

## **Wellington is celebrating its 60th anniversary on August 11<sup>th</sup> during the Acadian World Congress**

As part of the 2019 World Acadian Congress, the Rural Municipality of Wellington is celebrating its 60th anniversary of incorporation on August 11, 2019 at the Old Mills Park.

In 1959, a group of dedicated residents celebrated the incorporation of the new village and sixty years later, the municipality celebrates its existence as part of the 2019 World Acadian Congress. "We are proud to celebrate our heritage as part of the Congrès mondial acadien and we are pleased to invite residents and visitors to come and enjoy the festivities." confirms Mayor Alcide Bernard. "The day's schedule promises to be full of activities for all ages. "

The day begins at 11:30 with a presentation of historical vignettes of the village located at different locations within the municipality. These include the Arsenault and Gaudet store, the former home of Dr. Reid, the old train station and the fox industry.

The official opening will take place at 1:00 pm to be followed by a musical concert " Le talent des villageois" on stage in the park.

Residents and visitors alike can participate in the Old-Fashioned Carnival, which includes a variety of fun games as well as various kiosques for everyone to enjoy.

In addition, artisans are located on site to exhibit and sell their art products, various food caterers are also available to satisfy your appetite and a bar service for 19 years and over is offered by the Wellington Fire Department.

"It will be Prince Edward Island's first time ever hosting the Congrès mondial acadien, and we are proud to have Wellington as one of our host municipalities," said Claudette Thériault, Chair of the Congrès mondial acadien 2019. "We are confident that the exciting program they've prepared will contribute to showcase PEI's Acadian heritage and pride."

The sixth edition of the Congrès mondial acadien will take place from August 10 to August 24 in Prince Edward Island and Southeastern New Brunswick. The mission of the Congrès mondial acadien is to unite Acadians and all those interested in Acadian culture. For more information about programming and events, visit [www.cma2019.ca](http://www.cma2019.ca).

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