

Office of the President and Vice-Chancellor



May 28, 2015

Mr. John Ferguson
Chief Administrative Officer
Municipality of the County of Annapolis
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Dear Mr. Ferguson:

I am writing to offer Acadia University's support for the Canada Legacy Society's expression of interest being submitted to the Canada 150 Fund - Signature Initiative program.

Our history is the prequel to what Canada is today. Acadia was founded more than 175 years ago, well before Canada's birth as a nation on the principle of access to education regardless of religious affiliation, gender, race, or creed. Acadia is proud of its role as a ground-breaker in admitting and graduating women, persons of African descent and members of Canada's First Nations. Nestled in Nova Scotia's Annapolis Valley, Acadia is immersed in this region's history and, in many ways, has helped shape its development. We are proud of the role we have played in educating generations of Canadian political, business and community leaders and the partnerships we have maintained with our neighbouring municipalities throughout western Nova Scotia.

The Canada Legacy Society, through its inter-municipal agreement is pursuing a national opportunity that will have national reach and beyond. It seeks to establish a world class documentary drama and web-based educational history series based on our rich history from Argyle to Grand Pré. This history includes the Mi'kmaq welcoming Samuel de Champlain who established the first European settlement North of Florida; the Acadian settlement and the tragic tale of their expulsion; the arrival of Black Loyalists; the eleven wars that led to the construction of Fort Anne, Canada's oldest National Historic Site; and Scottish immigrants who wrote our Provincial Charter giving Nova Scotia its name. Indeed, the development of this region is the story of the founding of our great nation.

Acadia is proud to have been a partner with municipal leaders, business organizations and citizen participants representing our founding communities who have been working on this significant initiative that will build on the remarkable history found in our region. Preserving the legacy of this contribution to Canada's national history is so important. Many Canadians are not aware of our country's true history and of the resilience and courage required of our founding people in the face of enormous challenges.

Please accept my congratulations for assembling an outstanding proposal. Acadia is pleased to support the efforts of your Society and we encourage the Canada 150 Fund to look favourably on your application for Signature Initiative funding.

Sincerely,

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Mr. John Ferguson, CAO
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Mr Ferguson,

Re: 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" from Annapolis Valley Chamber of Commerce.

On behalf of the over 380 business members of the Annapolis Valley Chamber of Commerce, I am pleased to offer support for this very unique and captivating project proposal in support of the 150th Anniversary of our country.

I believe the people of the Annapolis Valley and Southwest region of Nova Scotia are well versed in the history of the creation of our country. The education opportunity for the entire country through the "Tales of the Tapestry: 150 Historic Minutes" project is very exciting and will prove to highlight our humble beginnings, draw visitors to experience what those times may have been like and will be very entertaining.

This is truly a project of collaboration between Federal, Provincial & Municipal governments as well as community organizations through the Canada Legacy Society.

The Annapolis Valley Chamber of Commerce is pleased to support this initiative and wish you success with the Expression of Interest to the Canada 150 Fund.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Judy Rafuse", is written over the typed name and title.

Judy Rafuse
Executive Director



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Mr. John Ferguson,
CAO, Municipality of the County of Annapolis, and
Chair of the Canada 150 Legacy Society
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Dear Mr. Ferguson,

Thank you for continuing to include Parks Canada in the plans that have been initiated in southwestern Nova Scotia by the Canada 150 Legacy Society to mark the 150th anniversary of Canada. Fort Anne and Port-Royal National Historic Sites are pleased to be part of the process to recognize the stories of this area as part of what has helped to create the great nation of Canada. These places which have been designated as of national historic importance are iconic of the stories that this region has to share.

The proposal to create a number of vignettes marking key milestones in our history, represents a wonderful opportunity to reach out to varied audiences (youth, schools, families, and new Canadians for example) across the multiple platforms available to us to communicate with citizens throughout Canada.

We are supportive of the idea of using the Fort Anne Heritage Tapestry as the "point de depart" for this unique project and will be keen to collaborate with those involved as the project moves forward.

I wish you every success with the project and look forward to our continued collaboration as we move forward as a team to mark the 150th anniversary of Canada.

Best Regards,

Lillian Stewart

National Historic Site and Visitor Experience Manager

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