

Appendix 4 Letters of Support

Entities responsible for Core and Buffer areas:

- Nova Scotia Environment *
- Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources *
- Nova Scotia Department of Economic and Rural Development *
- Nature Conservancy of Canada
- Bras d'Or Preservation Nature Trust
- Henry Fuller
- NewPage Port Hawkesbury
- Parks Canada
- Baddeck Village Commission

First Nations:

- Unama'ki Institute of Natural Resources

Municipal Governments:

- Municipality of the County of Richmond
- Cape Breton Regional Municipality
- Municipality of the County of Victoria

Federal & Provincial Agencies:

- Department of Fisheries and Oceans
- Environment Canada
- Nova Scotia Department of Tourism, Culture and Heritage
- Destination Cape Breton
- Strait-Highlands Regional Development Agency

Government – Community Collaboration:

- The Collaborative Environmental Planning Initiative (CEPI)

Community Groups:

- Bras d'Or Stewardship Society
- Stewards of the River Denys Watershed Association
- Central Cape Breton Community Ventures
- Bras d'Or Preservation Nature Trust
- Wallace MacAskill Yacht Club
- Celtic Colours Festival Society
- Cape Breton Centre for Craft and Design
- Silver Dart Centennial Association
- Centre for Sustainable Communities - Atlantic Coastal Action Program – Cape Breton

Industry:

- NewPage Port Hawkesbury

Academic:

- Cape Breton University
- Nova Scotia Community College – Strait Area Campus

Individual:

- Jim St. Clair

* (see Section 5 – Endorsements)



March 5, 2009

Jim Foulds Ph.D. CCEP (Biology)
 Bras D'Or Lakes Biosphere Reserve Association
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RE: Bras D'Or Lake World Biosphere submission

Dear Jim

The following letter is in response to our phone conversation in which you informed me of the submission of the Bras D'Or Lakes as a candidate for the World UNESCO Biosphere designation. The Nature Conservancy of Canada acknowledges that our Cape Breton properties referred to as the River Denys properties will potentially fall within the boundaries of the core area included in the proposal for the Bras D'Or Lake Biosphere Reserve.

We wish you the best of luck with your submission and look forward to the possibility of working with the Bras D'Or Lakes Biosphere Reserve Association as partners in the future to protect ecologically significant habitat and species in the Bras D'Or Lakes Biosphere Area should its designation be approved.

Sincerely,

Kendra MacDonald
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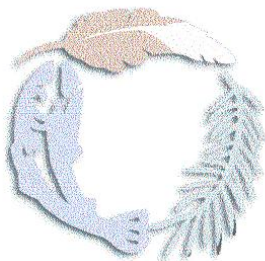
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February 26, 2009

To whom it may concern:

The Bras d'Or Preservation Nature Trust, formerly know as the Bras d'Or Preservation Foundation, holds the following Conservation Easements:

- 1) the "Beinn Bhreagh Easement" granted by the late Mabel H. Grosvenor covering environmentally and historically important lands and buildings at Beinn Bhreagh, Baddeck, Victoria County, Nova Scotia; and
- 2) the "Pony's Point Easements" granted by Diana Russell covering environmentally important lands at Maskell Harbour, Victoria County, Nova Scotia; and
- 3) the "Boulacett Farms Easement" granted by Devereux Barker, Henry H. Anderson, Jr. and Lawrence R. Glenn covering environmentally important lands at Maskell Harbour, Victoria County, Nova Scotia.

The Bras d'Or Preservation Nature Trust acknowledges that the properties to which these Conservation Easements relate have been designated as part of the core areas in the Nomination Submission from Canada for the Bras d'Or Lake Biosphere Reserve.

We strongly support the inclusion of these easements as part of the proposed Bras d'Or Lake Biosphere Reserve.

Grosvenor Blair,
Chairman

**Henry W. Fuller
PO Box 247
Baddeck, NS B0E 1B0**

2009-03-21

RE: Bras d'Or Biosphere Reserve Initiative

Dear Sirs,

I am writing this letter to add my support to the current campaign to have the Bras d'Or Lakes and its watershed designated a Biosphere Reserve as per the committee's mandate.

I have no problem as owner of the 175 acre Birch Point Nature Reserve at the entrance of the Washabuck River to include this shore front property in the core area.

Sincerely,



Henry W. Fuller



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April 14, 2008

Teresa MacNeil
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Dear Teresa,

Thank you for giving UINR the opportunity to review the information you have provided to date concerning the Bras d'Or Lake Biosphere Reserve Association's proposed nomination to UNESCO for the designation of the Bras d'Or Lakes as a World Biosphere Reserve.

