

African Nova Scotian Affairs AMANS Community of Practice

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ANSA

A government voice for our community

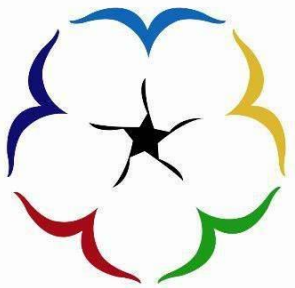
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ANSA is a provincial government office within the **Communities, Culture, Tourism & Heritage** department.

ANSA is the only government office in Canada dedicated to addressing the unique needs of provincial citizens of African ancestry.





Purpose

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Office of African Nova Scotian Affairs

African Nova Scotian Affairs works with government, communities and partners to help provide services and programs for the African Nova Scotian community. We work within the community to keep African Nova Scotians informed and to encourage involvement. **We also support activities that bring African Nova Scotians together to network, share ideas and identify opportunities for community development and growth.**

ANSA's Mandate

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ADVOCATE

- Advocate for the interest of the ANS community within government.

CREATE AND PROMOTE

- Create and promote an integrated approach within government.

COLLABORATE

- Develop communication and public education strategies

REPRESENT

- Represent government on initiatives & negotiations on African Nova Scotian matters

Key Priorities

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CREATE AND PROMOTE

- An integrated approach within government on matters related to the growth and well-being of African Nova Scotian communities.

SUPPORT

- Cultural organizations and increase awareness of African Nova Scotian culture, heritage and community issues.

IMPLEMENT

- Anti-racism initiatives and actions outlines in Count Us In, Nova Scotia's Plan in response to International Decade for People of African Descent

IMPROVE

- Program service delivery by creating a more simplified and consistent approach to grants administration and understand the impact of our investments through evaluation.

CELEBRATE

- And commemorate African Nova Scotians.

Communities, Culture, Tourism and Heritage

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Organization of the Department

