



MACKAY, DANIEL: 2SLGBTQIA+ CULTURE - RECOG.

LISA LACHANCE: Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge Daniel MacKay and his lifelong commitment to connecting community through action and access to information. Daniel was born in the early 1960s at the very southernmost tip of Nova Scotia and grew up in Bridgewater.

In 1981, he moved to Halifax, and after graduating from King's College, he became involved in the city's gay culture, including helping to build the interior of Rumours on Granville Street in 1983. In the late 1980s, he would take over publishing of the GAEZETTE, the publication for the Gay Alliance for Equality, which would be renamed Wayves Magazine. Combined, the papers have had a 25-year run as a printed magazine and had been rebooted as a virtual magazine by Daniel in 2023.

He's been at the heart of many 2SLGBTQIA+ advocacy organizations, such as Halifax Pride, and he's an active member of the Elderberries since its inception in 2012. He created the Halifax Rainbow Encyclopedia, as well.

I ask all members to join me in recognizing Daniel MacKay as an outstanding community volunteer and leader

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