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Mr. Stephane Ouellette, President
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Dear Mr. Ouellette:

I found the meeting with you, Dr. Tennyson and Mr. Johnston most informative, especially on the progress that has been made to develop Chapel Point as an historical and recreational site. I agree that the first step must be to purchase the site. For this purchase I wish to confirm my commitment that the Province will match in equal amount funds raised by interested parties in Cape Breton. This provincial commitment will remain in effect only until the end of the present fiscal year.

I believe that the project has considerable tourism potential and will be of lasting community benefit, as well as conserving an important aspect of the role Sydney Harbour played in the Second World War. I would urge you and others interested in this endeavour to make every effort to raise the necessary funds so that we can proceed co-operatively to realize the full recreational and historical potential of this area.

Yours very truly,

Roland J. Thornhill
Minister

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cc: Dr. Brian Tennyson
Councillor Murray Johnston