



March 4, 2026

The Honourable Tim Houston  
Office of the Premier  
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1700 Granville Street  
Halifax, NS B3J 1X5

Dear Premier Houston,

On behalf of the Municipality of East Hants, I am writing to express concern regarding the decision to close the Lawrence House Museum.

Lawrence House is more than a historic building; it is an important part of community identity and pride in Maitland, preserving the shipbuilding and cultural history that helped shaped our province. For residents, it is both a gathering place and an educational resource. For visitors, it offers a meaningful way to better understand Nova Scotia's heritage. Museums like Lawrence House also help bring travelers beyond major urban centres into rural communities, where they support local businesses.

I respectfully urge you to reconsider this decision and sincerely hope the province will reflect on the long-term cultural and economic implications.

Regards

Eleanor Roulston

Warden, Municipality of East Hants

Cc: Honourable John A. MacDonald, MLA for Hants East, Minister of Municipal Affairs  
Honourable Dave Ritcey, Minister of Communities, Culture, Tourism & Heritage