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Prince Charles Visits Halifax Public Gardens

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At the Halifax Public Gardens His Royal Highness was greeted by an enthusiastic, flag-waving crowd of all ages. As music filled the air from the nearby Bandshell, he stopped to chat and shake hands with many along the winding pathways who had waited patiently for his arrival. One young boy practiced a curtsy and grew more excited as Prince Charles drew near.

The Prince of Wales toured the Victorian Gardens and viewed the Diamond Jubilee Fountain erected on June 22, 1897 by the Garden Commissioners to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of his great-great-great-grandmother, Her Majesty Queen Victoria. He talked with members of the Dahlia Society as well as local members of the Monarchist League. Prince Charles then planted an English oak tree in the shadow of the oak planted by his grandfather, King George VI, in June of 1939. Afterwards, a representative of the Royal Canadian Mint presented Prince Charles with a set of coins that were struck to honour the 75th anniversary of the 1939 Royal Tour.

Of particular interest to Annapolitans, Prince Charles stopped to talk with the Annapolis Royal Robots, a provincial award-winning youth science and technology group comprised of students from grades 6 and 7 sponsored by Acadian Seaplants. They presented Prince Charles with an honorary membership and orange team t-shirt to which he smiled and replied, "Are you sure I deserve this?"

While The Prince of Wales was touring the Public Gardens The Duchess of Cornwall visited the Northbrook Community Centre. She met privately with representatives of Alice Housing, a shelter in Dartmouth which provides counselling for women and children who are victims of domestic abuse.

