



The Annapolis Board of Trade,
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May 26, 2015

Mr. John Ferguson, CAO
Municipality of the County of Annapolis
752 St. George Street
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Annapolis Royal, NS, B0S 1A0

Dear Mr. Ferguson:

**Re: ABoT support of the Expression of Interest from the Canada Legacy Society to
the Canada 150 Fund – Signature Initiative: “Tales of the Tapestry: 150 Historic Minutes”**

On behalf of our membership, I am pleased to send you this letter of support for this ambitious project in support of the celebration of our country’s 150th birthday, the result of a partnership of municipal governments within the Annapolis Valley and communities from South West Nova.

Like you, we believe that the history of Nova Scotia’s Annapolis Basin/South West Shore changed our beloved country forever. Annapolis Royal and district is the beginning of Canada, and we strongly support the “Tales of the Tapestry: 150 Historic Minutes” project, which we believe will tell our story in an educational, intriguing and entertaining way. We believe this multi-media project will not only enrich audiences but also give them a better understanding and appreciation of the role that this region’s rich history played in our national heritage.

We understand that this initiative is in keeping with the objectives and eligible activities of the Canada 150 Fund and that the formation of the Canada Legacy Society has the full support of the Government of Nova Scotia.

The Annapolis Board of Trade believes that a project of this magnitude, in collaboration with multiple governments, community organizations and funders, is critical to the on-going understanding of what made Canada a great country. We feel that this project fits with both the mandates of Town of Annapolis Royal and the County of Annapolis and the goals of the Annapolis Board of Trade. We wish you great success with this Expression of Interest to the Canada 150 Fund – Signature Initiative and stand ready to support the Canada Legacy Society as it works to achieve its goals.

Sincerely,

Jane Nicholson
President

Jordantown Acaciaville Conway Betterment Association
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Mr. John Ferguson, CAO
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May 28, 2015

Dear Mr. Ferguson:

Support of the Expression of Interest from the Canada Legacy Society

On behalf of the Jordantown Acaciaville Conway Betterment Association (JACBA), I am pleased to send this letter of support to the Canada Legacy Society in the celebration of Canada's 150 birthday. As a result of a partnership of municipal governments, and all cultural communities from the South West Nova area.

Although Mathieu da Costa is the first recorded free black person in Canada and was a member of the exploring party of Pierre Dugua, Sieur de Monts, and Samuel de Champlain in Nova Scotia in the early 1600's, the current Black community in the Digby area (once known as Brindleytown) can trace its ancestry to the Black Loyalists who came to Nova Scotia after the American War of Independence with a promise of freedom and land in exchange for their bearing arms with the British forces and pledging their loyalty to the Crown.

The Black Loyalist and Black Pioneers were consistently denied land grants and exploited as a source of free labour by the provincial government. Disillusioned with their experience in Nova Scotia, over one third of the Black community opted to resettle in Sierra Leone in 1792.

The JACBA believe that the history of Nova Scotia's cultural diversity epitomizes our country and so give full support to this initiative and feel the historical and heritage pieces will be a draw for people interested in exploring the experiences of people of African ancestry and the ongoing education of our great nation.

Sincerely,

Kerry Johnson
President
JACBA



Digby, Nova Scotia
May 22, 2015

Mr. John Ferguson, CAO
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Dear Mr. Ferguson:

Re: DABT support for the Canada Legacy Society to the Canada 150 Fund

On behalf of the membership of the Digby and Area Board of Trade, I am pleased to send you this letter of support for this ambitious project in support of the celebration of our country's 150th birthday, the result of a partnership of municipal governments, Boards of Trade, Chambers of Commerce and other community groups within the Annapolis Valley and South West Nova.

We believe that the history of western Nova Scotia significantly and lastingly impacted our beloved country and this multi-media project will not only enrich Canadian audiences but also give them a better understanding and appreciation of the role that this region's rich history played in our national heritage.

We understand that this initiative is in keeping with the objectives and eligible activities of the Canada 150 Fund and that the formation of the Canada Legacy Society has the full support of the Government of Nova Scotia.

The Digby and Area Board of Trade believes that a project of this magnitude, in collaboration with multiple governments, community organizations and funders, is critical to the on-going understanding of what made Canada a great country.

We wish you every success with this Expression of Interest to the Canada 150 Fund – Signature Initiative and stand ready to support the Canada Legacy Society as it works to achieve its goals.

Sincerely,

Peter MacLellan
President
Digby and Area Board of Trade



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Bridgetown and Area Chamber of Commerce Society

May 28, 2015

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Mr. Ferguson,

Re: Expression of Interest from the Canada Legacy Society to the Canada 150 Fund- Signature Initiative: Tales of the Tapestry: 150 Historic Minutes"

On behalf of our membership, I am excited to offer support to the creative and significant project in support of the celebration of our nation's 150th birthday.

We believe that Annapolis Royal is a significant piece of our country's heritage. This project will facilitate an understanding of our origin, which will spread across the country and tell our story in an interesting and entertaining way and quite possibly encourage people to visit our beautiful Annapolis Valley.

We understand this project to be a joint effort amongst Federal, Provincial, and Municipal governments as well as the community at large. We believe this project to be in keeping with the goals of the Canada 150 Fund initiative and think it would be a very positive endeavor.

As a neighbour to Annapolis Royal, the Bridgetown Area Chamber of Commerce wishes you full success in your undertaking.

Sincerely,

Jennifer D'Aubin
President

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