-19 Pandemic resulted in the presentation of a number of awards being delayed until the next fiscal year, although award winners were notified.

Table 1.5 Lieutenant Governor's Awards Conferred

Award	Partner	No. Bestowed 2020-2021	No. Bestowed 2019-2020	No. Bestowed 2018-2019
LG's Education Medal	Department of Education and Early Childhood Development	158	146	166
LG's Award for Excellence in Public Administration	Institute of Public Administration Canada	3**	3	3
LG's Award for Design in Architecture	Nova Scotia Association of Architects	**	**	8
LG's Award for Excellence in Engineering	Engineers Nova Scotia	**	3	4
LG Award for Conservation	Nova Scotia Salmon Trust	**	1	1
LG's Nova Scotia Talent Trust Award	Nova Scotia Talent Trust	8	8	8
LG's Greenwing Award	Ducks Unlimited	**	*	1
LG's Prêt à écrire! Award	Canadian Parents for French	*	*	1
LG's Masterworks Arts Award	Arts Award Foundation	5	5	6
LG's Community Spirit Award	Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage	82 Plaques	4	4
LG's Person with Disabilities Employer Partnership Awards	Collaborative Partnership Network	*	*	6
LG's Award for Excellence in Nova Scotia Wines	Winery Association of Nova Scotia, Taste of Nova Scotia	5	4	4
LG's Respectful Citizenship Award	Department of Education and Early Childhood Development	*	78	93
LG's Award for Culinary Excellence	Nova Scotia Community College	6	6	n/a
LG's Acadian/Francophonie Award	Acadian and Francophonie Affairs	NEW	n/a	n/a

*Not presented in the respective Fiscal Year.

** Awarded but not presented due to Pandemic, for future presentation.



Annual Wine Award adjudication and medal presentation

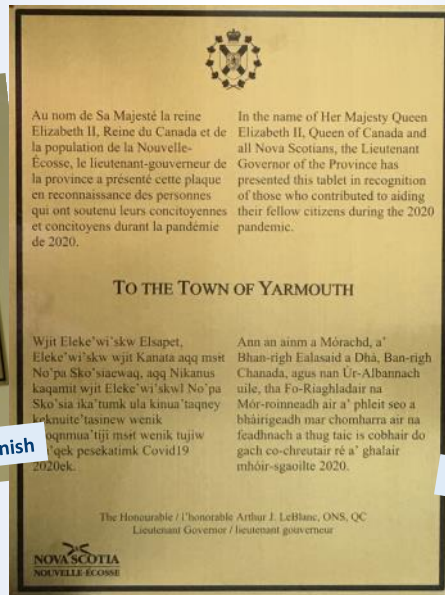


Presentation of the Lieutenant Governor's Award for Culinary Excellence

In cooperation with the Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage, in 2020, His Honour presented 82 quadra-lingual brass plaques to communities throughout the province in recognition of their community spirit and service throughout the COVID-19 Pandemic. These plaques were presented in place of the annual Community Spirit Award as a way of recognizing all Nova Scotians who have played a part in keeping citizens safe and engaged throughout the Pandemic. This was the first Pandemic recognition programme of its kind in Canada.



Her Worship Laurie Boucher, Mayor of Antigonish



His Worship Mike Savage, Mayor of HRM

Milestone Events for 2020-2021

As The Queen's representative and on behalf of all Nova Scotians, the Lieutenant Governor continued to carry out his constitutional and ceremonial role, both in person and via electronic means.

Due to the changing nature of public health rules related to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the number of in-person events was reduced, as was the overall number of events, with 139 days of the fiscal year taking place under lockdown. There were no courtesy calls or meetings with Commonwealth or foreign representatives. The Lieutenant Governor presided over two swearing-in ceremonies for the Executive Council along with a number of other ceremonies and commemorations:

- Commemorations of the Portapique Mass Shootings
- Commemorations of the Stalker 22 personnel of HMCS FREDERICTON who lost their lives
- Commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of the Battle of the Atlantic
- Repatriation ceremonies for CAF personnel
- Publication of the book, *Government House: A place of history and gathering*
- Ceremony in honour of the 80th Anniversary of the Stadacona Band of the Royal Canadian Navy
- Launch of the *Prix d'excellence du lieutenant-gouverneur pour l'Acadie et la francophonie de la Nouvelle-Écosse*
- Presentation of the Lieutenant Governor's Award for Excellence in Nova Scotian Wines
- Presentation of quadra-lingual Community Spirit plaques to 69 municipalities/villages and 13 Mi'kmaq communities in recognition of their service during the Pandemic
- Flag raising ceremonies for; National Flag of Canada Day, Fête national de l'Acadie; Pride Week, International Day of L'Francophonie and Treaty Day
- Remembrance Day



