

## **La société historique acadienne de Pubnico-Ouest**

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Warden and Council members

Municipality of the District of Argyle

5, J. E. Hatfield Court

Tusket, Nova Scotia

### **Re : Funding renewal**

Bonjour Mesdames et Messieurs.

For the past several years, we the Centre de Recherche Archives Père Clarence d'Entremont of La Société historique acadienne de Pubnico-ouest, has benefitted from financial support from the Municipality of Argyle, in the form of a salaried, permanent part-time employee. Through our funding agreement with the Municipality of Argyle, Anna Claire LeBlanc has been employed in the position of archival assistant for 3, 7hr days per week, since 2021. During this time, she has worked diligently providing archival and genealogical support to the public, school groups, and researchers, and facilitating the ongoing arrangement and organisation of our community's archival holdings, in both French and English.

Having a funded position has also permitted us to engage more fully with provincial initiatives to the benefit of our community, and the municipality, such as partnering with the Association of Nova Scotia Museums, and the Council of Nova Scotia Archives, on joint projects such as the audio-visual preservation development programme still being developed, and the integration of our acadian archival heritage collection into Nova Muse (<https://novamuse.ca/>) to increase representation and access to of the heritage resources under our stewardship to educators and researchers across the province. Our ability to participate has increased the outreach and interpretation capacity of our research centre and archives, and resulted in a notable increase in out of region archival requests and site visitations.

As you are aware, this August 2024 will be extra special with the celebration of Le Congrès Mondial Acadien taking place in our regions of Argyle and Clare. The Musée acadien and archives are poised to play a significant role in welcoming locals and visitors from far and wide to our community. We are diligently preparing expositions and activities for the period of August 10 to 18, many of which involve our archival and genealogical resources, as a direct result of the work we were able to undertake with your past financial support. We are looking forward to a fun, well prepared and busy summer. To that, I have included a schedule of the activities that we are organising; you can appreciate that we, the Musée and

Archives are busy, thriving places!

The funding agreement will be ending this coming November 2024. We have attached, for your perusal, the original request for funding which explains our goals and objectives and which includes the information upon which you based your original commitment to funding. We suggest an increased rate of \$3.00 to \$18.00, plus 13% merc fees, to better reflect the economic reality of 2024. We respectfully request that you consider continuing this mutually beneficial arrangement.

In closing, please be assured that we are grateful for your support which has proven to be indispensable. We invite you to visit our museum and research centre to better understand the value of the information which we have catalogued, and to which we continually expand upon, to fully appreciate the value of your financial contribution. We also invite you to visit our new website (<https://www.museeacadien.ca/>); you are sure to be impressed with the content. We thank you for your cooperation and we hope you will again look favourably on our request for renewed financial support for the next 3 years. Please do not hesitate to contact me/us should you require more information. As well, we are available and would be pleased to meet with you, at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Elaine Surette, présidente

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