

Royal Nova Scotia Historical Society Letter of Support

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Dear Colleagues and Friends,

On behalf of the Canada History Collective, its steering Committee wants to express our sincere and full support for the Nova Scotia historical community. At the latest meeting of the Collective, held on March 4th, an update was provided by your representative and Membership Secretary, Grace McNutt, regarding budget cuts in programs affecting history in your province, in particular those resulting in the permanent closure of twelve provincial museum sites.

We recognize the profound challenges currently facing your history and heritage sector, a situation which is also faced in other provinces and territories. While some areas of government funding remain stable, we are deeply concerned by the loss of these institutions. We understand that they had long struggled under the weight of systemic underfunding, and their closure is no reflection of the dedicated stewardship provided by the volunteers and staffs of those sites. We share in the grief of this loss; our members know first-hand that these sites serve as the heart of their communities, acting as central cultural gathering places often in irreplaceable heritage buildings.

Our shared vocation is a quiet labour of love, and to see these vital threads of the communal fabric unraveled is a loss felt by the entire Canadian historical community. To have such foundational local history undervalued in this way is very disheartening.

Please know that you do not stand alone. As your colleagues and partners, we stand ready to provide whatever resources, information, or strategic support you may find helpful as you navigate these difficult times.

History has shown that communities are at their strongest when they honour their past. We have immense respect for the resilience and long-standing legacy of the Royal Nova Scotia Historical Society, and we stand with you in solidarity.

With deepest respect and collegial support,

**For the Canada History Collective | Collectif Histoire Canada,
the Steering Committee**

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