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An Act to Promote Community Spirit

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AS ASSENTED TO BY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
DECEMBER 15, 2011

The Honourable David A. Wilson
Minister of Communities, Culture and Heritage

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Be it enacted by the Governor and Assembly as follows:

1. This Act may be cited as the *Community Spirit Act*.

2. The purpose of this Act is to facilitate the adoption of declarations that express community spirit by
   (a) providing clear authority for municipalities and villages to adopt community declarations that portray their distinguishing qualities, characteristics and identities; and
   (b) establishing a registry in which the declarations may be registered.

3. In this Act,
   (a) “community declaration” means an expression that represents a distinguishing quality, characteristic or identity of a particular municipality or village, or a geographic area or community within a particular municipality or village;
   (b) “Minister” means the Minister of Communities, Culture and Heritage;
   (c) “municipality” means a municipality as defined in the *Municipal Government Act*;
   (d) “register” means add to the Registry;
   (e) “Registry” means the Registry of Community Declarations established pursuant to this Act;
   (f) “village” means a village as defined in the *Municipal Government Act*.

4. The Minister shall establish and maintain a Registry of Community Declarations.

5. (1) The council of a municipality or the commission for a village may, by resolution, adopt, amend or retract a community declaration for the municipality or the village, or for a geographic area or community within the municipality or the village.

   (2) The council of a municipality or the commission for a village may request that the Minister
       (a) register a community declaration adopted by the council or commission;
       (b) amend a registered community declaration adopted by the council or commission; or
       (c) remove a registered community declaration adopted by the council or commission from the Registry.

   (3) Upon receiving a resolution from a council or commission, the Minister may
       (a) register a community declaration;
(b) amend a registered community declaration; or
(c) remove a registered community declaration from the Registry.

6 The Minister may remove a community declaration from the Registry at any time.