



# halifax\* PRIDE GUIDE

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### LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge that the Halifax Pride Festival takes place in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq People. This territory is covered by the Treaties of Peace and Friendship with Mi'kmaq people. We are all treaty people. Part of acknowledging traditional territory and the impacts of colonialism is reflecting on our relationship with the land, reconciling for past wrongs, and being mindful of those wrongs still taking place.

### SAFER SPACE STATEMENT

Halifax Pride is committed to encouraging conditions for safer spaces throughout our festival. We aim to ensure everyone feels respected, valued, and able to freely express themselves, regardless of their gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation, race, age, levels of ability, and all our other diverse identities. Our Safer Space Policy ([halifaxpride.com](http://halifaxpride.com)) guides Halifax Pride in all of our planning.

### QTBIPOC SUPPORT

Halifax Pride stands in solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement to end violence and police brutality against Black communities across North America. African Nova Scotians and Black people have the right to live free from oppression, violence, and systemic marginalization. Halifax Pride recognizes our history and ongoing contribution to the marginalization of QTBIPOC (Queer, Trans, Black, Indigenous and People of Colour). Pride began as a protest and must remain a movement committed to the fight against systems of oppression, including those that oppress Black, Indigenous, and People of Colour.



### NOTICE OF PHOTOGRAPHY AND FILMING

Audio, video footage, and photography will be used throughout the Halifax Pride Festival. By your presence at events, you acknowledge that you have been informed that you may be photographed and/or recorded, and that these items may be used as part of our promotional materials or social media platforms.

### PHOTO CREDITS

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### MESSAGE FROM HALIFAX PRIDE

This year has taught us that strength can look very different from what we once imagined. Sometimes strength is taking care of yourself. Sometimes it is knowing when you need to ask for help. And sometimes it is knowing when to offer help to others.

We learned these things while coping with a pandemic, unstable housing, isolation, precarious employment, and their effects on our mental health. And we know that sometimes these challenges got the better of us. It is not possible to be strong in every moment, nor do we have to be. But we also know that when challenged, resilience abounds in the queer community. Too many of us learned ways to cope through adversity at an early age. We are connected in part not only through these experiences, but also the recognition of our differences.

For a moment we were robbed of the community that gives us strength, but now it is coming back. And as it does, let's remember that we don't need to return to life as it once was. Let's build a more thoughtful and caring community. Let's gather again. Find strength in one another. Look around you. The strength and resilience you see in others, they see it in you too. The past year has not been easy, and we will not deny that many challenges still lay ahead, but we need to take time to celebrate, reflect on what we have come through, and process what we have learned. So join us at the festival. Share your pride. Show you are resilient.

We may not feel resilient all the time, but feel it for a moment, a day, or throughout the festival. Radiate resilience.

Happy Pride!



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Active Living	Programming
Communications	QTBIPOC
Elder	Safety
Events	Trans & Non-binary
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#### VOLUNTEER WITH PRIDE!

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### 2021 PRIDE AMBASSADOR - MACPHEE CENTRE

Each year Halifax Pride celebrates an individual or group who has made a positive impact within the 2SLGBTQ+ community, inviting them to share their message at events and contribute their input to festival planning. We are honoured to welcome the MacPhee Centre as the 2021 Pride Ambassador.

The MacPhee Centre for Creative Learning's Gender & Sexuality Alliance (GSA) Program launched in January 2017 in response to a need for safer spaces in our communities for 2SLGBTQ+ youth. GSA programs support youth as they gather weekly to learn and grow together. The collaborative and youth-led nature of programming empowers youth to find their space and voice within the larger communities they inhabit. Youth swap stories of marginalization, offer and seek peer support, and make time to engage in play and celebrate the beauty of their 2SLGBTQ+ identities and community. During COVID-19 youth have pivoted GSA programming to virtual, ensuring they can continue to come together in community.

The MacPhee Centre is no stranger to this type of transformational work. As an organization, MacPhee empowers youth between the ages of 12-19 by connecting passion with purpose through the arts. MacPhee works to inspire creativity and confidence by offering unique programs in visual and performing arts, creative writing, and technology in safe and inspiring spaces.

