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An Act to Promote Community Spirit

CHAPTER 33
ACTS OF 2011

**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.