Volunteer Service

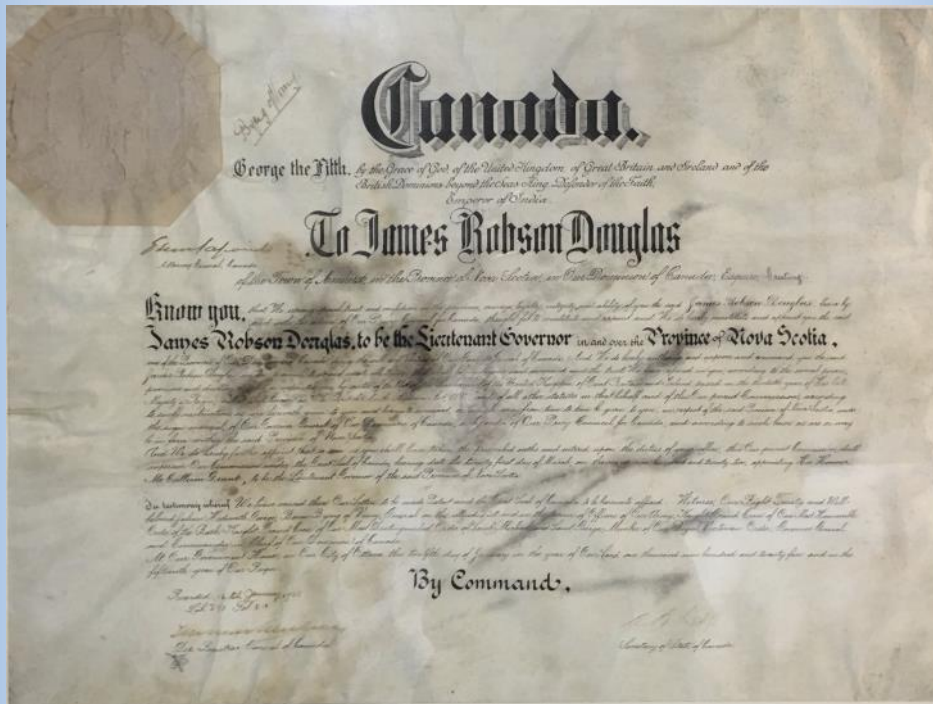
The cadre of 31 Honorary Aides-de-Camp, comprised of members of the Royal Canadian Navy, Canadian Army, Royal Canadian Air Force, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Halifax Regional Police, Cape Breton Regional Police Service and New Glasgow Regional Police, volunteered 390 hours aiding the Lieutenant Governor in discharging his duties throughout Nova Scotia. This marks a significant decrease from the annual average of 1,720 hours, on account of event cancellations and scaling back of events and increased numbers of events held during periods of stringent public health guidelines where a member of the household staff who was in the “Vice-Regal Bubble” acted in place of an AdeC.

While the COVID-19 Pandemic reduced the overall number of in-person events that the Lieutenant Governor was able to host or attend, Aides-de-Camp were regularly engaged via Zoom gatherings for the monthly AdeC meeting. They continued to play an important role in those events that His Honour was able to participate in. This was particularly true of events held in Government House where additional Aides-de-Camp were utilized to assist with the flow of events which now include protocols to deal with social-distancing and ensuring household groups remain in their designated “pods.”

Outside of their formal Aide-de-Camp duties, three AdeCs; Inspector Don Moser, Inspector Blair Bannerman and Corporal Deepak Prasad, also volunteered with Ronald McDonald House Atlantic, assisting to prepare meals.



Preserving Government House & the Crown Collection



The Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal managed routine maintenance, including painting touch-up work required for the interior of Government House, along with the installation of a new entryway camera system.

The Government House Crown Collection saw four major pieces added:

- A portrait of Grand Chief Gabriel Sylliboy, by the renowned Mi'kmaq artist Alan Syliboy (pictured on the cover of this report); this portrait was donated through a generous grant of the Halifax Foundation;
- Commissioning Scroll for former Lieutenant Governor James Robinson Douglas (c. 1925);
- Purchase at auction of a pair of signed presentation portraits of Her Majesty The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh from the 1959 Royal Tour;
- Ceremonial Eagle Feather for smudging ceremonies.



Provincial Expenditures

The budget is voted by the House of Assembly as a line in the budget of the Department of Intergovernmental Affairs. This budget covers the operation of the Lieutenant Governor's programme, salaries for the Household Staff, security services and the operational expenses associated with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor. The salaries and benefits portion cover the salaries for the 9.5 FTE staff, while the cost for security services (a Commissionaire on duty 24 hours a day 7 days a week, 365 days a year) is covered under the Supplies and Services category.

