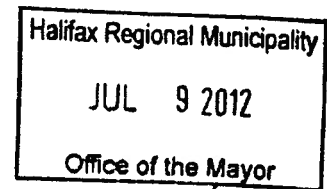


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Mayor Peter Kelly
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Dear Mr. Mayor:

After the publication in November 2010 of my book Building for Democracy, I approached the Speakers and Principal Clerks of the legislatures of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island with the suggestion that Province House in both provinces should apply for designation of their buildings as UNESCO World Heritage Sites. I was encouraged by both to apply on their behalf which I did in February 2011.

The Nova Scotia House of Assembly passed a unanimous resolution endorsing the application on May 3rd, 2012, as did the legislature of Prince Edward Island on the 24th of May, 2012.

The process of designation is lengthy and requires a considerable degree of support from the community in which the buildings are located and at a national and international level. My target is to secure the designation for 2014, but a fall-back position would be for the centennial of Confederation in 2017.

To succeed in the application for UNESCO designation of Province House as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, it shall be necessary to establish that there is a broad base of community support. I request Halifax City Council to pass a motion endorsing the unanimous resolution of the House of Assembly.

The international level of support shall come from an endorsement from the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association. I have prepared an article promoting the application which shall be published this month in the commonwealth Parliamentary Journal. The executive of the

association shall be invited to endorse the application and given that the Association has published several articles I have written on the two Province Houses, it is likely that support shall be forthcoming.

The process for UNESCO designation can be lengthy but my hope is to see the process substantially, if not fully completed by 2014. That shall require timely support from various interested parties such as Halifax City Hall.

Should you have any questions or comments on the application to UNESCO or my request please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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James W. Macnutt, Q.C.

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Enclosure

RESOLUTION NO. 780

HON. DAVID WILSON « » : Mr. Speaker, I hereby give notice that on a future day I shall move the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas the Nova Scotia House of Assembly, established in 1758, has been in continuous service to its electorate for more than 250 years, and is recognized as the oldest Legislature in the Westminster system of government outside Great Britain, and has conducted its business in Province House since 1819; and

Whereas Province House was constructed in the British neo-classical style and is acknowledged to be one of the finest examples of that style in North America; and

Whereas Province House has been the setting for numerous legal, cultural, and political events having international significance, including the establishment of freedom of the press in Canada, the swearing in of four Governors General of Canada, the second meeting of the Fathers of Confederation which ultimately led to the creation of Canada as an independent country, and numerous events of significance in the military and political life in defence of its allies in World War I and World War II;

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Therefore be it resolved that this Nova Scotia House of Assembly believe its seat, Province House, is deserving of the designation as a World Heritage Site by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and believe it meets various of the criteria prescribed by UNESCO for the designation, and for those reasons hereby request the designation by UNESCO, which the Assembly would consider an honour.

Mr. Speaker, I request waiver of notice and passage without debate.

MR. SPEAKER « » : There has been a request for waiver.

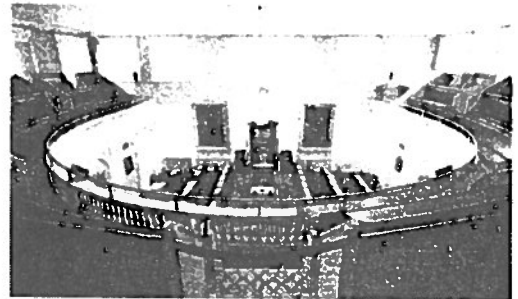
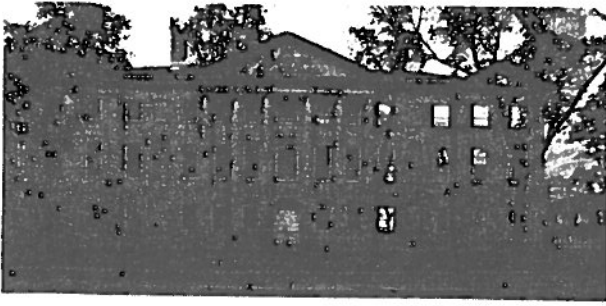
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It is agreed.

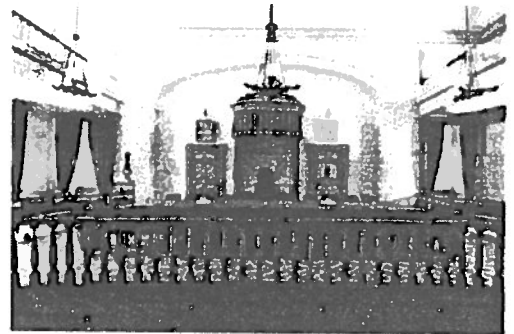
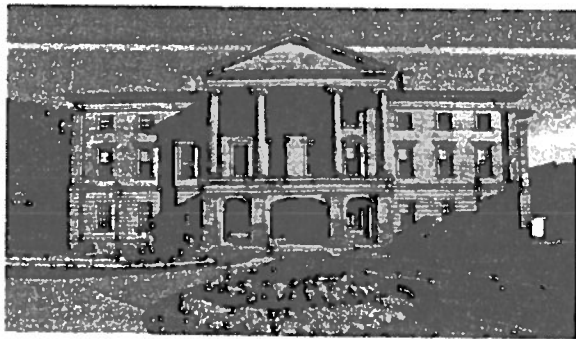
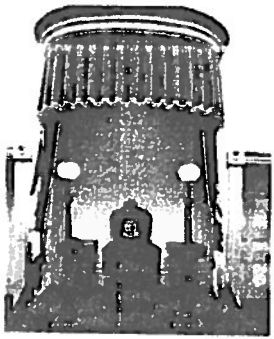
Would all those in favour of the motion please say Aye. Contrary minded, Nay.

The motion is carried. (Standing Ovation)

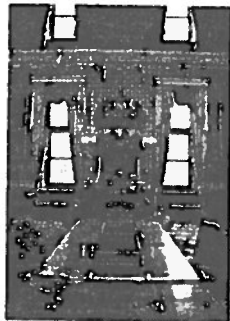
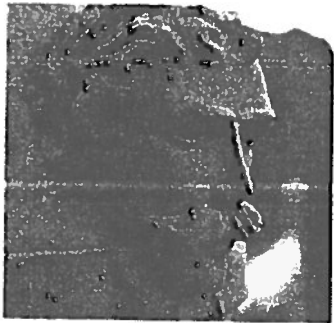
The honourable Minister of Health and Wellness.



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