

NOTICE

MEETING: St Mary's Municipal Council
Committee of the Whole

DATE: Wednesday, May 1st, 2019

TIME: 1:00pm

PLACE: St. Mary's Municipality
Council Chambers, Sherbrooke, NS

Please advise if unable to attend

Dated: April 26, 2019

Marvin MacDonald, CAO

**Municipality of the District of St. Mary's
Committee of the Whole
Wednesday, May 1st, 2019**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Agenda and Any Additions
4. Approval of Minutes from Committee Meeting held April 17th, 2019
5. Business Arising from Minutes
6. Presentation – Stephen Flemming, Sherbrooke Village Executive Director
7. Correspondence
 - a. Letter – Cheryl Gallant, MP
 - b. Letter – Municipal Affairs
8. Other Matters of Business
 - a. Prioritizing Gravel Roads
 - b. Presentations Policy

Adjournment

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Meeting, Date & Time

The Committee of the Whole meeting of St. Mary's Council was called to order on Wednesday, May 1st, 2019 at 1:00 pm in the Council Chambers Sherbrooke, N.S.

Attending

Deputy Warden Dort
Councillor Kaiser-Kirk
Councillor Baker
Councillor Smith
Councillor Malloy

Also Attending

Marvin MacDonald, CAO
Marian Fraser, Director of Finance
Denise Sawlor, Municipal Clerk/Special Projects Coordinator

Absent With Regrets

Warden Mosher
Councillor Findlay

Approval of Agenda

On motion of Councillor Baker and seconded by Councillor Malloy that Council approve the agenda as presented.

Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes

- Discussion was had regarding adding a note in the April 17th, 2019 COTW minutes stating that the Municipal Clerk declined to sign the March 20, 2019 COTW minutes. Council decided that the point was not relevant and should therefore not be added to the minutes.
- It was asked that the points in the Code of Conduct section of the minutes be rewritten to better reflect the events that took place. Council agreed to have changes made.
- It was requested that the MGA reference be removed from the agenda process section. Council agreed to this change.

On motion of Councillor Malloy and seconded by Councillor Baker that Council approve the minutes of the Committee Of The Whole held April 17th, 2019 with the stated changes.

- Councillor Smith made the following statement:
*"It is my belief that the minutes do not accurately reflect the meeting as it took place. That by not making the appropriate changes to the section surrounding the Code of Conduct Policy discussion, we are misrepresenting the meeting as I believe it took place.
For those reasons I will be voting against the minutes dated April 17th 2019."*

Motion carried. (1 Nay - Councillor Smith)

Business Arising From Minutes

- None

Presentation - Stephen Flemming, Executive Director Sherbrooke Village

- See attached presentation.
- There was a meeting on Sunday regarding the Whale Sanctuary, Approximately 85 people attended.
- There will be an event held in August with the Oland family regarding the RICHES program. Council is invited to attend.
- Discussion was held regarding the proposed Port Hilford site for the Whale Sanctuary.

Correspondence

- Letter from Cheryl Gallant, MP was provided to Council for informational purposes.
- Letter from Chuck Porter, Minister of Municipal Affairs
 - Municipal Affairs will be contributing \$15,000 towards the cost of the Economic Impact Study for the proposed Cochrane Hill Gold Mine.
 - Eastern Strait Regional Enterprise Network will be contributing \$5,000 towards the cost of the Economic Impact Study for the proposed Cochrane Hill Gold Mine.

Other Matters of Business

- Prioritizing Gravel Roads
 - Marvin reviewed the list received from Paul Flynn, Operations Supervisor (TIR) of the scheduled 2019/20 gravel road work.
 - Council revised their list of top three priority roads based on the 2019/20 gravel road work information.
 - Council stated the following three gravel roads as priority:
 1. New Chester Rd
 2. Dean Settlement Rd
 3. Westside Lochiel Lake Road


On recommendation of Councillor Kaiser-Kirk and seconded by Councillor Smith that a letter be written to Lloyd Hines, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal and Basil Pitts, Area Manager (TIR) notifying them of Council's priority list of gravel roads in the Municipality.

