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A campaign was launched in 2021 to prevent the lots, pictured to the bottom left of Fort Edward National Historic Site, from being sold to a developer. The West Hants Historical Society would like to see a museum or interpretation centre that will help tell the area's history be constructed there instead. — Alex Hanes/Contributed

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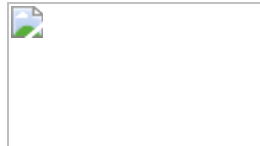
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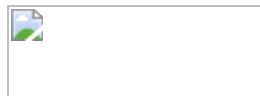
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WINDSOR, N.S. — Buried underneath the oldest wooden blockhouse in North America lies the ruins of a church that was destroyed to make way for a military encampment.

Dating back to the 1700s, Fort Edward National Historic Site in Windsor is well known for its role in various war-related historical events and its involvement in creating the oldest, continuously-run agricultural fair in North America. Its role in the Acadian expulsion, however, is often overlooked or just mentioned in passing.

But the area holds much meaning for the Acadian community.

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Fort Edward National Historic site



Marie-Claude Rioux, the executive director at the Fédération acadienne de la Nouvelle-Écosse, wants to see her people’s history better highlighted. She’s concerned with West Hants Regional Municipality’s plan to sell lands adjacent to the fort site for the development of apartments.

“What we fear, right now, is that by selling the lots that are adjacent to Fort Edward itself, we will lose — again — part of our history,” Rioux said.

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