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The Honourable Shelly Glover, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Canadian Heritage
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Minister Glover:

I am writing to offer my whole-hearted support for the proposal submitted to the Canada 150 Signature Initiatives Fund by the Canada Legacy 2017 Society for the production of Tales of the Tapestry: 150 Historical Minutes.

As you would know from your recent visit to the area, Greg Kerr, MP for West Nova, has been instrumental in spearheading the initiative to bring the communities of South West Nova Scotia together to highlight and celebrate an area that is steeped in history and home to so many important firsts.

As stated in the Society's application for funding, "No other region of the country can lay claim to so many important historic firsts as the area that stretches from Pubnico to Grand Pré. It was here, over 400 hundred years ago, that many of the political, religious, cultural, judicial, military and social institutions that helped shape and define Canada as we know it today began. This is also where the face of Canada as a multi-cultural nation started as the Mi'kmaq welcomed the first European settlers (British and French) to our shores."

The society, which has been incorporated as a non-profit entity, is committed to working with the province and the federal government to bring awareness to the rich history of the area through a series of educational and entertaining web-based vignettes that features the huge needlepoint tapestry hanging in Fort Anne, Canada's first national historic site. As stated in its application, the vignettes would be a valuable resource for schools, libraries, museums, tourist attractions, visitor centres and tradeshow. As well, they could be adapted and woven into one film for airing by national broadcasters, i.e. History Channel.

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I am confident that the application proposed, not only meets, but exceeds the stated objectives of the Canada 150 Signature Fund. It is my sincere hope, that as we prepare to celebrate a significant milestone in our country's evolution, the federal government will partner with the Society and the Province in telling Canadians about the significant historical events that began in South West Nova Scotia, took hold across our country and laid the foundation upon which Canada was built.

Sincerely,



Honourable Stephen McNeil, M.L.A.
Premier of Nova Scotia

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