Recommendation adopted.

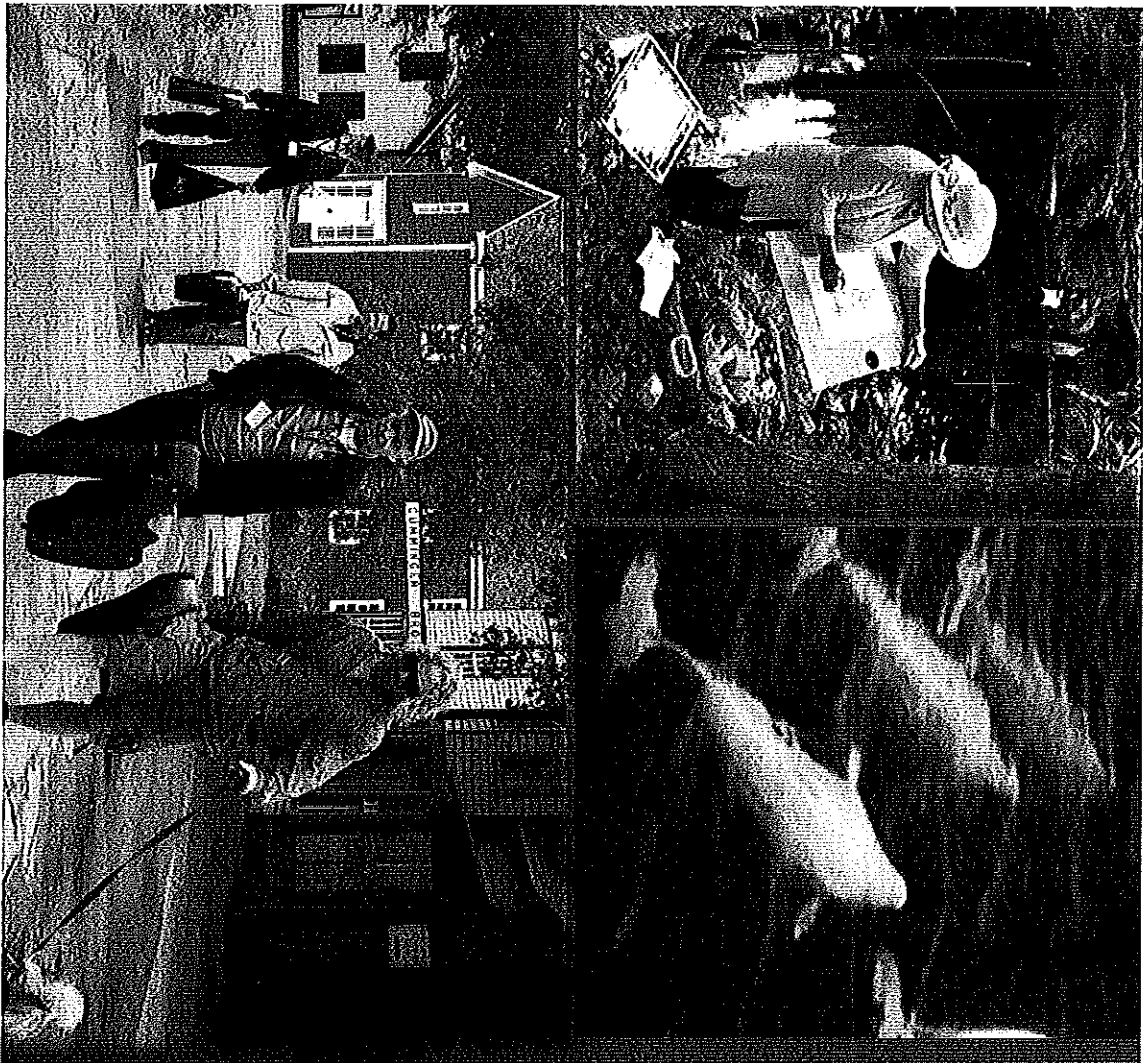
- Presentations Policy
 - Council asked that staff update the Presentations to Council policy.
 - Several suggestions were given to Staff on areas of the policy that needed updating.

