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Dear Mr. Skidmore:

RE: Ceilidh on the Lakes RV Campground

I am writing you to provide you information regarding archaeology requirements in Nova Scotia as they relate to your proposed development. The Department of Communities, Culture and Heritage strongly recommends that an archaeological resource impact assessment be carried out as part of your plans to build the Ceilidh on the Lakes RV Campground development.

Our Curatorial staff at the Nova Scotia Museum have reviewed the proposed development plans for the RV Park and noted that your property is in an area that has elevated potential for encountering archaeological resources. There are no recorded archaeology sites on file for these land parcels however, there are several factors that elevate the potential for archaeological resources. [REDACTED] The Bras d'Or Lakes and East Bay specifically are well-known to the Mi'kmaq and have been significant watercourses and resource use areas for hundreds of years. The parcels sit on the coast at Lochmore Harbour, which is quite sheltered and as such would likely have been an area used by the Mi'kmaq. I will also note that historic maps indicate the possibility of settlement in this area. Historic settlement was likely along the road, however, there are features identified near the shore at Lochmore Harbour.

The Archaeological Resource Impact Assessment would need to include a thorough background and historical review, a field reconnaissance of the parcels, and potentially shovel testing if deemed appropriate by the archaeologist.

I have attached a list of professional archaeologists who would be qualified for carrying out this work. Please feel free to contact me to discuss your project and the process for working with an archaeologist if you require more information.

Sincerely,

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Coordinator, Special Places

cc: Malcolm Gillis, Director Planning and Development, CBRM
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