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His Worship Mayor Laurence Mawhinney
Town of Lunenburg
119 Cumberland St PO Box 129
Lunenburg NS B0J 2C0

**Re: Planned demolition of 164 Cumberland Street, Lunenburg, Nova Scotia –
UNESCO World Heritage Site**

Dear Mayor Mawhinney,

I am writing on behalf of the Heritage Canada Foundation (HCF) to register strong objections to Lunenburg Town Council's issuance of a certificate of appropriateness for the demolition of 164 Cumberland Street.

164 Cumberland is one of 400 Old Town buildings included in Lunenburg's World Heritage designation by UNESCO in 1995.

I understand that both the Lunenburg Heritage Advisory Committee and the Lunenburg Heritage Society have advised the Town Council against proceeding with demolition.

Given the lack of a management plan for the World Heritage Site, the current work underway to revise Lunenburg's heritage by-law, and the lack of expert opinion on the physical state of the structure in question, it is premature and inappropriate to approve the demolition of this building.

By copy of this letter, I am also informing the World Heritage Center and the Head of the Canadian Delegation of this situation, and of HCF's position against the proposed demolition.

Yours sincerely,

Natalie Bull, Executive Director

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- cc. Francesco Bandarin, Director, UNESCO World Heritage Centre
- Mechtild Rössler, Chief of Europe and North America Section, World Heritage Centre
- Larry Ostola, Head of Canadian Delegation, UNESCO World Heritage Committee
- Peter Delefes, President, Nova Scotia Heritage Trust
- Andrew Powter, Governor, Heritage Canada Foundation Board of Directors
- Alison Strachan, Lunenburg Heritage Society