



## INTERNATIONAL HOMECOMING FESTIVAL PARADE

**“We Hug It Out”**

**August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Start Time: 11:00 am U.S. / 12:00 pm CDN**

Dear Parade Participant:

The 52<sup>nd</sup> International Homecoming Festival will be held in St. Stephen and Calais from August 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Please accept our invitation to participate in the International Parade on Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup>. We begin at 18 South Street, Calais, Maine (Dead River Company parking lot, lower Barker Street) and end at corner of King and Union Street in St. Stephen, NB.

Our theme for the 2025 festival - **“We Hug It Out.”**

NEW year - Awards will be presented from each side of the border for *Best Use of Theme and for Best Display of Community Spirit*. The *Best Overall* category will be applicable to floats that 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, July 28<sup>th</sup>. Please take note of the “regulations” which govern all parade entries and 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 being 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 ANY items (including candy) from those participating in the parade.**

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

Please return entry forms by email **no later than July 28<sup>th</sup>** to either [patty.anderson@chocolatetown.ca](mailto:patty.anderson@chocolatetown.ca) or [assessor@calaismaine.org](mailto:assessor@calaismaine.org). If you prefer you are welcome to drop off or mail to:

**Attention: Patty Anderson**

**MDSS TOWN HALL**

**22 Budd Avenue, St. Stephen, NB E3L 1E9**

**or**

**Attention Andrea Walton**

**Calais City Building (11 Church Street)**

**PO Box 413**

**Calais, ME 04619**

Sincerely,

Patty Anderson & Andrea Walton

**International Homecoming Festival Co-Chairs**



## INTERNATIONAL HOMECOMING FESTIVAL PARADE

"We Hug It Out"

Parade Date: Aug 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025

2025 PARADE ENTRY

Name of Organization or Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Entry: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*Assembly area Calais - 18 South Street, Calais, ME (Dead River Company Parking Lot, lower Barker Street)\*\*\*

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 (not thrown from vehicle) 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 11:00 am US / 12:00 pm CDN from 18 South Street, Calais, Maine (Dead River Company parking lot, lower Barker Street) 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 July 28th to [patty.anderson@chocolatetown.ca](mailto:patty.anderson@chocolatetown.ca) or [assessor@calaismaine.org](mailto:assessor@calaismaine.org) or mail/drop off to: **ATTENTION: PATTY ANDERSON, MDSS TOWN HALL, 22 BUDD AVENUE ST. STEPHEN, NB E3L 1E9, or ATTENTION: ANDREA WALTON, CALAIS CITY BUILDING, PO Box 413 (11 CHURCH STREET), CALAIS, ME 04619**



## CUSTOMS REQUIREMENTS

### INTERNATIONAL HOMECOMING FESTIVAL PARADE August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Start Time: 11:00 am US / 12:00 pm CDN

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 **July 28<sup>th</sup>**. 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 – 2025**  
**\*\* 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:** \_\_\_\_\_

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