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The Black Cultural Centre for Nova Scotia



The idea for the Black Cultural Centre for Nova Scotia (BCCNS) came in a 1972 proposal put forward by Dr. William Pearly Oliver, who wanted to create a Cultural Educational Centre to both reflect and inspire the Black communities of Nova Scotia. Five years later, in 1977, the Black Cultural Society was incorporated as a charitable organization, and six years after that, on September 17, 1983 the doors of the BCCNS officially opened. Since then, the board and staff of the BCCNS have been working hard to protect, preserve, and promote Black culture and heritage in Nova Scotia.

Every year, the multi-functional centre welcomes hundreds of travellers from around the world who want to learn about the rich, vibrant, and important history of African Nova Scotian people. In addition to tourists, the BCCNS also hosts special events such as

concerts, meetings, and guest speakers, as well as school groups and summer camps. Over the years, the BCCNS has grown and changed with the times, and adapted to the current needs of the African Nova Scotian community, but one thing has stayed the same since the very beginning. Our mandate to protect, preserve, and promote African Nova Scotian history and culture, and our goal to educate and inspire everyone who come through our doors.

The BCCNS exists to be a place of learning, a place of inspiration, and a place of discovery. African Nova Scotian's have had a profound impact on this province, as you will learn through the many exhibits, artifacts, and stories found around the building. The BCCNS is a place of vital importance, because it is a place where people from all backgrounds, all nations, all religions, can come together and feel welcome. It is a place to learn things and hear stories that can't be learned or heard anywhere else, because the BCCNS is unique in Canada. No other institution tells the stories of the many different ways in which the African Diaspora made its impact across time forming proud Canadians of African descent across Nova Scotia. We hope you leave the BCCNS inspired to learn more about this often forgotten history. Thank you for visiting!