



New Brunswick Scottish Cultural Association Inc.

IN UMBRA CARDUI VIOLAE VALESCANT

"In the thistle's shadow, violets grow stronger."

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Moncton, the Hub City, is rightfully perceived as a microcosm of New Brunswick, a place where peoples of all cultural backgrounds live and work together. Nowhere is this more apparent than in the Scottish cultural community of southeastern New Brunswick.

Building on a tradition of cooperation and collaboration, Mr. Stephen Tweedie, former president of the Moncton Scottish Association (MSA), will now chair the Moncton Chapter of the New Brunswick Scottish Cultural Association (NBSCA). His appointment was confirmed by the provincial Board of Directors at a meeting in Fredericton on Saturday, September 16th.

Earlier this month, the Scottish community learned that the MSA would re-organize as the Moncton Chapter of the provincial association. The move mirrors the successful re-organization in the Scottish community in Bathurst in 2003. The efficiencies created by this re-allocation of resources are expected to enhance the cultural presence of New Brunswick Scots in south-eastern New Brunswick.

Dan Taylor, NBSCA President, shared that, "There will be a follow-up meeting later in the month to elect the remaining officers of the Chapter. We are pleased to have Stephen in a leadership role." Full results of the election are expected in advance of the provincial NBSCA's Annual General Meeting, scheduled for October 14th in Bathurst.

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Last spring, the MSA and the NBSCA held candid discussions on areas of cooperation, realizing that each had distinct memberships in the Greater Moncton. Both groups were expending scarce resources to ensure that the Scottish community was well served. With this in mind, the MSA began to explore the idea of becoming a branch chapter of the provincial organization, having recognized the value of collaboration. Last May, the MSA voted to pursue provincial chapter status. In June, the NBSCA Board of Directors acknowledged the request, which became effective on September 1st.

For more information on the Moncton NBSCA Chapter, visit the NBSCA website at www.nbscots.com, or contact Stephen Tweedie at stweedie@tace.ca.

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