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On May 29th, the Mayors and Wardens of nine western Nova Scotia communities signed a formal Inter-Municipal Agreement endorsing a collaborative initiative to develop a regional heritage and cultural funding strategy to mark Canada's 150th birthday. Earlier this year the Government of Canada announced it would provide funding to commemorate and support significant heritage milestones of a broad national perspective through its "On the Road to 2017" plan.

The Municipality of the County of Kings, the Town of Middleton, The Municipality of the County of Annapolis, the Town of Annapolis Royal, The Municipality of the District of Digby and the Town of Digby signed the agreement in the morning in Annapolis Royal; and the Municipality of Argyle, the Town of Yarmouth and the Municipality of the District of Yarmouth signed that afternoon at a ceremony in Tusket.



Many people, including representatives from neighbouring municipalities, visited Grand Pré National Historic Site on June 12, 2015, to help celebrate the good news shared by West Nova MP Greg Kerr who announced funds of \$572,000 in infrastructure upgrades compliments of the federal government.



From left, Greg Kerr, MP Southwest Nova, Annapolis County Warden Reg Ritchie, and MLA Clare-Digby Gordon Wilson, were in Bear River on June 26th to announce funding for the \$532,803 wastewater system expansion in Bear River through the Small Communities Fund.



Greg Kerr, Member of Parliament for West Nova, on behalf of the Honourable Denis Lebel, Minister of Infrastructure, Communities and Intergovernmental Affairs and Minister of the Economic Development Agency of Canada for the Regions of Quebec, announced federal funding for wastewater infrastructure improvements in Bridgetown through the Small Communities Fund. The Government of Canada will contribute up to one third of the total eligible project costs of \$1,353,271, to a maximum of \$451,090, under the New Building Canada Fund's Provincial-Territorial Infrastructure Component—Small Communities Fund. The Government of Nova Scotia will also contribute one third of the project costs up to \$451,090 and the Municipality of the County of Annapolis will be responsible for the remaining project costs.