We would like at this time to inform you that the Unama'ki Institute of Natural Resources is interested in supporting the designating of the Bras d'Or Lakes as a Biosphere with some conditions. The Board has reviewed the draft Cooperation Plan and have identified the following as areas for further discussion:

That participation with the BLBRA in pursuing this designation not be construed as consultation especially where it may concern any new areas being proposed by the government to have expanded legal protection. Any such effort should go through the consultation process;

That the Chief and Council of each band need to be approached individually on matters that concern their respective reserve lands;

And that the Cooperation document also be reviewed to ensure more direct communication with UINR for matters concerning the Mi'kmaq of Unama'ki.

We would like to applaud you for your passionate efforts to promote the sustainable use of the Lakes for future generations and look forward to working with your organization more closely in the future as you proceed with the necessary steps in achieving this designation.

Sincerely

Chief Charlie Dennis

Director, UINR

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Unama'ki Cape Breton First Nations



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February 11, 2010

Dr. Teresa MacNeil, Chair
Bras D'Or Lake Biosphere Reserve Association
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Dear Dr. MacNeil:

The following resolution was unanimously adopted at the February 8, 2010 meeting of Richmond Municipal Council:

“Moved by Deputy Warden MacNeil, seconded by Councillor Johnson that Council accept the recommendation of the Committee of the Whole and give approval to the biosphere designation of the Bras D'Or Lakes. Motion carried.”

Please contact us, if you require any further information.

Sincerely yours,

Karen Doyle
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December 18, 2008

Mr. Jim Foulds
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Re: Bras d'Or Lake Designation as World Biosphere Reserve

Dear Mr. Foulds,

At the December 16th, 2008 meeting of the Cape Breton Regional Municipal Council, Council unanimously endorsed a motion requesting correspondence be forwarded supporting the Bras d'Or Lake designation as a World Biosphere Reserve.

Your presentation at CBRM Council in November provided information on the importance of retaining this pristine area as a Biosphere Reserve.

Please accept this letter as endorsement from the Cape Breton Regional Municipality for your efforts to have UNESCO declare this area as a World Biosphere Reserve.

On behalf of Mayor Morgan and Council, we wish you all the best, and hope that this will provide assistance with the UNESCO selection process.

Yours truly,

Bernie White
Municipal Clerk

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MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF VICTORIA



March 11, 2009

Dr. Teresa MacNeil, Chair
 Bras d'Or Lake Biosphere Reserve Association
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Dear Dr. MacNeil:

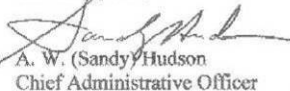
Re: Bras d'Or Lake Biosphere Reserve Designation

Further to your presentation to Municipal Council, on the above captioned matter, I am pleased to advise you that the Municipality of the County of Victoria has adopted a motion giving its support to your application for nomination as a world biosphere reserve under the UNESCO *Man and the Biosphere* Program.

Council appreciated the time and effort that you and your group have devoted to this project, and they particularly appreciated the extra effort you put into answering their questions and concerns.

On behalf of the Municipality, I wish you and your group, success in the next steps towards the designation.

Sincerely yours,



A. W. (Sandy) Hudson
 Chief Administrative Officer

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Teresa MacNeil
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Dear Ms. MacNeil:

Re: Letter of Support: Biosphere Reserve Association

Thank you for our Department's invitation to attend your recent Biosphere Reserve Association meeting in Baddeck on February 5, 2009. Mike Murphy relayed to me that he found it both informative and insightful to the challenges of advancing the UNESCO Man and the Biosphere Program for the important ecosystem of the Bras d'Or Lake. Your group has obviously put a tremendous amount of time and energy into this initiative and for that you must be commended.

As we have discussed, our Department has been heavily engaged in supporting the development of an overall management plan for the Bras d'Or Lake and watershed lands through the Bras d'Or Collaborative Environmental Planning Initiative (CEPI). The CEPI is a broad partnership of First Nation, federal, provincial, and municipal governments, industry, NGOs, academia and community who are working together toward this goal. The Bras d'Or remains our key Coastal Management Area in Nova Scotia and this plan and its eventual implementation will serve to ensure that it remains a healthy and productive ecosystem for its residents today and into the future.

As the goals of our work through CEPI and your organization are complimentary, we would be pleased to offer our endorsement to your efforts. By doing so we acknowledge the value in recognizing the Bras d'Or as a special area, as your organization is seeking to formally establish. This endorsement does not however commit our Department to any particular support for the Biosphere Reserve Association, but we will continue to assist where possible and work to advance improved management of the Bras d'Or Lake and watershed through the Collaborative Environmental Planning Initiative.