Adjournment

On Motion of Councillor Kaiser-Kirk there being no further matters of business, Council adjourned at 2:12pm.

Recorded By 


Approved By
Deputy Warden Dort



RICHES

**Rural Institute for
Cultural Heritage
and
Environmental
Sustainability**

**Beluga Whale
Sanctuary on the
Eastern Shore of NS**

Beluga Whale Sanctuary Update

Conducted surveys along the coast of Guysborough County, achieving the following:

- ❖ Beginning list of 20 sites with depth of 50' and 100 acres.
- ❖ Short list of one site: Port Hilford Harbour
- ❖ Port Hilford is exposed, and is not an ideal site, but may be acceptable with special engineering effort.
- ❖ Strong community support for the Beluga Whale Sanctuary at this site.



Beluga Whale Sanctuary Update

Other surveys conducted surveys along the coast of Halifax County and Bras d'Or Lake:

- ❖ **Bras d'Or was fully frozen this past winter, eliminating sites in Cape Breton.**
- ❖ **Sheet Harbour area has acceptable sites – Issue is community acceptance of those sites.**



Strategic Goal No. 2: Develop RICHERS

RICHERS: Rural Institute for Cultural Heritage and Environmental Sustainability

- **Rural Institute:** Teaching facility for rural community development.
- **Cultural Heritage:** Arts, crafts, music, story-telling, built heritage
- **Environmental:** Forest, aquatic, and marine ecosystems; naturalist and guide training, eco-tourism training.
- **Sustainability:** Using cultural and natural resources, while maintaining their integrity.





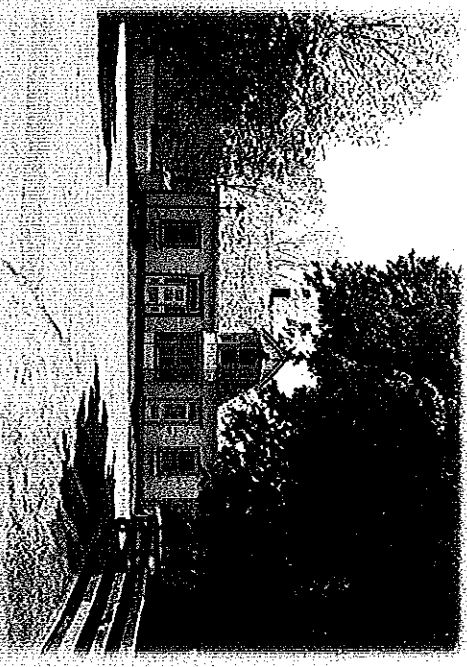
RICHES: Conceptional Vision

Establish teaching facilities at the Living History Museums throughout Nova Scotia, focused on the development of cultural and environmental skills, achieving the following:

- ❖ Enriched Rural Lifestyle through Continuous Learning**
- ❖ Foster Wellness in Cultural and Natural Settings**
- ❖ Centre of Excellence to Develop Sustainable Rural Tourism in Nova Scotia (and Atlantic Canada)**

RICHS Themes: Teaching Locations

Courses taught in classrooms in renovated Sherbrooke Village buildings and in nearby natural areas.

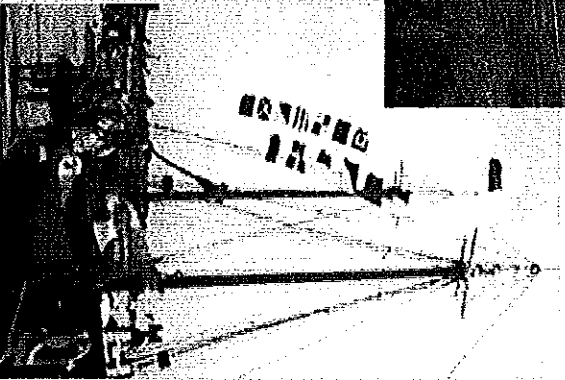
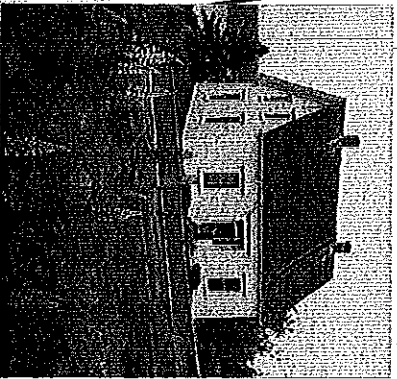


