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# REPRODUCING ETHNICITY IN CULTURALLY RELEVANT SPACES

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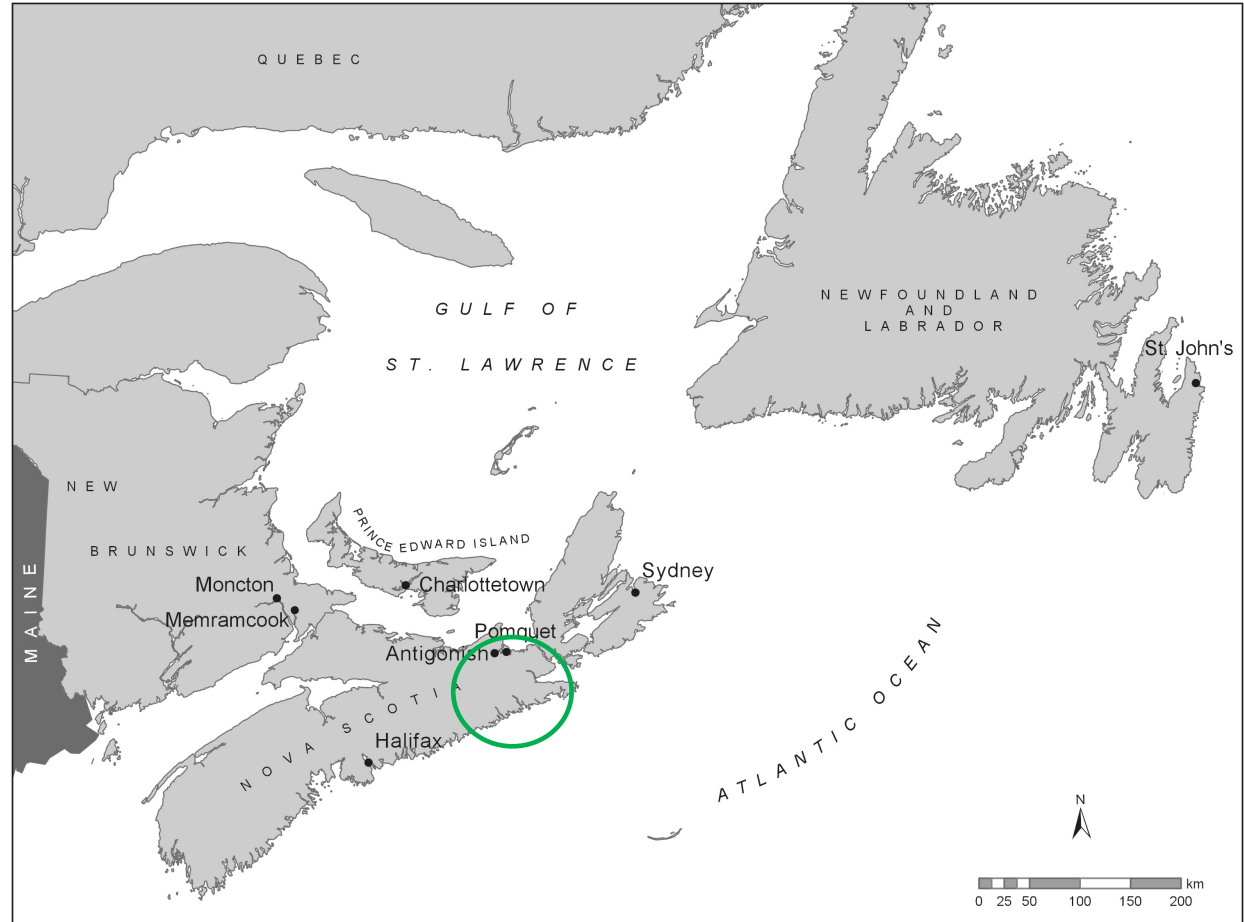
AAA Annual General Meeting

November 17-21, 2021

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# CONTEXT

- Pomquet is located in province of Nova Scotia, Canada
- Acadian village - Francophone minority
- Population of approx. 900



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# SUSTAINING CULTURE AND LANGUAGE

- Community heritage and museum
- Cultural festivals
- Holiday gatherings



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# AGING SPACES

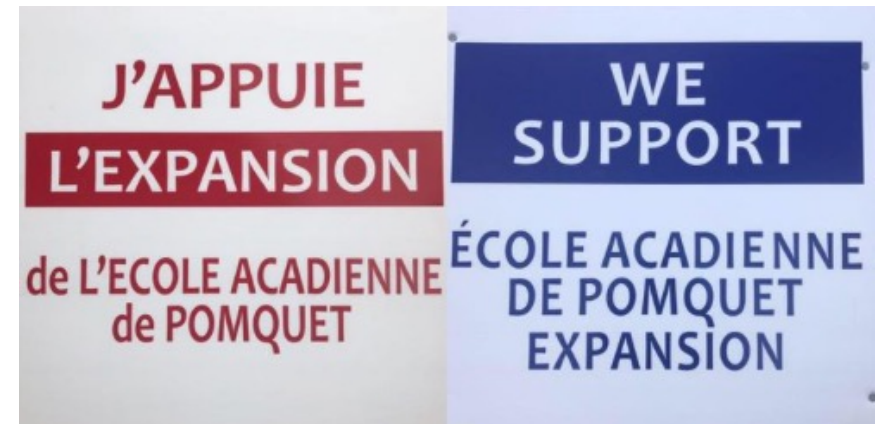
- Built in 1960s-70s
- Impact of rurality
- Constant negotiation for infrastructure supports
- Heating, upkeep, accessibility