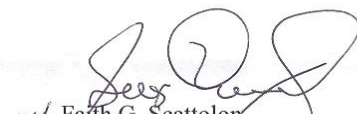
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Ms. MacNeil

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Once again, on behalf of our Department, we wish you every success in advancing the Biosphere Reserve Designation for the Bras d'Or Lake.

Yours sincerely,


Faith G. Scattolon,
Regional Director-General
Maritimes Region

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J. Reid
D. Duggan
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Teresa MacNeil
 15531 Route 4, Johnstown
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March 30, 2009

Dear Ms. MacNeil:

Re: **Letter of Support: Biosphere Reserve Association**

Environment Canada has been and continues to be heavily engaged in supporting the development of an overall management plan for the Bras d'Or Lake and watershed lands through the Bras d'Or Collaborative Environmental Planning Initiative. The Collaborative Environmental Planning Initiative is a broad partnership of First Nation, federal, provincial, and municipal governments, industry, NGOs, academia and community who are working together toward this goal. The Bras d'Or remains a key coastal area in Nova Scotia and this plan and its eventual implementation will serve to ensure that it remains a healthy and productive ecosystem for its residents today and into the future.

As the goals of the work through the Collaborative Environmental Planning Initiative and your organization are complimentary, we would be pleased to offer our endorsement to your efforts. By doing so we acknowledge the value in recognizing the Bras d'Or as a special area, as your organization is seeking to formally establish. This endorsement does not however commit Environment Canada to any particular support for the Biosphere Reserve Association, but we will continue to assist where possible and work to advance improved management of the Bras d'Or Lake and watershed through the Collaborative Environmental Planning Initiative.

Once again, on behalf of Environment Canada, we wish you every success in advancing the Biosphere Reserve Designation for the Bras d'Or Lake.

Yours sincerely,


 Jackie Olsen,
 Acting Regional Director General
 Environment Canada – Atlantic

Cc: Guy Rochon
 Daniel Lebel



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January 12, 2009

Teresa MacNeil
Chair, Bras D'or Lake Biosphere Reserve Association
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Dear Teresa:

I would like to confirm Parks Canada - Cape Breton Field Unit - support for the Bras d'or Lakes Biosphere Reserve proposal. The success of the Bras D'or Lake Biosphere Reserve Association in achieving consensus among the many stakeholders, government agencies and First Nations is quite remarkable.

It would be very much appreciated if the Parks Canada lands at both Alexander Bell National Historic Site of Canada and St. Peter's Canal National Historic Site of Canada are designated as Buffer Lands within the proposed biosphere reserve.

Parks Canada has a long and beneficial relationship with many Biosphere Reserves within Canada. We will be pleased to be an active participant in the Bras D'or Lakes.

Please accept my best wishes for a successful nomination.

Sincerely,

A.C. (Chip) Bird
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Bras d'Or Lake Biosphere Reserve Association
Attn: Jim Foulds
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Dear Mr. Foulds:


Thank you for your correspondence of February 9, 2009.

The Village of Baddeck understands that the Bras d'Or Lake Biosphere Reserve Association would like to include Kidston Island as one area designated as a buffer zone in the Associations' nomination of the Bras d'Or Lakes and its watershed as a United Nations Biosphere Reserve.

From our conversations, we understand that you are satisfied that what currently happens on the island maintains the natural environment while still being used by people. You have stated that the Village's agreement to have Kidston Island identified as a buffer zone does not have any effect on what the Village does or does not do on the island but is a recognition of the present use of the island.

In light of the above the Village of Baddeck hereby acknowledges that the Village agrees to have Kidston Island recognized as a buffer zone in your nomination of the Bras d'Or Lakes and its watershed as a United Nations Biosphere Reserve.

Yours very truly
Village of Baddeck,



Per: Edward Keeling: Chairman

"The Beginning and End of the Cabot Trail"

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Ms. Teresa MacNeil, Chair
Bras d'Or Lake Biosphere Reserve Association
15531 Route 4, Johnstown
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Dear Ms. MacNeil:

Thank you for sending a copy of the March 4, 2008 draft nomination document for the proposed UNESCO Bras d'Or Lake Biosphere for our review and comment.

I would like to acknowledge the dedication and hard work of the volunteers as this nomination document presents a major accomplishment given the numerous interested parties involved with the Bras d'Or Lake.