Deeded 675 acres, plus 146 acres pending, plus discussions on use of Nature Trust lands.

RICHEs Themes: Teaching Locations

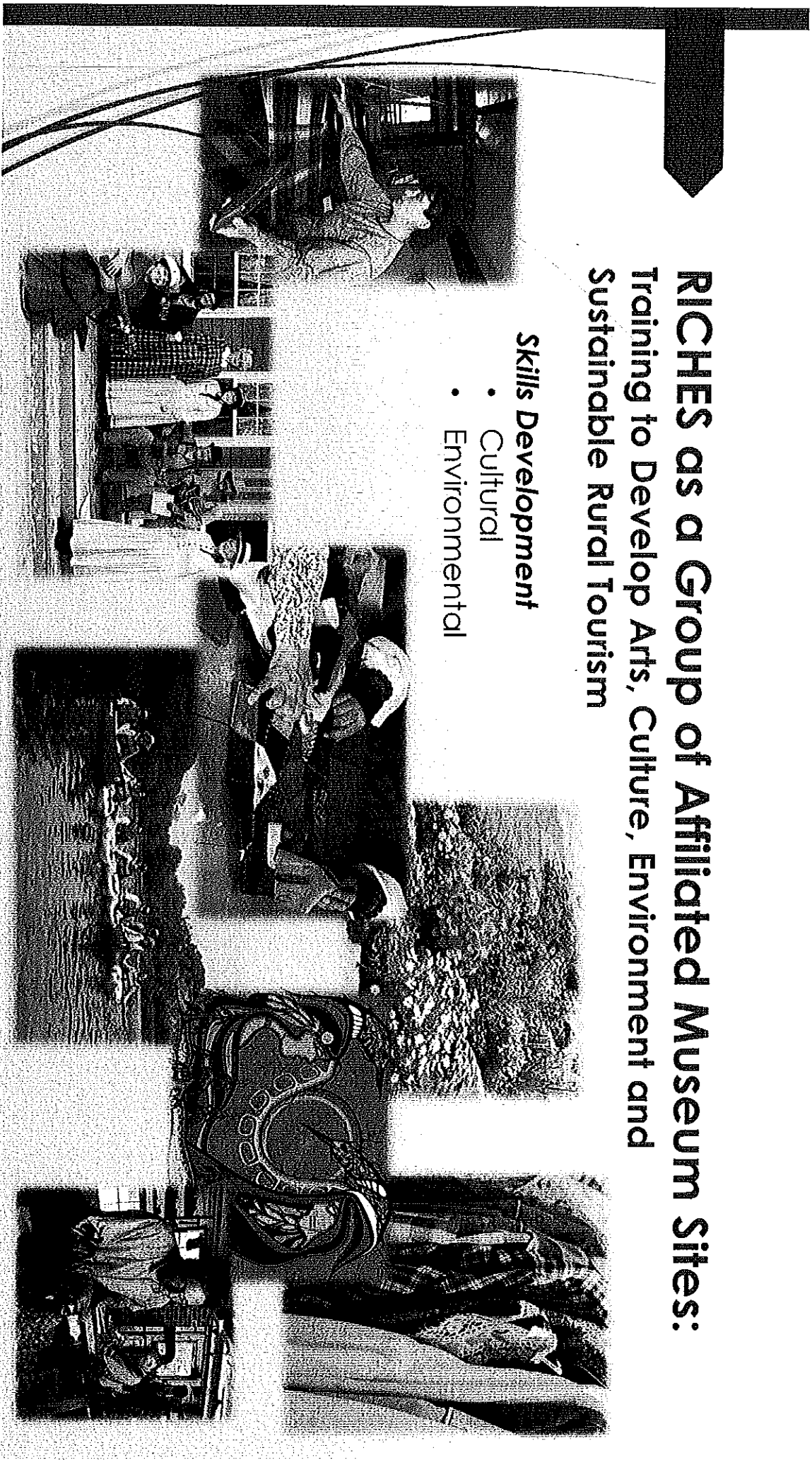
NS Museums as a Broader Teaching Institution

