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CHAMPIONS FOR CULTURE DIVERSITY WINNERS 2020

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The New Brunswick Multicultural Council (NBMC) awarded prizes to a dozen Champions for Cultural Diversity. This award ceremony aims to recognize individuals and employers who are actively working towards increasing diversity and inclusion in New Brunswick workplaces and communities.

These awards not only recognize how the recipients act, but also how they stand out as champions in these areas, inspiring others to follow in their footsteps and promote diversity and inclusion in their own workplaces, schools and communities.

“Newcomers to New Brunswick transform our region in so many ways,” says Ginette Gautreau, NBMC’s interim Executive Director. “You’ll see some of these recipients have added to the economy, while others have made our community a more interesting and vibrant place to live through their cultural contributions. Yet others have changed our schools and workplaces to make them more inclusive, but the one thing they have in common is that they’ve helped bring our province together.” **Congrats to all!**

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Clarence LeBreton Author & Historian



Biography- Source : https://fr.wikipedia.org/wiki/Clarence_LeBreton

(Note: Translated by RMA).

Clarence LeBreton was born in Caraquet, New Brunswick (NB) on December 14, 1950. His parents are Émilie Chenard and Clarence LeBreton. He studied at the University of Moncton then at the University of Ottawa, where he obtained a bachelor's degree in history.

During the 1970s, he was part of the team that led to the creation of the Acadian Historical Village, with Jean-Yves Thériault, Antoine Landry, Jacques Boucher and Vincent Légère.

Mr. LeBreton became chief curator of the Acadian Historical Village in the mid-1970s, a position he held for nine years. He then worked for the Liberal Party of NB leader, Doug Young.

In 1982, he became director of the New Brunswick Aquarium and Marine Center and professor of history at the Shippagan University Center.

In 1992, after five years of research, he published a book entitled *L'affaire Louis Mailloux*, on the events leading to the riots in the village of Caraquet in January, 1875. The book had some setbacks due to a publishing problem. and the work was withdrawn from the market. Les Éditions de la Francophonie republished the book on July 26, 2002, under the title *La révolte acadienne*, on the occasion of the Fête nationale de l'Acadie. The text was corrected and LeBreton took the opportunity to add documents. Editor Denis Sonier stated that, "*This is too important a book, historically rich, to be forgotten.*" The book was a success and was sold in NB, in Quebec, as well as in Paris.

Mr. LeBreton left the management of the aquarium in 1997 to become Assistant Deputy Minister at the NB Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture, a position he held until 2007. He took charge of the Acadian Historical Village in 2007, and led the restoration work for the first phase and the construction work for the second phase. He was Assistant Deputy Minister of Northern Development and Assistant Deputy Minister of Tourism and Parks in NB until January 2011. He is still President of *L'Acadie nouvelle*, of its printer, Acadie Presse, as well as member of the board of directors of the *CapAcadie.com* portal.

Clarence LeBreton retired from the Acadian Historical Village at the end of 2010.

See complete interview: <https://www.rma-amr.ca>

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About:

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- A motivated and passionate leader with a desire to make an impact in local and global communities.
- Strong innovative vision and practical skills for programs implementation, impressive relationship building skills with a warm and personable management style.
- Strategic Executives Program graduate - Wallace McCain Institute, UNB.
- 15+ years' experience leading projects, teams & program development in diverse multicultural environments.
- Team manager of employees and volunteers to deliver services to newcomers.
- Leader in the strategic planning & initiatives services for training & counselling of the newcomer's integration into the labour market & business community.
- Active contributor to provincial committees - leading work-groups, to develop strategies for economic growth and newcomer retention.



- See complete interview: <https://www.rma-amr.ca>

Black History: Willow Grove, NB, and Amber Valley, AB

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Settlers faced immense challenges forging a new life in the rugged Canadian wilderness. But few were as harsh as those endured by many early Black settlers who fled the United States in the early 19th and early 20th centuries to escape the cruelty of enslavement and racial discrimination.

These stamps – the 13th issue in our Black History Month series – tell the stories of two Black communities nearly one hundred years and thousands of kilometres apart. Both rose from hardship to survive and grow for a time and served as stepping stones for the success of future generations of Black Canadians.

In 1817, a group of Black refugees from the War of 1812 – most of them formerly enslaved – founded the tiny settlement of Willow Grove, New Brunswick. They received licences to live on land that turned out to be of poor farming quality, and when they tried to support themselves temporarily in nearby Saint John, they were met with racist restrictions.

Nearly a century later, Amber Valley, Alberta, was established by 30 Black families who had journeyed from the American South to flee the escalating violence and segregation laws. They faced many of the same challenges as Willow Grove: bone-chilling winters, inhospitable land and the racial discrimination they had hoped to leave behind. Through perseverance and hard work, both communities overcame many obstacles. They actively challenged racial discrimination and built schools, churches and other community organizations. Amber Valley became a vibrant community whose baseball team was famous throughout the province, while the opening of Willow Grove Baptist Church in 1878 anchored the growing community of Willow Grove.

Although their populations eventually declined as subsequent generations pursued education and employment elsewhere, there is no doubt that these Black settlers and their descendants have enriched Canada's economic and social fabric.



It's coming: The RMA will publish a special edition of *The Bulletin Board* next February to mark Black History Month with the addition of a video montage of members of our black community in Restigouche which will be broadcast on our website. **To be continued!**

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