MacPhee participant, Jennifer, shares that "self-advocacy is one of the most valuable and applicable skills [youth] learn at the MacPhee Centre". Jennifer continues, "I was taught the value of my voice, self-advocacy, and solidarity. Walking into GSA was completely life changing".

For more information go to [macpheecentre.ca](http://macpheecentre.ca) or follow @macpheecentre on social media.



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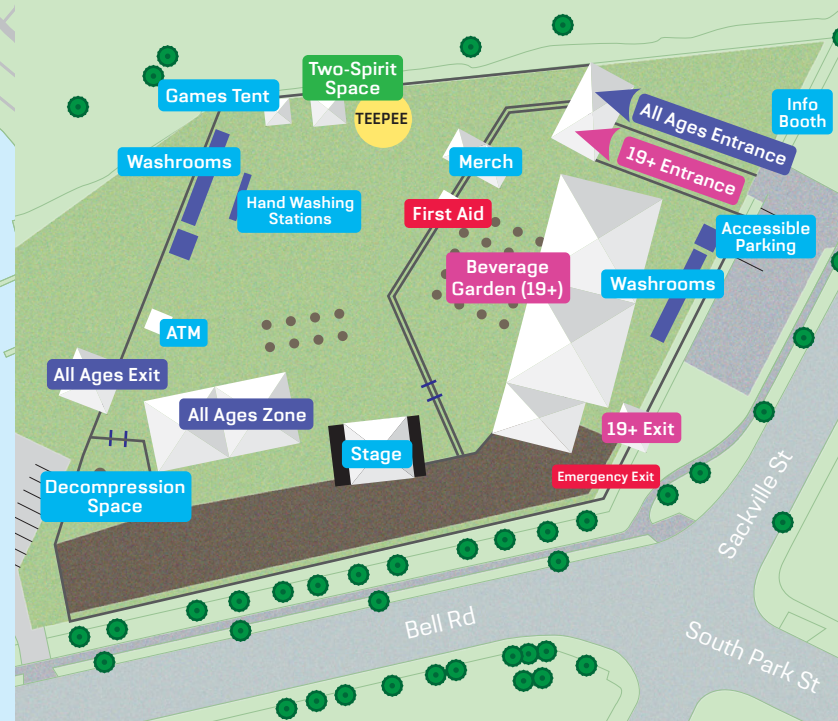
#### GOVERNMENT SUPPORTERS







## FESTIVAL SITE - GARRISON GROUNDS



## COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS

All festival attendees must adhere to the following COVID-19 safety protocols. Please note that these protocols will be updated to comply with changing public health regulations.

- All attendees must wear a non-medical mask while entering and moving around the Festival Site.
- All attendees will be encouraged to regularly wash or sanitize their hands.
- Refrain from attending in-person events if you are experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19.
- All attendees must complete a COVID-19 Health Questionnaire and contact tracing form when entering the Festival Site. The Questionnaire can be found at [halifaxpride.com](https://halifaxpride.com).



## INFO BOOTH

The Information Booth at the entrance of our Festival Site will be staffed with volunteers who can provide information and accessibility support. The Info Booth will stock Pride Guides, large text copies of the Pride Guide, a lending wheelchair, MobiMats, and information on how to obtain live audio descriptions. Volunteers at the Info Booth can also serve as sighted guides, assisting individuals in navigating the Festival Site. The Info Booth will be located near multiple accessible parking spaces.

## TWO-SPIRIT SPACE

For a second year, a teepee will be raised at the Festival Site in partnership with the Wabanaki Two-Spirit Alliance. This space and teepee will host a variety of activities throughout the festival and is an important symbol and connection to Indigenous cultural identity. See the calendar for Two-Spirit Space events.



## DECOMPRESSION SPACE

The Decompression Space is an area on the Festival Site where festival guests can go to find a quiet space to decompress, speak with an Active Listener, and centre themselves.