Table 1.6 Provincial Budget Expenditures

	2020-2021	2019-2020	2018-2019
Salaries & Benefits	679,550	664,877	653,614
Supplies & Services	289,394	305,018	294,972
Other	9,949	11,796	24,573
Recoverable from other departments	0	(363)	(1,484)
TOTAL	978,894	981,329	971,755



Veterans Canada Motorcycle Ride



Visit to Georges Island



Pride Week Flag Raising



Tour of Yarmouth County Museum

Federal Expenditures

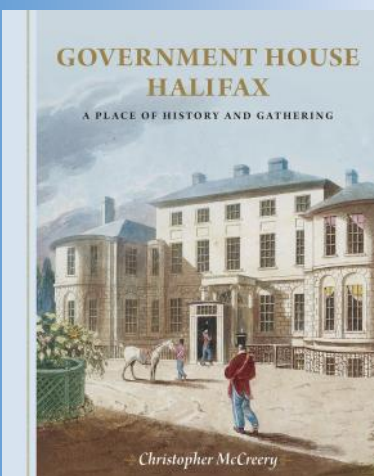
Since 1867, the salary of the Lieutenant Governor has been covered by the Federal Government. In addition to this, since 1951, the Federal Government has granted funds to help cover certain costs incurred by the Office of the Lieutenant Governor in the discharging of the Lieutenant Governor's official duties. These funds are granted through a lump sum payment known as a named grant to the Lieutenant Governor. The funds are administered on the Lieutenant Governor's behalf by the Private Secretary/Executive Director. Since the 2004-2005 fiscal year, the Department of Canadian Heritage has provided \$64,199 annually in funding towards supporting the role of the Crown in the province. This amount has remained constant and is not indexed or linked to the CPI or annual inflation rate. These funds are used to cover certain expenses that are not covered by funding granted by the province. Expenditures are divided into three categories: Travel/Accommodation, Hospitality and Operational/Administrative Expenses.

The travel category is used to cover expenses related to the Lieutenant Governor's official travel outside of Halifax to attend events that includes the Lieutenant Governor's attendance at the annual vice-regal conference. This category is also used to cover travel and accommodation expenses incurred by the driver and the Honorary Aide-de-Camp who accompany the Lieutenant Governor to official events.

Table 1.7 Federal Named Grant Expenditures

	2020-2021	2019-2020	2018-2019
Travel/Accommodation	1,503	16,824	11,847
Hospitality	5,283	24,440	27,268
Operational/Administrative	55,335	22,974	25,083
TOTAL	62,212	64,199	64,199