- Main Campus at Sherbrooke Village Museum – Capacity to maintain the project long-term, will build capacity to organize courses and instructors, and to take-in students from across the Atlantic Region and beyond.
- Affiliated Training Centers at other major Museums – Building on what we already do, but coordinating efforts to effectively become a collective community college for cultural and environmental arts and tourism.
- Partnerships with University and Community Colleges.



RICHERS as a Group of Affiliated Museum Sites: Training to Develop Arts, Culture, Environment and Sustainable Rural Tourism

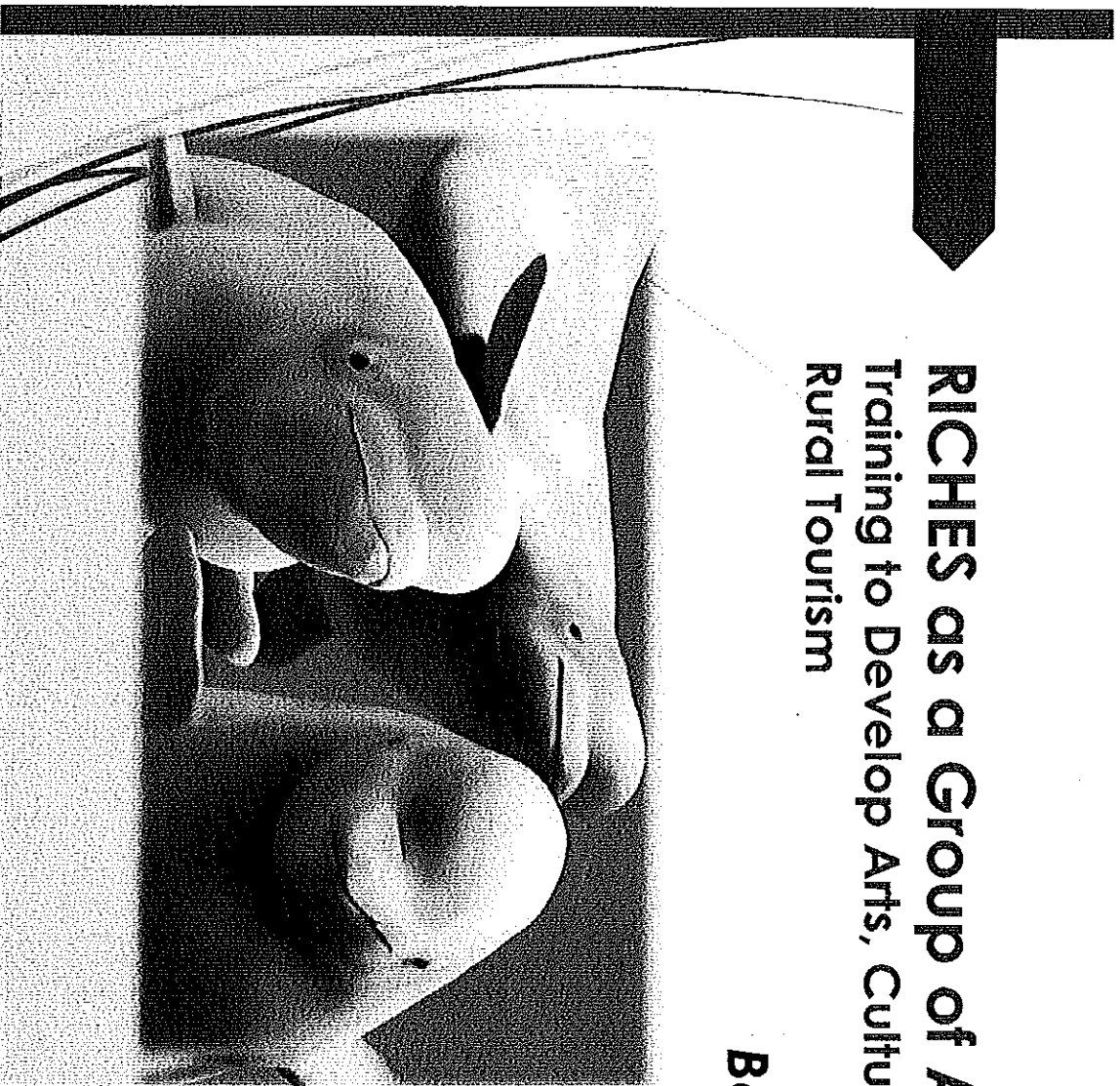
- Skills Development**
- Cultural
 - Environmental