From a tourism perspective, we feel Section 14.2 fairly represents the tourism activity for the area. If the Lake receives UNESCO Biosphere designation, we recommend incorporating interpretation of the designation and its significance into existing attractions such as the Bras d'Or Lake Interpretive Centre.

We believe visitors are interested in learning about our sustainable practices and the values we put on our special places. Partners like Destination Cape Breton can help communicate this messaging as part of their promotion and marketing activities for Cape Breton Island.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the nomination document and all the best towards a successful nomination. If you have any questions, please contact Darlene MacDonald, Acting Director, Development and Planning at (902) 424-4021 or macdarm@gov.ns.ca to discuss further.

Yours truly,



Kelliann Dean
Deputy Minister

CC: Darlene MacDonald, Acting Director, Developing and Planning



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February 18, 2009

Ms. Theresa MacNeil
 Bras d'Or Lakes Biosphere Preserve
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Re: Nomination to UNESCO for Bras d'Or Lakes Biosphere Reserve

Dear Ms. MacNeil:

Destination Cape Breton Association would like to offer its support to your efforts with regard to the Bras d'Or Lakes Biosphere Reserve.

As you may be aware a committee of operators and stakeholders in the Nova Scotia tourism industry have created the Nova Scotia Strategy for Sustainable Coastal Tourism Development as a foundation for a long-term sustainable future for tourism; one that is well mapped out and offers opportunity for real growth.

The committee, including Nova Scotia Tourism Culture and Heritage, the Tourism Association of Nova Scotia (TIANS), the Nova Scotia Tourism Partnership Council, Destination Cape Breton Association, and other Regional Tourism Industry Associations has adopted the definition of **sustainable tourism** from Canada's Code of Ethics and Guidelines for Sustainable Tourism (March 2005) for the purpose of the strategy:

"Sustainable Tourism actively fosters appreciation and stewardship of the natural, cultural and historic resources and special places by local

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residents, the tourism industry, government and visitors. It is tourism which is viable over the long term because it results in a net benefit for the social, economic, natural and cultural environments of the area in which it takes place."

We applaud your work on this project.

Yours truly,



Sandra MacDonald, GM
Destination Cape Breton Association



Mar 7, 2008

Theresa MacNeil
Bras d'Or Lake Biosphere Reserve Association
15531 Route 4, Johnstown
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Dear Theresa,

Thank you for your correspondence dated February 14 regarding Bras d'Or Lakes Biosphere Reserve Associations' (BLBRA) invitation for the Strait-Highlands Regional Development Agency (s-HRDA) to provide input on the draft Cooperation Plan sent and to become a participating member of the Cooperation Plan.

Karen and I have read over the Cooperation Plan and feel the Plan is well articulated with comprehensive goals and priority initiatives. We think you and the committee has done a fine job and we have nothing to add to the document.

As you know Theresa, the Strait-Highlands RDA is most supportive of the efforts of the BLBRA to achieve World Biosphere Reserve designation for the Bras d'Or Lake. Over the last few years the S-HRDA has been able to assist the BLBRA in some specific tasks as requested: 1) mapping out an outline of a communication strategy, 2) providing content for Section 14 of the Application (addressing economic sustainability) and 3) channeling funding for your brochure, etc.

In respect to the S-HRDA becoming participating member on the governance structure, we must inform you that the S-HRDA is not in the position to make that commitment due solely to the time commitment of development officers. Please be assured if the BLBRA asked the S-HRDA to provide some assistance on a particular job or initiative, the S-HRDA will do our best to accommodate. Also, if applicable, the S-HRDA would consider becoming a member of the organization for the purposes of communication and support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Blaine'.

Blaine A. Gillis
Chief Executive Officer

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December 14, 2006

Dr. Teresa MacNeil, Chair
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Dear Dr. MacNeil:

Re: University support for the Bras d'Or Man and the Biosphere Reserve

As a follow up to your memo of 6 October, Dr. Bruce Hatcher and I met recently with President John Harker at Cape Breton University to discuss the role that the University might play in advancing the nomination of the Bras d'Or Lakes as a UNESCO Man and the Biosphere Reserve.

We recognize the relevance and value of the initiative, and are supportive of both the concept and the process. Our feeling is that the initiative must be obviously and demonstrably based in the greater community of the Bras d'Or. It can not be or be seen to be owned or led by the University as the University is not an advocacy organization, but rather a provider of a diversity of educational and informational services to the community.

The University has expertise and information that may advance the application, and wishes to make these available as personal inclination, time and budget allow. Similarly, the University has facilities that may be used to facilitate the process, and is willing to make these available as other commitments allow.

