



A Personal Reflection from Stan Jacklin (Mayor, Shelburne)

SHELBURNE, NS — Following the Town of Shelburne's community Town Hall on June 24, 2026, Stan Jacklin (Mayor) issued the following personal statement regarding remarks he made during the session about the South End of Shelburne.

STATEMENT FROM STAN JACKLIN

During the Town Hall, I made a comment about the South End that I would like to respond to on a personal basis.

When I said there is no black community in the South End, I was using the word “community” in a geographical sense. I was referring to the South End as a neighbourhood where families of many cultures and backgrounds have lived alongside one another for generations and where I grew up.

I understand how my lack of clarity would have caused harm. I acknowledge that the African Nova Scotian identity, history and heritage of the South End is important and deserves to be recognized, honoured and celebrated.

This experience has reminded me that words can carry different meanings for different people. I allowed my personal feelings to get involved and I will be more mindful and understanding of the impact of my words.

I am grateful to those who shared their perspectives with me. Listening to one another with curiosity and respect is how communities grow stronger, even when we see things differently.

I remain committed to working with all members of our community as we continue building understanding, trust and respect together.