**Culture and
Heritage
Development**

**Archives,
Museums &
Libraries**

**Communities,
Sport &
Recreation**

**Tourism Nova
Scotia**

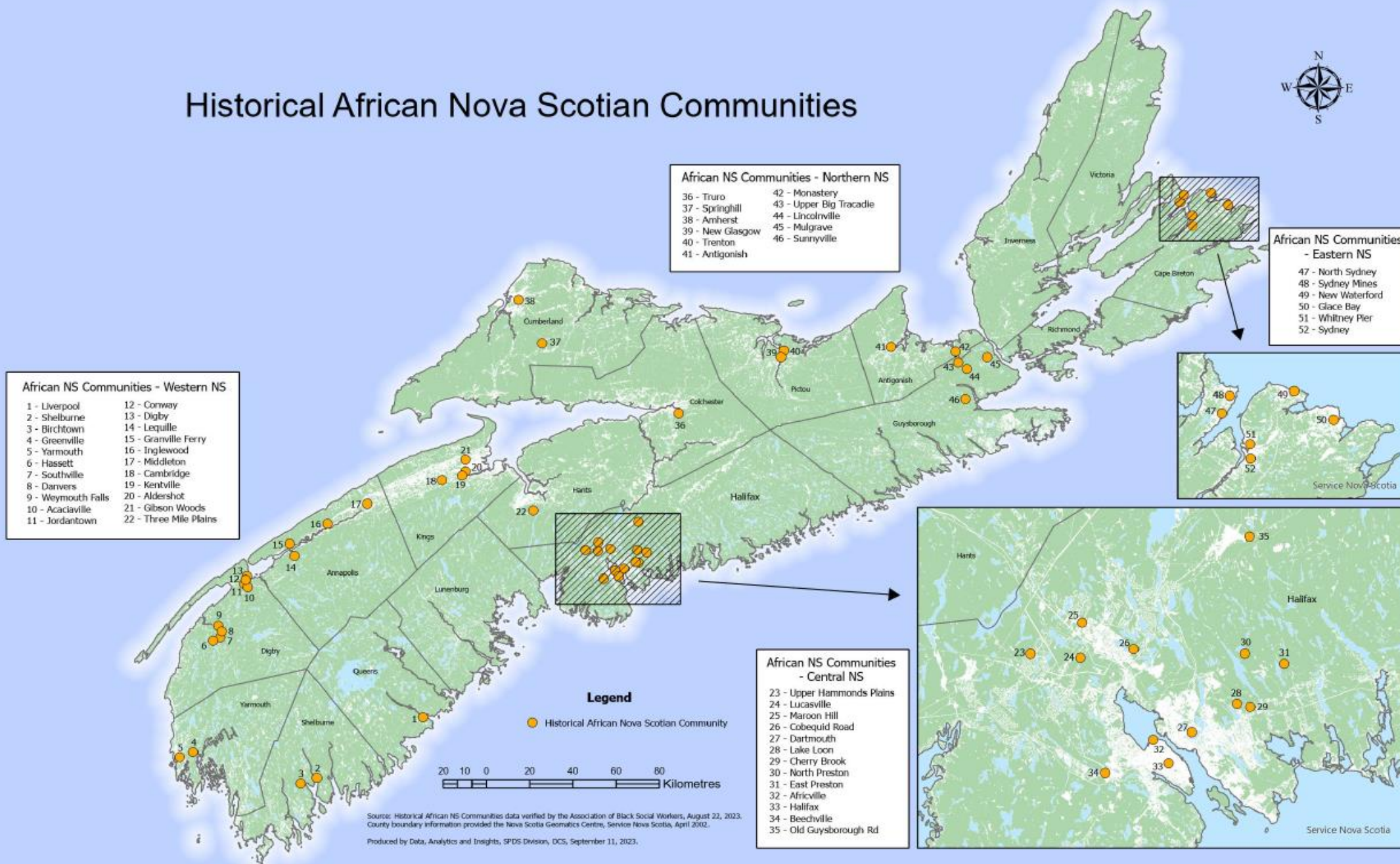
**African Nova
Scotian Affairs**

**Policy and
Corporate
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**Acadian Affairs
& Francophonie**

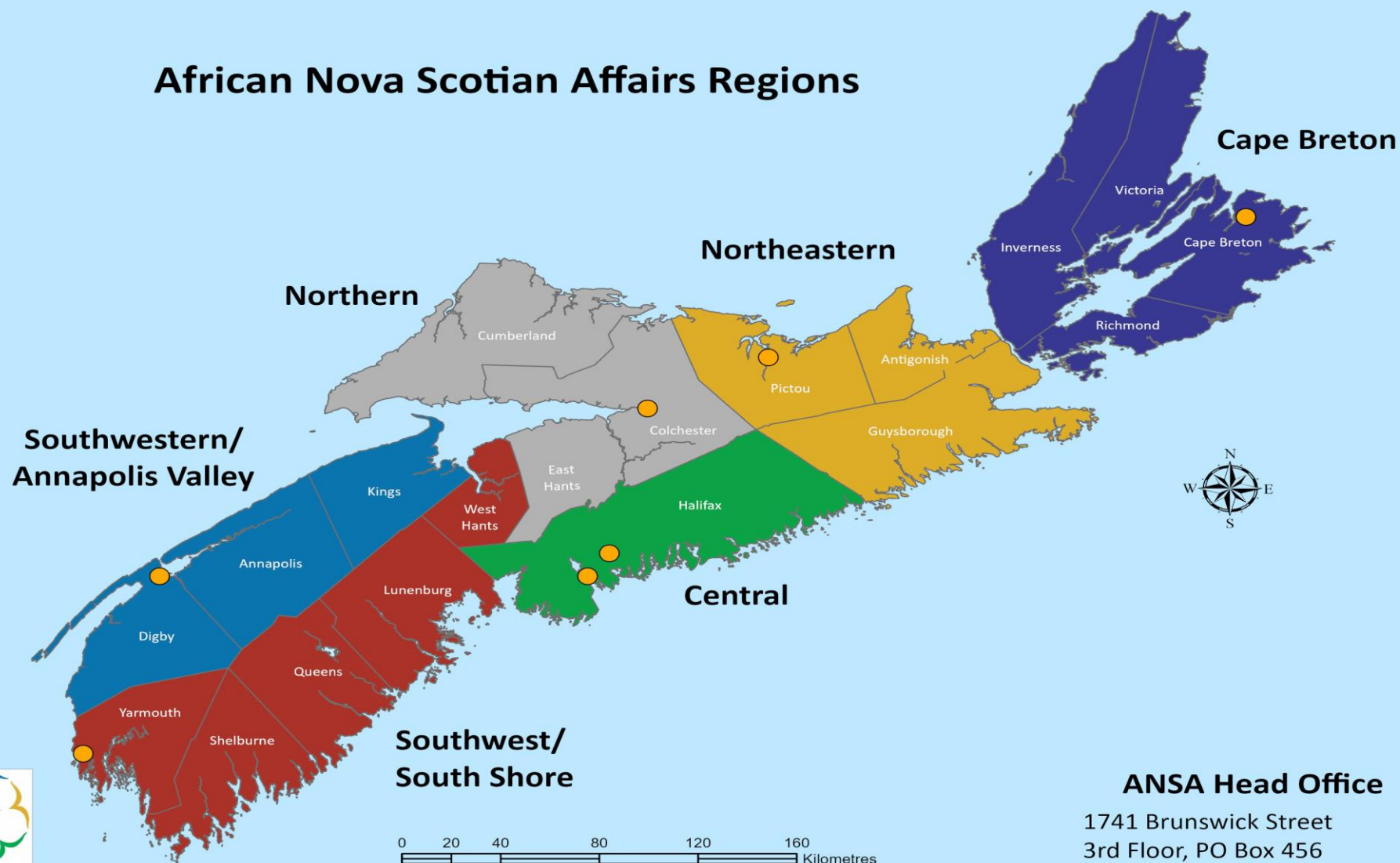
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Historical African Nova Scotian Communities



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The Role of the PAO

- **Relationship Building**
 - Promote and support community and government initiatives
 - Provide support, direction, planning tools and advice to community groups.
- **Community Engagement**
 - Facilitate workshops, lead information-sharing sessions and deliver presentations to build community capacity.
 - Promote opportunities for community members and groups by providing information and advice on government programs and services.

The Role of the PAO (Continued)

- **Program Administration**
 - Administer and promote the ANSA Grants program.
 - Develop and enhance strategic partnerships and alliances among community partners.
- **Strategic Planning and Program Development**
 - Assist with the department's strategic planning process by designing, developing, modifying and implementing programs.
 - Provide advice, analysis and interpretation related to program development.

The Role of the PAO (Continued)

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- **Government Program Support**

- Promote access to government programs and services.
- Respond to requests for information and maintain knowledge of available resources.
- Provide navigational support for grant writers.
- Conduct environmental scans to identify emerging local issues.

- **Monitoring and Issue Resolution**

- Monitor programs and community issues.
- Research, analyze and investigate issues to develop resolutions independently or with the community.



- Thoughts
- Questions
- Comments