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Don Darling, Mayor of Saint John

Gary Clark, Mayor of Quispamsis

Yves Arseneault, President of the Société des Jeux de l'Acadie

Nathalie Justason, Présidente de l'ARCF

Subject: 41st *Finale des Jeux de l'Acadie*

Dear partners,

We hereby wish to initiate discussions with our co-signatories of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the 41st *Finale des Jeux de l'Acadie* to be held in Quispamsis, Saint John.

The current situation regarding the pandemic leads us to think that it may be best to consider holding the *Jeux de l'Acadie* at a later date. As the organizer, we have concerns about being able to host a *finale* in June 2021 in Quispamsis and Saint John in accordance with Public Health regulations and recommendations.

Our concerns are on different levels, with repercussions in:

- The degree of volunteer involvement
- The public relations risk (sponsors and partners)
- Additional expenses due to the guidelines set forth by Public Health
- The challenges with amenities (housing, cafeteria...)

In order to ensure that the *Jeux de l'Acadie* are held in the best possible conditions, we ask that you consider the possibility of postponing the Games to 2022 or 2023, depending, of course, on the recommendations from Public Health and the planning of future *finales* by *La Société des Jeux de l'Acadie*.

If all partners agree, we will adjust the Memorandum of Understanding with the new date and *the Société des Jeux de l'Acadie* will be responsible for making the official announcement. We thank you in advance for your attention to this letter.

Michel Côté,
Président
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