

Hello Alain and Danny,

The Yarmouth County Agricultural Society has planned the Western NS Exhibition for the past 160 years. The Society is looking to expand the events and activities that happen during the exhibition to include cultural activities that bring together the different cultural groups that live within Southwestern Nova Scotia. We formed a sub society, the Western Nova Scotia Arts and Heritage Society which will bring the cultural groups together and create an event called the Western Nova Scotia Arts and Heritage Festival. It will be held in conjunction with the Western NS Exhibition at the Mariners Centre in Yarmouth, NS, August 4-7th, 2021. We aim to bring together the many different cultures that makeup Southwestern Nova Scotia including the Metis, Mi'kmaw, Acadians, Scottish, Lebanese, Vietnamese, African Nova Scotians, Jamaicans, Cubans, Mexicans, Chileans, and Filipinos. We want these cultures to showcase, to the public, the many different arts and crafts, dancing, singing and unique cultural traditions that are important to their culture and history. We will work with the various culture groups to bring demonstrations, musical acts, and historical information to the forefront of the event. We can't wait to make this event part of the Yarmouth's summer festivities and hope the Municipality of Argyle will support our endeavour.

The reason for my email today, is that we are in the process of submitting a grant application under Heritage Canada's Building Communities Through Arts and Heritage program to help support the creation of the Western Nova Scotia Arts and Heritage Festival. Part of the process is securing support from our local municipalities. I am attaching a form that is required to be included in the application. The form is asking Municipalities to indicate their funding support of the event. I know this request is outside of the normal budget period and I am not necessarily looking for confirmation of a grant amount but rather a show of support for our event. If you are unable to commit an amount at this time, I would appreciate it if you could provide a letter of intent to support our event that I can include with my application.

I know this is leaving it to the last minute but the deadline to submit my application is Sept 30th. In the past, they have allowed an extension on the submission of the municipal form where the budget for municipalities is not determined this time of year.

If you have any questions, please let me know. You can reach me by email or phone at 902-748-5633.

Thank you for your consideration in supporting this exciting new event.

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