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RE: Amherst provides funding for African Heritage Month event

AMHERST, Nova Scotia – The Cumberland African Nova Scotian Association received a \$500 Community Support Grant from the Town of Amherst on Feb. 9.

The grant was presented to the association's executive director Elizabeth Cooke-Sumbu by Amherst Mayor David Kogon, who noted the grant will be used to support My Soul, a dinner and dance the association is holding in Amherst on Feb. 24 as part of the African Heritage Month celebrations.

"The Town of Amherst is always happy to support community groups," Kogon said. "This is African Heritage Month and it is important to recognize and celebrate cultural diversity."



Elizabeth Cooke-Sumbu, CANSA executive director, accepts a \$500 Community Support Grant from Amherst Mayor David Kogon. (Town of Amherst photo)

Cooke-Sumbu said receiving the grant was very important to the association.

"It's always a struggle to get funding and we really appreciate the contributions the Town of Amherst and our other contributors make," she said.

The event is being held at the Amherst Lions Club. It features a turkey dinner and a keynote address by Robert Wright, who led the team that developed the child use strategy for Nova



Scotia, is well known for his child studies conducted at the IWK Hospital and is a former executive director of the local family and children services department.

In addition, there will be performances by singer-songwriter Dr. Linda Carvery as well as the Bill Stevenson Trio.

Tickets for the event are \$20 in advance and \$30 at the door. They can be purchased at the CANSA office or at CFTA or by calling 902-661-1509 ext. 221.

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