As Director of the Bras d'Or Institute and the University Chair in Marine Ecosystem Research, Dr. Hatcher is designated as the institution's person of contact for the Association. His continuing involvement and contribution to the nomination process is endorsed by both the President and me, and he is empowered to provide assistance through the Bras d'Or Institute at his discretion. The budget of the Bras d'Or Institute is modest, but of course, there are ways that it can assist with in-kind contributions, and you can count on Dr. Hatcher to secure and allocate these to the best of his ability.

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Dr. Teresa MacNeil, Chair
December 14, 2006
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I hope that this endorsement is satisfactory to you and the Board of Directors. Please feel free to contact me at your convenience so that we can discuss a work plan.

Sincerely,



Anthony Secco, Ph.D.
Vice-President (Academic & Research) and
Professor of Chemistry

Copy: Dr. John Harker, President,
Dr. Bruce Hatcher, Director of the Bras d'Or Institute & University Chair in Marine Ecosystem
Research

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Dr. Teresa MacNeil
Chair
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Feb. 28, 2009


Dear Dr. MacNeil,

The Bras D'Or Lake is a treasure in the heart of Cape Breton Island. The Nova Scotia Community College is taking a leadership role in the province in regards to environmental sustainability. We recognize the responsibility that we all have to protect our environment in a responsible and sustainable manner.

Our campus has reviewed your application for nomination of the Bras D'Or Lake and its watershed as a world biosphere reserve under the UNESCO *Man and the Biosphere* Program. We are pleased to support the objectives of conservation and heritage protection of the lake and its watershed and the sustainable development of the resources and communities it encompasses.

On behalf of the Strait Area Campus of the Nova Scotia Community College, I am pleased to confirm our endorsement of the application document for the proposed Bras D'Or Lake Biosphere Reserve.

Sincerely,



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Feb 9, 2009


Teresa MacNeil
Chair
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Dear Ms. MacNeil,

I have recently reviewed the draft application for nomination of the Bras D'Or Lake and its watershed as a world biosphere reserve under the UNESCO *Man and the Biosphere* Program. We are very pleased to have been part of this initiative and support its objective of enhancement of conservation and heritage protection of the lake and its watershed and the sustainable development of the resources and communities it encompasses.

On behalf of NewPage Port Hawkesbury Corp, I am pleased to hereby confirm our endorsement of the application document for the proposed Bras D'Or Lake Biosphere Reserve.

Yours sincerely,


Russ Waycott
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February 9, 2009

Jim Foulds, Ph.D. CCEP (Biology)
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Dear Jim:

As we have discussed in the past, NewPage Port Hawkesbury is pleased to have its lands considered buffer areas as part of the Bras D'Or Lakes Biosphere reserve application. We have been aware of and involved with the project for some time now, and we feel it will be a positive contribution to the culture, economy and environment of Eastern Nova Scotia in general, and the Bras D'Or Lakes watershed in particular.

Again, good luck, and thank you for the opportunity to participate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Easthouse".

Kari Easthouse
Manager, Forest Resources

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February 24, 2009 @brasdorcepi.ca

Dear Ms. MacNeil:

I am pleased to acknowledge your letter's request (January 30, 2009) to the Steering Committee of the Bras d'Or Lakes Collaborative Environmental Planning Initiative [CEPI] for endorsement of the nomination document for the designation of the Bras d'Or Lakes and its watershed as a UNESCO Man and the Biosphere Reserve.

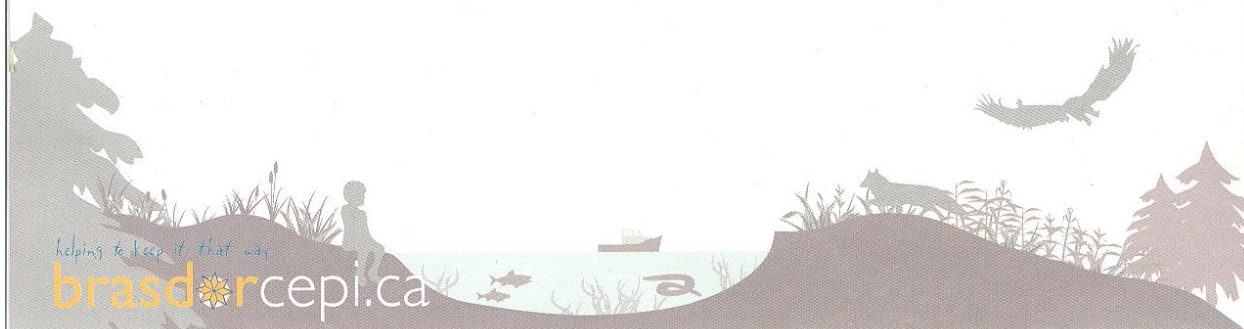
The Bras d'Or Lakes watershed designation as a UNESCO Man and the Biosphere Reserve is in keeping with the vision and objectives of the Bras d'Or Lakes Collaborative Environmental Planning Initiative. (Ref. Bras d'Or Charter attached).

