



INTERNATIONAL HOMECOMING FESTIVAL PARADE

“Two Countries, One Heart”

August 10th, 2024

Start Time: 12:00 pm U.S. / 1:00 pm CDN

Dear Parade Participant:

The International Homecoming Festival will be held in St. Stephen and Calais from August 7th – 10th, 2024. Please accept our invitation to participate in the International Parade on Saturday, August 10th. We begin at Dead River Company parking lot, lower Barker Street, Calais, Maine and ends at corner of King and Union Street in St. Stephen, NB.

Our theme for the 2024 festival - “**Two Countries, One Heart.**”

Awards will be presented for *Best Use of Theme, Best Display of Community Spirit, and Best Overall Float*. To be eligible for an award, floats must cross the border. Winners will be contacted after the parade for photos. We also ask that entrants please check signage posted for the “**Gentle Zone**” (no sirens and lower volume of music) at corner of Milltown Blvd. and King Street, St. Stephen.

The attached entry form **MUST** be returned to the Parade Committee by Monday, August 5th. Please take note of the “regulations” which govern a parade entry which appears on the attached form. Violation of these regulations jeopardizes the safety of the parade observers and puts the festival at risk of legal action, or the parade discontinued. Violators will not be eligible for awards. We do regret the restrictions, but a safe parade demands the regulations be followed.

Please note that parade participants are expressly FORBIDDEN FROM THROWING candy or any other items from any vehicle or float.

In the “Spirit of International Friendship, Goodwill, Co-operation”, we thank you for your participation.

Please return entry forms **no later than August 5th** to patty.anderson@chocolatetown.ca or to:

**Attention: Patty Anderson
MDSS TOWN HALL
22 Budd Avenue, St. Stephen, NB E3L 1E9**

Or

**Drop off to: Andrea Walton
Calais City Building
11 Church Street
Calais, ME 04619**

Sincerely,

Patty Anderson & Roxanne Redding
International Homecoming Festival Co-Chairs



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“Two Countries, One Heart”
Parade Date: Aug 10th, 2024
2024 PARADE ENTRY

Name of Organization or Business: _____

Type of Entry: _____

*****(Please note, all participants will be starting from 18 South Street, Calais, ME)*****

Check if applicable: Music _____ Walkers _____ Distributing Candy, fliers, etc. _____

Size of Entry/Estimated length: _____

Special Needs: _____

Will you be crossing the Border: Yes _____ No _____

Note: If “Yes”, please complete the “List of Parade Participants” included in this package.

Note: If “No”, please contact Andrea Walton for information on where to park while the parade continues.

REGULATIONS

1. Driver has appropriate license for vehicle
2. Floats carrying passengers are to have safety railings around the perimeter of the trailer or all passengers are to be seated at all times while the vehicle is in motion
3. Sitting on the edge of a float trailer with feet dangling over the side is prohibited
4. All handouts, candy included must be passed out by walkers in the parade
5. No demonstrations or performances that require the parade to stop
6. Violators of the regulations will be removed at the next side street and eligibility for awards withdrawn
7. Please ensure floats are outfitted with a first aid kit and fire extinguisher
8. Winners of the 3 categories will be notified later to receive their award
9. “Gentle Zone” (no sirens, low volume) will be marked at corner of Milltown Blvd/King Street, St. Stephen

BY SIGNING THIS ENTRY FORM, I AGREE TO UPHOLD THE REGULATIONS.

CONTACT PERSON: _____ PHONE NO: _____

SIGNATURE OF PARTICIPANT: _____ DATE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

Parade starts at 12:00 pm US / 1:00 pm CDN from Dead River Company parking lot, lower Barker Street, Calais, Maine and ends at corner of King and Union Street in St. Stephen, NB. Be at the assembly area approx. **45 minutes before start of parade.** Please follow the instructions of the volunteers for parade line up when you arrive.

RETURN ENTRY FORM BY **AUGUST 5TH** to patty.anderson@chocolatetown.ca or:

ATTENTION: PATTY ANDERSON, MDSS TOWN HALL, 22 BUDD AVENUE ST. STEPHEN, NB E3L 1E9
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CANDY **MUST NOT** BE THROWN FROM VEHICLES AND FLOATS.



CUSTOMS REQUIREMENTS

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1. All participants 16 years of age and older are required to have their passport or other WHTI compliant document with them.
2. Children under 16 are required to have proper identification, preferably a birth certificate.
3. If you have children other than your own in the parade, you should have a permission slip from their parent or guardian.
4. The person in charge of each entry must ensure that no one that has not been pre-screened, joins their entry between the starting place and Canada Customs.
5. A list of all **participants**, including the **driver** must be attached to the **parade application** and received by the parade committee contact person by **August 5th**. Please type or print in **block letters** on all forms. Keep a copy of the list for yourself and have it with you on parade day. If you have 20 people in your group but you are not certain who will be in the parade, list them all. If only 15 show up that is not a problem. If you have 2 possible drivers list them both, then you are covered regardless of which one drives in the parade.

This sounds complicated but I assure you things will go well as we are working in a very cooperative manner with custom officials.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call:

Patty Anderson
Parade Committee Contact Person/Festival Co-Chair
506-466-7700 ext 126



LIST OF PARADE PARTICIPANTS – 2024
**** Please type or print in BLOCK LETTERS ****

Name of Group or Organization: _____

Supervising Adults: _____ Phone: _____

I certify that I have obtained parental or legal guardian consent for each participating child

Signature of Supervising Adult: _____ Date: _____

Name	Phone #	Date of Birth	Place of Birth/Citizenship	Passport # or WHTI compliant document	Name of Parent or Legal Guardian if under 19 years of age
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