

## **News Releases and Media Advisories**

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### **GOVERNMENT OF CANADA SUPPORTS THE RESTORATION OF THINKERS' LODGE NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE**

*Pugwash, Nova Scotia*

The Government of Canada is making a major investment in Phase Two of the restoration of Thinkers' Lodge National Historic Site in Pugwash, Nova Scotia and in the development of key strategic plans to guide the development of the site.

"Our government is pleased to support the Cumberland Regional Economic Development Association (CREDA) in its work to preserve Thinkers' Lodge National Historic Site," said Scott Armstrong, Member of Parliament for Cumberland- Colchester-Musquodoboit Valley, on behalf of the Honourable Keith Ashfield, Minister of National Revenue, Minister of the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA) and Minister for the Atlantic Gateway. "Thinkers' Lodge is known as the birthplace of the Pugwash movement, a transnational organization that led the movement for a nuclear free world, and for which it received the 1995 Nobel Prize for Peace. Our government is honoured to help in the restoration of this treasured historic site."

The project is the second phase of an extensive restoration project to bring Thinkers' Lodge back to its original status as a significant heritage property and a beacon for world peace. The multi-year project involves the interior restoration of Thinkers' Lodge building and enhancement of the grounds, and will include the development of an interpretative master plan, business plan and marketing strategy.

The project is receiving \$750,000 from ACOA's Innovative Communities Fund. The other funding partners involved include Nova Scotia Tourism, Culture and Heritage (\$30,000); the Municipality of the County of Cumberland (\$50,000); the Cumberland Regional Economic Development Association (\$121,000); and the Pugwash Park Commission (\$50,000).

"The Nova Scotia government is proud to support Thinkers' Lodge National Historic Site, a unique and inspirational place offering a living history experience for those who seek to build a better world for future generations," said Percy Paris, Minister of Economic and Rural Development and Tourism. "The interpretive plan will allow Cyrus Eaton's fascinating story to be told in an engaging and informative way that will attract visitors to the region."

"This is a great day for Thinkers' Lodge National Historic Site, for the Village of Pugwash and Cumberland County and for the international movement toward a world free of Nuclear Weapons," said John Eaton, Chair of the Pugwash Park Commission.

**FOR BROADCAST USE:**

The Government of Canada is investing a total of \$750,000 in Phase Two of the restoration of the landmark Thinkers' Lodge National Historic Site in Pugwash, Nova Scotia. The federal funding, announced by MP Scott Armstrong, is supporting restoration work to the interior and exterior of the facility and the development of key strategic plans to guide the development of the site.

Thinkers' Lodge is the birthplace of the Pugwash movement, a transnational organization which led the movement for a nuclear-free world – a campaign that won the institute the 1995 Nobel Prize for Peace.

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