

Council on African Canadian Education (CACE)

AFRICAN CANADIAN SERVICES BRANCH



“Elevate the Black Learners Advisory Committee (through legislation) to a Council on African Canadian Education to monitor the policies of the Department with regard to Black learners.”

Response to the Black Learners Advisory Committee Report on Education
(Nova Scotia Department of Education and Culture 1995, p.2)

Nova Scotia’s provincial education system is strengthened by the leadership of the Council on African Canadian Education (CACE). Formerly known as the Black Learners Advisory Council (BLAC), CACE was established in 1990 in response to the ongoing efforts of African Nova Scotians to eliminate racism and receive equity in education.

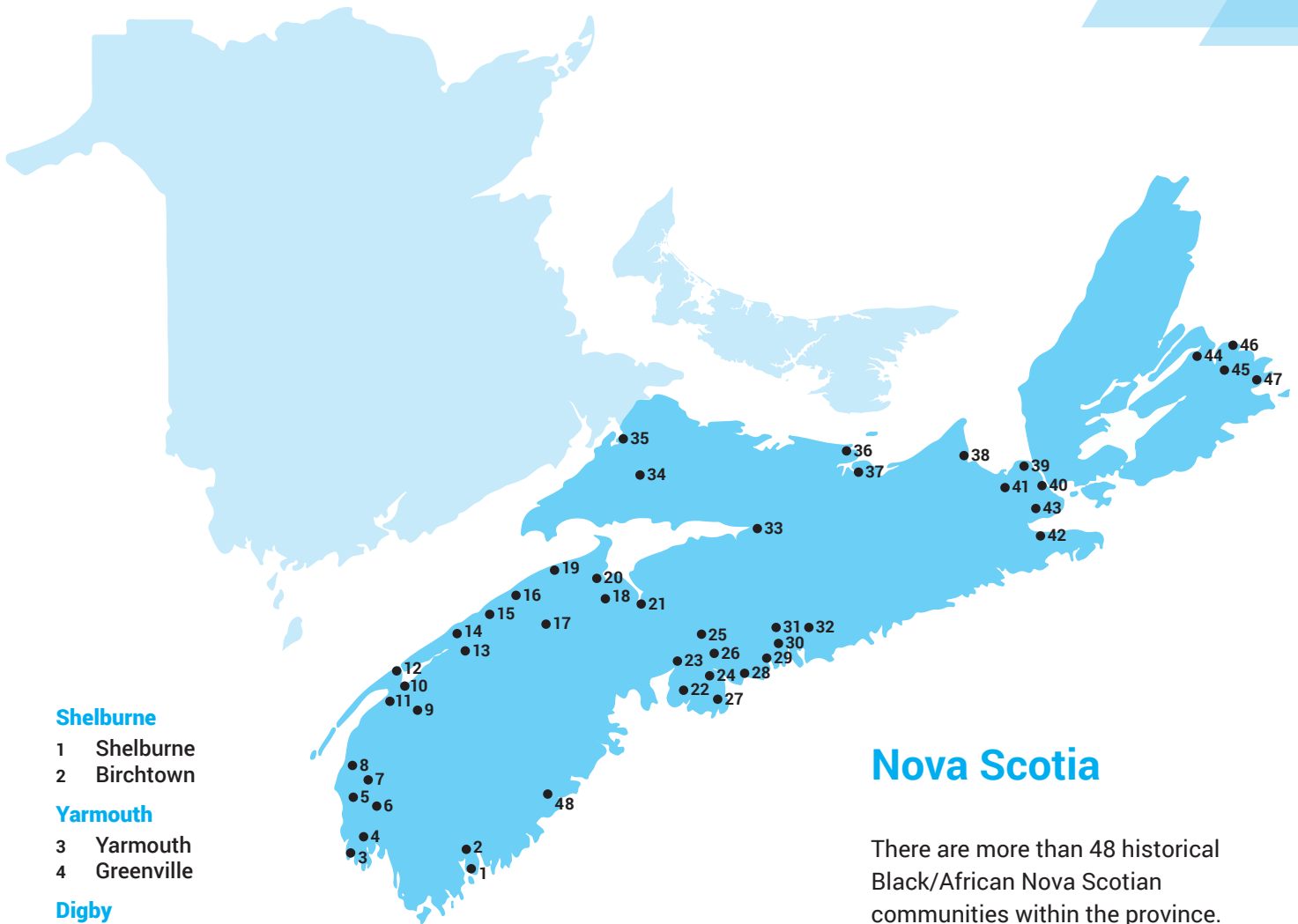
In December 1994, the Black Learners Advisory Committee released a comprehensive study titled: *BLAC Report on Education: Redressing Inequity—Empowering Black Learners*. One of the primary recommendations stated that the BLAC have its status modified to a provincial advisory council. In January 1996, the Nova Scotia Legislature formalized this recommendation and CACE came into being.