The Bras d'Or Lakes CEPI Steering Committee has agreed, upon your successful achievement of the designation, to invite a representative from the Bras d'Or Lake Biosphere Reserve Association as a sitting member of the Steering Committee. We look forward to this as an opportunity to collaborate with your association in working toward our common and/or complementary goals.


We commend the Bras d'Or Lake Biosphere Reserve Association for their persistence and hard work toward obtaining this recognition for the Bras d'Or Lakes watershed. We agree that the watershed is a unique treasure which we must strive to maintain not only as a healthy ecosystem but also a sustainable human community for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Charlie Dennis, Chair



Bras d'Or Charter




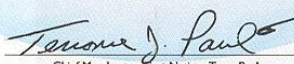


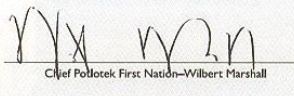




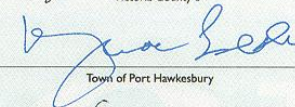
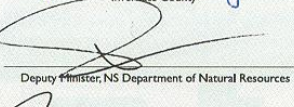






**Bras d'Or Lakes
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Collaborative Environmental
Planning Initiative




VISION
To lead a unique collaboration of partners that incorporate both traditional Mi'kmaq and western perspectives in order to foster a healthy and productive Bras d'Or Lakes Watershed ecosystem

PURPOSE
To develop an overall management plan for the Bras d'Or Lakes Watershed ecosystem and to facilitate its implementation by governments and other relevant stakeholders

OBJECTIVES
A balance of environmental, social, cultural and institutional objectives will be pursued to ensure the health and sustainable use of the Bras d'Or Lakes Watershed ecosystem

By signing this Bras d'Or Charter, we commit to work together to pursue the vision, purpose and objectives outlined for the Bras d'Or Lakes Watershed by the Collaborative Environmental Planning Initiative. (CEPI) Signed on 23 November 2005 at Eskasoni, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia.

 Chief Wagmatcook First Nation—Lester Pool	 Chief Membertou First Nation—Terry Paul	 Chief Eskasoni First Nation—Blair Francis
 Chief We'koqma'q First Nation—Sandy Googoo	 Chief Pollotek First Nation—Wilbert Marshall	 Cape Breton Regional Municipality
 Victoria County	 Inverness County	 Richmond County
 Town of Port Hawkesbury	 Deputy Minister, NS Department of Natural Resources	 Deputy Minister, NS Department of Agriculture and Fisheries
 Deputy Minister, NS Department of Aboriginal Affairs	 Deputy Minister, NS Department of Environment and Labour	 Regional Director General, Atlantic, Environment Canada
 Regional Director General, Department of Fisheries and Oceans	 Regional Director General, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada	

Collaborative Environmental Planning Initiative



The Bras d'Or Stewardship Society

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February 16, 2009

Dr. Teresa MacNeil, Chair
Bras d'Or Lake Biosphere Reserve Association
15531 Route 4, Johnstown
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B0E 3B0

Dear Dr. MacNeil:

RE: Bras d'Or Lake Biosphere Reserve Application

I am pleased to have recently received and reviewed the virtually completed application document requesting designation of the Bras d'Or Lake under the UNESCO Man and the Biosphere Program. We are pleased to have endorsed this initiative since its earliest concept and provided written and tangible support throughout.

The Bras d'Or Stewardship Society was incorporated as a not-for-profit organization under the Nova Scotia Societies Act in August 1997. We have worked alone and in collaboration with other organizations such as Municipal Government councils, Aboriginal communities, and private corporations to improve the environmental health and prospects for the future sustainability of the Lake and its environs. Real improvements have been made in the reduction of contaminants and impurities discharged into the Lake. Stronger controls are now in place to monitor and manage materials discharged from pleasure craft and commercial vessels traveling the Lake.

