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Councillor Keith Rhyno  
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Dear Councillor Rhyno;

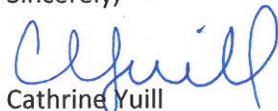
In follow up to our telephone discussion earlier today, I am providing the following letter for you to share with Council. The Maitland & District Development Association (MDDA) recently had the opportunity to meet with Kate Friars of the Municipality of East Hants staff. Ms. Friars shared an update on the Municipality's vision for the continued growth and development of the tremendous assets along Highway 215 including the community of Maitland. We were very pleased to learn that the Municipality believes that Dawson Dowell Park is an important asset that, with further development, could play an even stronger role as a key amenity serving and delighting tourists and the community.

The MDDA became owners of Dawson Dowell Park and the Wharf when the Federal Government was divesting itself of such properties many years ago. The MDDA felt strongly that this asset needed to be saved and developed to support the recreation of families living in the surrounding area. Significant funds have been raised and time and energy invested over the years to ensure that this property was developed and served as a special asset to the community and we are very proud of the accomplishments of the MDDA in this regard.

It has only been in recent years that the park's value as a tourist destination has become a focus. While the MDDA is interested in seeing the property developed to maximize its attraction and service to tourists, supporting economic growth for the area, the group is not resourced to make such a vision a reality. We were pleased to learn from Ms. Friars that given our shared vision, the Municipality may be interested in acquiring Dawson Dowell Park to take the lead in the continued development of the park.

Please accept this letter as our expression of interest to Council in pursuing this opportunity. We are pleased to enter further discussions as will be necessary to work out any details should Council decide to pursue this opportunity.

Sincerely,



Cathrine Yuill

Board President

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