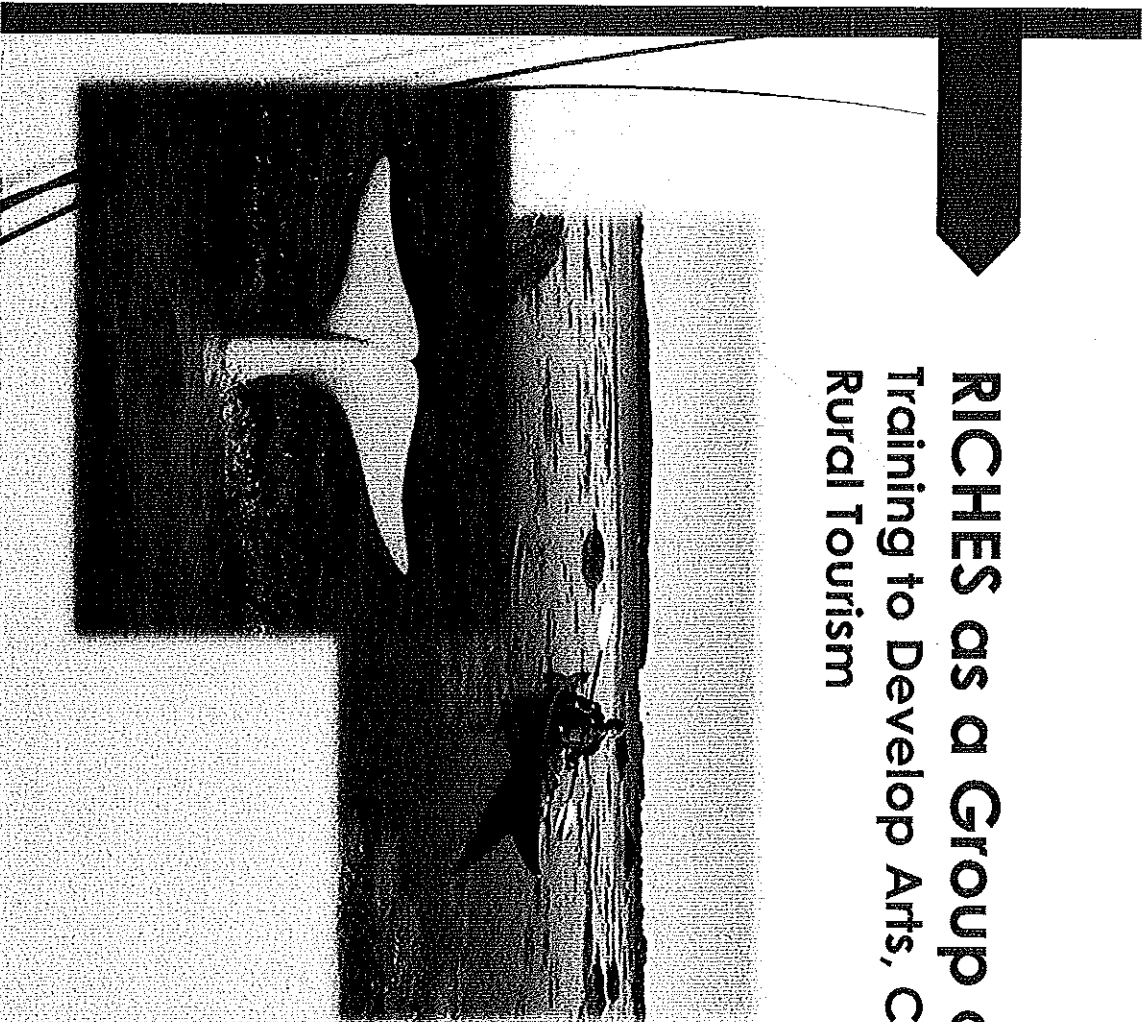
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Beluga Whale Sanctuary