In addition and equally important have been measures taken by the municipal governments of the four counties whose lands border the Lake. For example, the Inverness County took steps to eliminate risks from landfill sites near the Lake and also to improve control of municipal waste water discharge into Whycocomagh Bay. Victoria County installed a new and modern sewage treatment plant at Baddeck. Cape Breton Regional Municipality had initiated early phases of improved land use development practices for properties adjacent to the Lake. And Richmond County has installed newly upgraded sewage treatment facilities and a water



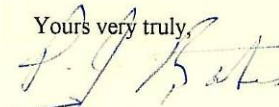
"Our Goal is to Protect, Conserve and Restore the Bras d'Or Lakes"

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supply system in and near St. Peters. The foregoing are merely a few examples of the constructive steps taken over the past decade and a half, many of which you will already be aware. Most satisfying is the attitudinal change and vastly increased sense of awareness as to the importance of the Bras d'Or Lake and commitment to its sustainability in future years.

Therefore, I am pleased to reconfirm the endorsement by the Bras d'Or Stewardship Society of the application document for the proposed Bras d'Or Lake Biosphere Reserve. We are convinced such a designation will serve to sanctify the hard work and tangible measures already taken by our citizens to ensure a healthy and sustainable future for a great Canadian resource.

Yours very truly,



P. J. (Pat) Bates
Chairman



Feb 17,2009

Teresa MacNeil
Chair
Bras d'or Lake Biosphere Reserve Association
15531 Route 4, Johnstown
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Dear Ms. MacNeil,

I have reviewed the draft application for nomination of the Bras d'or Lake and its watershed as a world biosphere reserve under the UNESCO Man and the Biosphere Program. As Stewards of the River Denys Watershed Association(SRDWA), we are concerned with restoring, maintaining, and protecting the aquatic environment of the Denys Basin watershed. We are in agreement that the proposed biosphere reserve will be able to fulfill the three functions of conservation, development and logistic support for the Bras d'or lake.

On behalf of the Stewards of the River Denys Watershed Association(SRDWA), I am pleased to confirm our endorsement of the application document for the proposed Bras d'or Lake Biosphere Reserve.

Yours truly,
Robert B. Livingstone
Robert Livingstone
President of SRDWA

Central Cape Breton Community Ventures Inc.

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February 12, 2009

Ms. Teresa MacNeil, Chair
Bras d'Or Lake Biosphere Reserve Association
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Dear Ms. MacNeil:

Our community-based, not-for-profit company has been enthusiastically following the progress of the Bras d'Or Lake Biosphere Reserve application for several years now, and so it is with great pleasure that we write you this letter.

It is without reservation then, that on behalf of Central Cape Breton Community Ventures Inc. I am pleased to formally confirm and endorse your Association's application for the Bras d'Or Lake Biosphere Reserve. We realize that the application process has been long and exciting but also enlightening, educational and enjoyable.

The executive, Board and membership of our Company wishes you every success in this outstanding endeavor.

Yours truly,



Ann Marie MacNeil
Secretary, On behalf of Central Cape Breton Community Ventures Inc.

November 29, 2007

Dr. Teresa MacNeil

Chair, Bras d'Or Lake Biosphere

Reserve Association

15531 Route #4, Johnstown

St. Peter's, Nova Scotia B0E 3B0



Dear Teresa:

On behalf of the Wallace MacAskill Yacht Club, I am pleased to submit this letter of support for your association's initiative to have the Bras d'Or Lake nominated as a UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve.

Our club enjoys great benefits due to our location on the Bras d'Or Lake. We appreciate the natural beauty and generally clean and healthy state of the lake and its watershed area and support all efforts to help conserve what we have for present and future generations. We concur that obtaining UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve status would be a significant step toward raising greater public awareness of the lake, promote its many benefits and remind us of the kind of behaviour and development that could threaten this important natural asset.

As a recreational organization focused on boating, our club and its members plan and run programs which we intend to reinforce safe and responsible behaviour on the water, and to help open the opportunities of recreation and sportsmanship on the water to youth and the general public. Due to our strategic location near the canal and ocean entry to the lake, our club members meet many visiting boaters when they arrive in the lake from ports around the globe, and the effect of these experiences helps keep our members from taking all this for granted, and reminds us of the value of the natural asset we have here, right in our own backyards.

Programs of our club which aim to encourage safe and responsible boating include:

- a sailing school that offers nationally accredited sailing instruction programs (CYA approved courses and certified instructors) for young people and the general public. Our school also operates, and has been publicly recognized for, its innovative sailing instruction programs for people with disabilities. To this end we offer individualized instruction based on personal needs of disabled youth and adults, using our Access dinghies which are specialized for this purpose.