Nova Scotia’s Inclusive Education Policy welcomes the broader community as key partners in education. The Guiding Principles recognize that all partners are committed and empowered to work collectively to identify and eliminate barriers that interfere with students’ well-being and achievement. The Council on African Canadian Education provides culturally responsive advice to the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development and the Minister of Labour and Advanced Education on matters pertaining to the development, implementation, evaluation, and funding of educational programs and services for African Nova Scotian learners.

As a ministerial council, CACE board members represent regional areas across the province of Nova Scotia:

- Antigonish/Guysborough
- Cape Breton
- Dartmouth
- Halifax
- Northern Region
- Southwest Nova
- Valley Region

Council members also represent several African Nova Scotian provincial organizations namely the African United Baptist Association (AUBA), The Black Educators Association, the Black Cultural Society, and the Delmore “Buddy” Daye Learning Institute. Committed board members share cultural knowledge and insight and engage in outreach activities to solicit input from African Nova Scotians across the province.



Nova Scotia

There are more than 48 historical Black/African Nova Scotian communities within the province.

Shelburne

- 1 Shelburne
- 2 Birchtown

Yarmouth

- 3 Yarmouth
- 4 Greenville

Digby

- 5 Southville
- 6 Danvers
- 7 Hassett
- 8 Weymouth Falls
- 9 Jordantown
- 10 Conway
- 11 Acaciaville
- 12 Digby

Annapolis

- 13 Lequille
- 14 Granville Ferry
- 15 Inglewood (Bridgetown)
- 16 Middleton

Kings

- 17 Cambridge
- 18 Gibson Woods
- 19 Aldershot
- 20 Kentville

Hants

- 21 Five Mile Plains

Halifax

- 22 Beechville
- 23 Hammonds Plains
- 24 Africville
- 25 Lucasville
- 26 Cobequid Road
- 27 Halifax
- 28 Dartmouth
- 29 Lake Loon
- 30 Cherry Brook
- 31 North Preston
- 32 East Preston

Colchester

- 33 Truro

Cumberland

- 34 Springhill
- 35 Amherst

Pictou

- 36 Trenton
- 37 New Glasgow

Antigonish

- 38 Antigonish
- 39 Monastery

Guysborough

- 40 Mulgrave
- 41 Upper Big Tracadie
- 42 Lincolntonville
- 43 Sunnyville

Cape Breton

- 44 North Sydney
- 45 Sydney
- 46 New Waterford
- 47 Glace Bay

Queens

- 48 Liverpool



DID YOU KNOW?

- CACE provides input and feedback on policy initiatives that impact teaching practices and strategies to ensure our African Nova Scotian students excel through purposeful engagement, rigorous instruction, cultural awareness, and relevant educational experiences.
- CACE hosts Parent Education Conferences and Provincial African Nova Scotian Educational Partners Meetings.
- CACE supports education reform that assists in increasing community capacity to support our children and youth so that students' experiences outside the school enhance both teaching and learning within the school.
- CACE works collaboratively with other advisory boards and committees as appropriate and currently has a member on each of the following: the African Nova Scotian Education Foundation (ANSEF), the Minister's Advisory Council on Teacher Certification (MACTC), and the Provincial Advisory Council on Education (PACE).
- Each member of CACE is appointed for a period of three years and members may be reappointed. The Council meets at least four times per year, plus committee meetings as required. CACE also meets with the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development.