- Possible RICHEs-Museum Relationship that will profile the Sanctuary in Nova Scotia:
- Maritime Museum of the Atlantic, Halifax Waterfront
- NS Museum of Natural History
- Fisheries Museum of the Atlantic in Lunenburg.
- Others...



RICHERS as a Group of Affiliated Museum Sites: Training to Develop Arts, Culture, Environment and Sustainable Rural Tourism



Beluga Whale Sanctuary

- Teaching space on marine values and our relationships with wild species.
- Part of a teaching space for marine ecology and sustainable eco-tourism.

Beluga Whale Sanctuary, RICHERS, and Our Community – Amazing together



Beluga Whale Sanctuary

- Sanctuary: International Profile, and a profound story to tell.
- RICHERS: Professional Institution attracting outstanding instructors and partners
- Community: Warm hospitality, rural and real, welcoming people from across the globe.



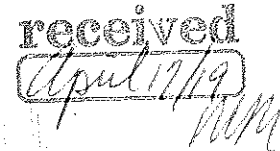
Cheryl Gallant

Member of Parliament
Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke
Member of Standing Committee on National Defence
Member of Standing Committee on Industry, Science and Technology



April 5th, 2019

St. Mary's District
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Dear St. Mary's District ,

This letter is to alert you to Bill C-68, another piece of interventionist federal legislation that will have a negative impact on your municipality, and on the property rights of your ratepayers.

Bill C-68, which is currently before the Senate, reverses changes to the Fisheries Act – changes which municipalities similar to yours requested our previous Conservative government to make.

Specifically, we amended the "HADD" provisions of the Act, (Harmful Alteration Disruption or Destruction of fish habitat).

One of the most significant problems identified by municipalities about the HADD provision was its broad application and restrictive nature, which ended up costing property taxpayers thousands of dollars, with no real or apparent benefit to the environment.

Municipalities which needed to install culverts or other flood mitigation work were in too many cases faced with negative enforcement after work was completed, with inconsistent guidance when they sought direction for compliance.

In addition to repealing our amendments, the current Federal Government has expanded the definition of "habitat," and added a new concept to the Act, "water flow."

By explicitly adding in the concept of water flow, which was not in the old legislation, the scope of offences municipalities can be charged with, have been greatly expanded.

Worst of all, rather than specifically listing what is and is not an offence under this legislation, including fines or jail, this power has been handed over to the unelected technocrats, to determine by regulation, what the penalties for non-compliance will be, after they have determined what is non-compliance.

As the longest consecutive serving Conservative MP in Ontario, representing a predominantly rural riding, I am very aware of the challenges rural and small-town municipalities have faced dealing with the Federal government.

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Mr. Michael Mosher
Warden
Municipality of the District of St. Mary's
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Dear Warden Mosher:

Thank you for your application for *Municipal Capacity Building* funding to support an economic impact analysis of the proposed gold mine at Cochrane Hill.

I am pleased to inform you that the Department of Municipal Affairs will contribute \$15,000 in matching funds to support this project.

I ask that once the analysis is complete that the final report and any supporting materials be shared with our Department.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chuck Porter".

Chuck Porter
Minister