- our club hosts and operates 3 annual weekend sailing regattas which each combine one or two days of sailboat racing with social events. These events showcase our area for visiting sailors, and others who come to participate or watch, and enable us to share our love of the sport and our pride in our area

- we also have staged, for the past two years, an illuminated parade of boats which has become a very popular event attracting participants and observers to the lake shore at St. Peter's for a great evening of entertainment

These activities are focused on creating opportunities for healthy and safe enjoyment of the lake, and at the same time these events help to create and sustain public awareness and appreciation for what is special about our location, and we believe this helps underline, for all our members, the importance of ongoing stewardship of the Bras d'Or Lake so that it can be enjoyed and appreciated for generations to come.

If our club can be of further assistance to your Association as you work towards your goals, please do not hesitate to call on us again.

Sincerely,



Greg Silver

Vice Commodore

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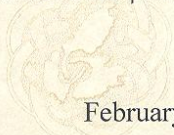
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INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL



February 5, 2010

Teresa MacNeil, Chair,
Bras d'Or Lake Biosphere Reserve Association,
15531 Route 4,
Johnstown, NS
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Dear Dr. MacNeil,

The Celtic Colours Festival Society would like to express our support for the proposal to designate the Bras d'Or Lake and its watershed as a UNESCO Man and the Biosphere Reserve. We appreciate that the Biosphere Reserve will be a place that promotes sustainable futures through a healthy environment, a healthy society, a healthy culture and a healthy economy. We share those goals.

The annual Celtic Colours International Festival is an example of how a living culture and its celebration can be an integral part of a society's social, cultural and economic sustainability. The festival, now in its 14th year, brings thousands of tourists to Cape Breton Island and generates over 5 million dollars into the local economy each year.

We applaud your organization for bringing this forward and wish you all the best for a successful nomination.

Sincerely,

Jacquelyn Scott

Dr. Jacquelyn Thayer Scott, O.C., LL.D.(Hons.), Dipl.(Hons.)
Chair, Celtic Colours Festival Society





February 25, 2010

To Whom it May Concern,

The Silver Dart Centennial Association is a not for profit volunteer organization which has been established to celebrate the legacy of the first manned powered flight in Canada, which occurred from the frozen Bras d'Or Lakes in 1909. A group of aviation pioneers were led by Alexander Graham Bell in a process of creativity and ingenuity, a process which would change our nation's history forever.

In the spirit of that innovation, today we would like to offer our support for the establishment of the Bras d'Or Lakes Biosphere Reserve. We feel that designating the Bras d'Or Lakes as a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve will help to foster the partnership which the original Silver Dart inventors held so dear and which they so clearly represented. We realize that biosphere reserves are part of UNESCO's Man and the Biosphere program, thereby including human activity as part of the reality of conserving a selected area.

The Silver Dart Centennial Association recognizes that the potential of the Bras d'Or Lakes lies in its waters, its surrounding lands, and in its people. We look forward to the opportunities that can come from this designation for the entire Bras d'Or Lakes communities.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Shane MacFarlane'.

Shane MacFarlane
Chair, Silver Dart Centennial Association

Silver Dart Centennial Association PO Box 2009 Baddeck N.S. B0E 1B0 (902) 295-2009



February 20, 2010

To Whom it May Concern,


ACAP Cape Breton would like to offer support for the establishment of the Bras d'Or Lakes Biosphere Reserve. We feel that designating the Bras d'Or Lakes as a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve will help to foster co-operation in environmental stewardship and sustainable approaches to ensuring the health of the Lakes and surrounding watershed.

ACAP Cape Breton is a multi faceted, not for profit organization, with a strong community vision of: "A clean and healthy environment, a prosperous economy and population that is educated and empowered to make responsible choices for a sustainable future." Established in 1992, ACAP's original mission was to develop a comprehensive ecosystem management plan for the watershed area of industrial Cape Breton. Our organization has grown into a dynamic group that integrates environmental, social and economic factors into projects focusing on action, education and ecosystem planning. We feel our mission is certainly in sync with the intent of the proposed Biosphere Reserve.

It is our understanding that biosphere reserves are part of UNESCO's Man and the Biosphere program, and therefore includes human activity as part of the reality of conserving a selected area. We are especially interested in learning from the UNESCO global network known for promoting exchange of information, experience and personnel.

ACAP Cape Breton looks forward to the opportunities that can come from this designation and enthusiastically support the fact that the Bras d'Or Lakes and its watershed be nominated for UNESCO Biosphere Reserve status.

Sincerely,



Eleanor Anderson
Executive Director

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