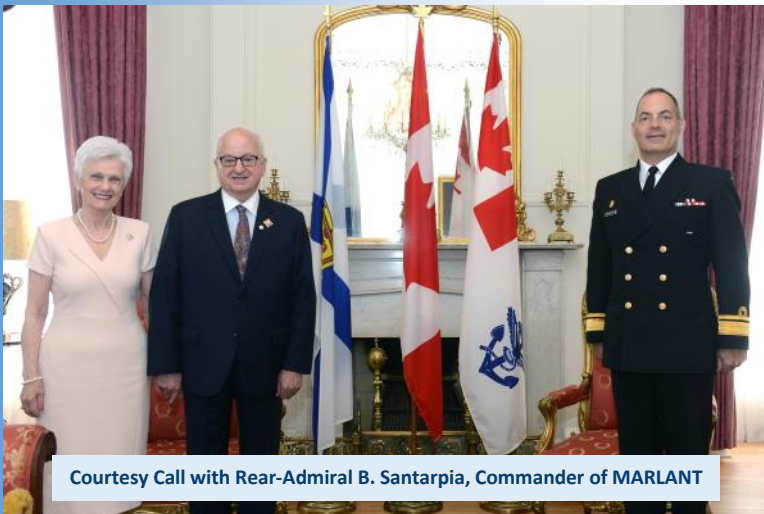
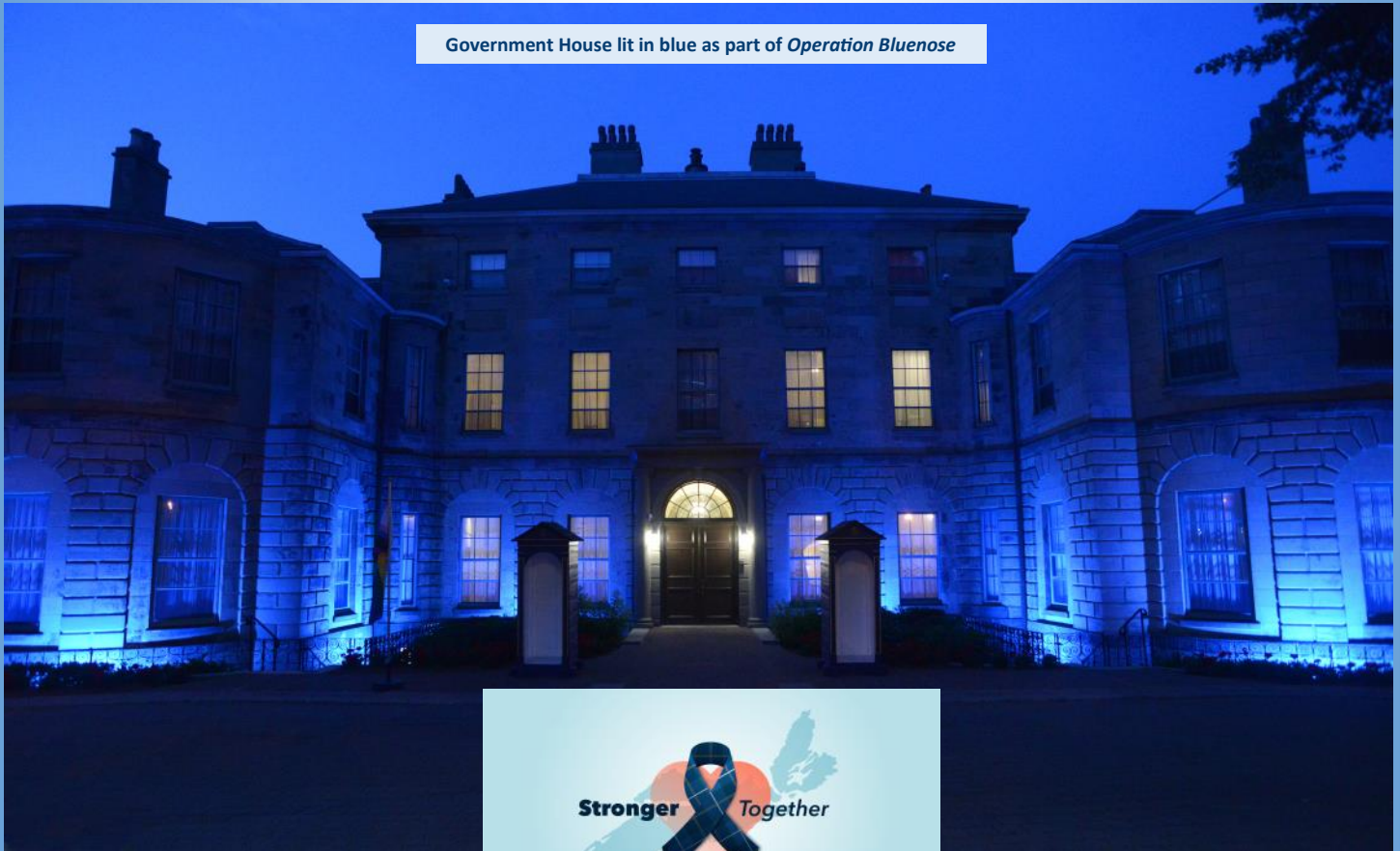
The COVID-19 Pandemic caused a marked decrease in the travel outside of Halifax that the Lieutenant Governor and Mrs. LeBlanc were able to undertake, and this in turn resulted in decreased travel and accommodation expense for this 2020-2021 fiscal year. The inability to host large events also resulted in a decrease in hospitality expenditures. The Operational and Administrative category was fully utilized to pay for a portion of the publication of the official history of Government House, *Government House: A place of history and gathering* (Goose Lane Editions), to replenish the supply of various Lieutenant Governor's award medals,



such as the Lieutenant Governor's Award for Excellence in Nova Scotia Wines, the Lieutenant Governor's Award for Culinary Excellence and the commissioning of the medal for the Prix d'excellence du lieutenant-gouverneur pour l'Acadie et la francophonie de la Nouvelle-Écosse. It was also from Federal Funds that the cost-sharing element of the 82 Community Spirit Pandemic Recognition Plaques was covered.

The modest surplus of Federal Funds for the 2020-2021 fiscal year are carried forward to the next fiscal year and will help ease the anticipated fiscal pressure that will come when Pandemic health restrictions are eased and in preparation for The Queen's Platinum Jubilee that will commence in 2022.

Government House lit in blue as part of *Operation Bluenose*



Courtesy Call with Rear-Admiral B. Santarpia, Commander of MARLANT



Raffle draw for Family SOS

VISIT US

<https://lt.gov.ns.ca>



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