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# SCHOOL OVER CAPACITY

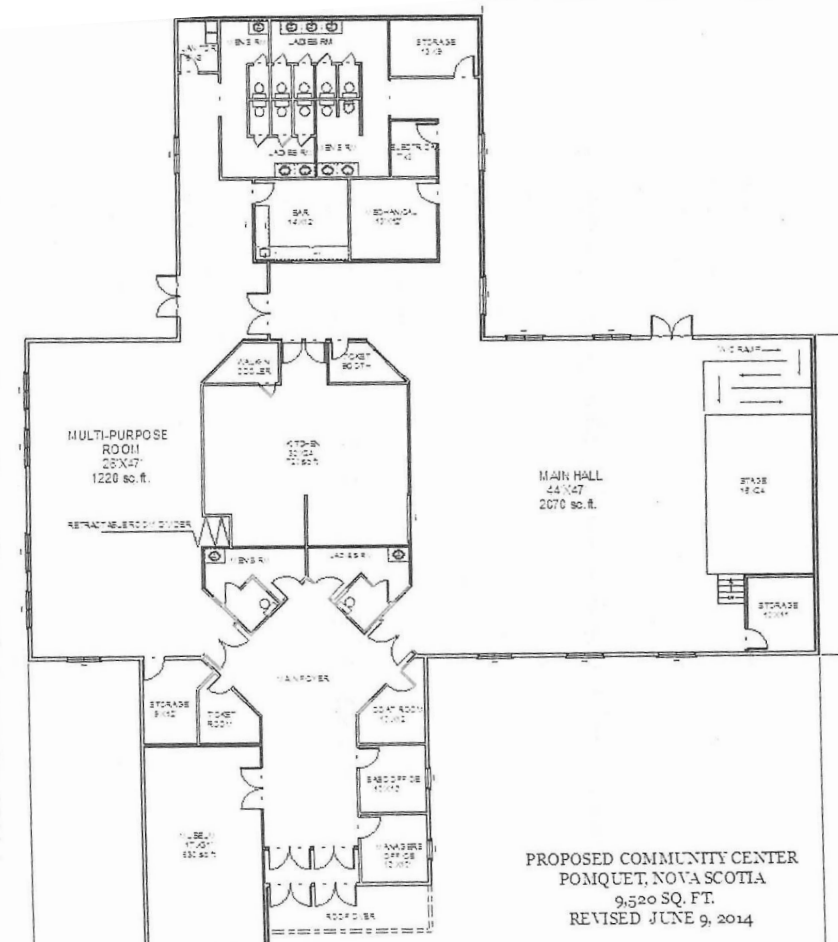
- Operated by Acadian (Francophone) school board in Nova Scotia
- Increase in students from outside Pomquet
- Portable classrooms in lot behind school
- Parents and teachers advocating for expansion

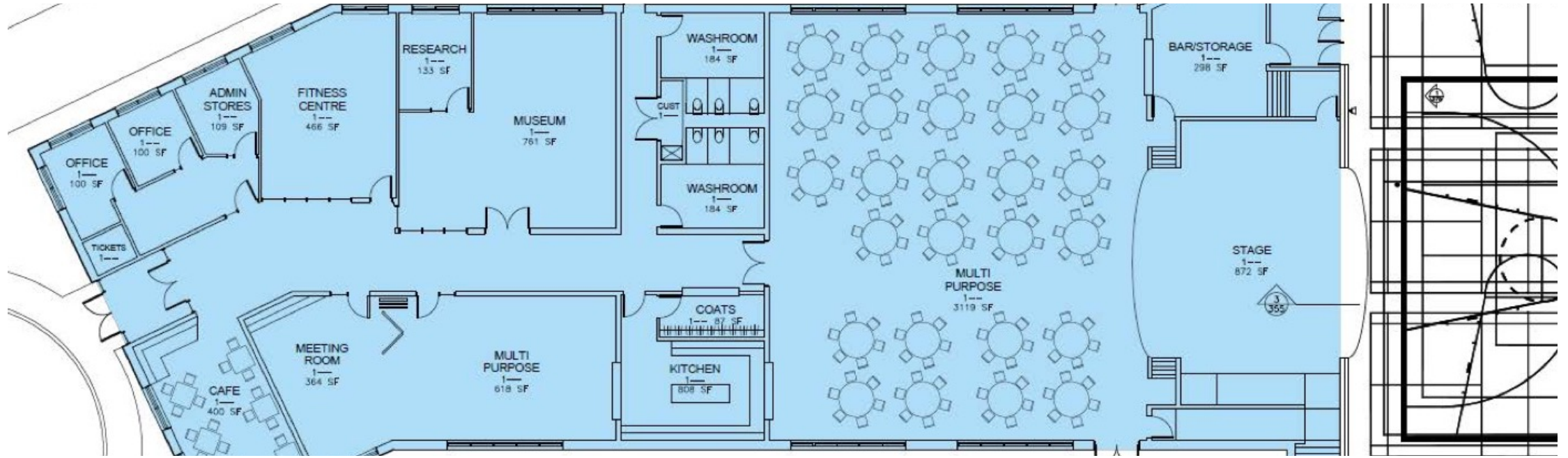


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# A NEW SPACE TO REPRODUCE CULTURE

- Pomquet Community Centre planned to be constructed in an empty lot in the heart of the community
- Planned construction for 2018-2019
- Financial support secured from fundraising and governments





**SHIFT TO A  
COLLABORATIVE  
SPACE**



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# CONCLUSIONS

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