

May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Hello Warden Smith and Trudy,

I would like to thank you for taking the time to meet with me today to discuss our plans for a new building at the Shelburne Co. Exhibition Grounds. We will be applying for a grant through the Green and Inclusive Community Buildings Program that is funded through the Federal Government. The preliminary cost for this project will be in the area of \$500,000.00 .

As per our discussion, we would like to request the support of the Municipality of Shelburne, in the form of a letter to the Federal Minister of Infrastructure, Catherine McKenna, highlighting how the Exhibition is a very intricate part of our community, placing emphasis on the cultural and financial impact, and how this new building will replace two aged buildings, thus increasing our usable square footage to 20,000 square feet.

I would like to give a little history of our Exhibition and how our committee is set up.

Our organization was incorporated in 1873, and we have been a registered non-profit organization with the Joint Stocks of Nova Scotia since 1985. Our committee is made up from a wide variety of people from our community, and these directors are a mixture of live stock owners, small business owners, fishermen and women, factory workers, 4-H representatives, senior citizens, and young adults. Our committee manages the facilities that make up the Shelburne County Agricultural Exhibition Association. We plan, organize and run multiple fund raising events to raise monies throughout the year, and we make every effort to support our community in many various ways. Our grounds never sit idle. Even through the winter months, we offer storage to the local community.

The Shelburne County Agricultural Exhibition is a very important part of Shelburne County. The events we host attract a lot of exhibitors, vendors and patrons, which in turn, brings financial gain to our local community.

The majority of our events are steeped in the history and culture of our fine county, as well as the Province of Nova Scotia and the addition of this new building will allow us continue our community,s much loved traditions.

Thanking you for you time and consideration of this matter, I remain,

James Matthews

President

Shelburne County Agricultural Exhibition