### The Decompression Space will feature:

- Individual enclosed spaces (tents) that fit one or two people.
- Sensory regulation tools such as spinners, headphones, exercise balls, etc
- Active Listener Volunteers

### Who is this space for?

- Attendees that need a separate space to decompress in a safe area on site.
- Someone looking for an Active Listener.
- Those experiencing emotional distress.

## TICKETS

Access to the Festival Site is free except for those events listed as Tickets Required. The Festival Site will be divided into two zones, All Ages and 19+. Tickets can be purchased online, in advance for either zone. Guests will be required to stay in one zone for the event duration. All Ages tickets are pay-what-you-can, and 19+ tickets are priced by table group size. All 19+ tickets will require a table selection. Any left over tickets not sold prior to events will be available at the door. All ticket availability will be communicated on our social media profiles prior to events.

Due to COVID, we have reduced capacity on site. We advise you to book tickets early, as there will be very limited availability at the door. If you have any questions or concerns, please email [ticket@halifaxpride.com](mailto:ticket@halifaxpride.com).

## BEVERAGE GARDEN

The 2021 festival will see the return of Halifax Pride's Beverage Garden. This 19+ designated area will be table service only, with both covered and outdoor seating. Tables must be reserved at the time of ticket purchase, and are first come, first serve.

## COMMUNITY MARKET

A Community Market at the Festival Site on the afternoons of Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup> will include 2SLGBTQ+ vendors and artisans, as well as information booths by queer focused community groups.



## HEALTH & WELLNESS AREA

A Health & Wellness Area at the Festival Site on the afternoons of Saturday, August 14<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup> will include information booths hosted by organizations dedicated to supporting 2SLGBTQ+ health promotion.

## FESTIVAL CALENDAR

Events listed in the Pride Guide and Online Calendar take place in the Halifax Regional Municipality during the Halifax Pride Festival for 2SLGBTQ+ (Two-Spirit, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, plus) communities. This calendar features a variety of community and Pride organized events. Halifax Pride cannot guarantee the accuracy of the information in this Pride Guide or whether events will be presented exactly as listed. **For full event descriptions and the most up to date event info, please visit [halifaxpride.com](https://halifaxpride.com).**



## FESTIVAL ACCESSIBILITY

Accessibility is at the heart of everything we do. Accessibility means breaking down barriers to participation through the creation and design of spaces that are safer and support the needs of our diverse communities. Through outreach, feedback, reflection, and the support of our Accessibility Committee and Accessibility Coordinator, we continue to expand ways to make this festival more accessible.

We have collected information on the various accessibility and service features for each community and Pride organized event. Please see the Icon Legend next to the Festival Schedule for a full list of accessibility features.

Caregiver and companion tickets will be available for free through the ticket purchasing link or at the door.

Should you require any assistance beyond that which is listed in the accessibility features or in the events calendar, please do not hesitate to contact us at [info@halifaxpride.com](mailto:info@halifaxpride.com) as we are happy to offer our support in any way we can.

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## COMMUNITY EVENT FUNDING PROGRAM

The Community Event Funding Program offers financial and promotional support to 2SLGBTQ+ community events hosted by non-profit societies, ad hoc groups, or individuals during the festival. Events that are free, new, youth oriented, and/or QTBIPOC focused are prioritized for funding.

- ✦ Events supported by the Community Event Funding Program are noted with an asterisk in the event listings.



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## ABOUT HALIFAX PRIDE

The Halifax Pride Society is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to producing a Two-Spirit, Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex, Queer, Questioning, and Asexual (2SLGBTQ+) Pride Festival. In 1988, members of Halifax's 2SLGBTQ+ community planned the city's first Pride march in response to prejudice and discrimination. Over the years we have developed into an annual festival, coordinating numerous events and supporting the community as they develop their own festival activities. Our aim is an equitable society free from all forms of oppression. Our purpose is to create spaces for persons of diverse sexual and gender identities to come together and flourish.





## HALIFAX PRIDE ORGANIZED EVENTS

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