



April 30, 2019

Mr. Rolf Bouman
Friends United of Cape Breton
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Dear Mr. Bouman

As my presidency at St. Francis Xavier University comes to an end, I felt it was important to take a moment to recognize your efforts to positively impact the economic and social vibrancy of Northeastern Nova Scotia and Cape Breton. Your efforts to profile our region to visitors around the world has enhanced economic activity in Cape Breton and has brought awareness of the area to many. These efforts do not go unnoticed. You are a true ambassador for Nova Scotia.

In addition, I must thank you for your commitment to profile and support the indigenous culture of Nova Scotia and indigenous artists from across Canada. You are bringing awareness and attention to this important part of Canada's history. Through your passionate focus and support, you have created a medium through which many talented, indigenous artists are able to showcase their talent and artistic gifts. Undoubtedly, this has enhanced the economic prosperity of the artists and their respective communities.

I want to extend my sincere appreciation to you for allowing me to host StFX University's Senior Leadership team at Friends United. This time together, allowed us to enjoy and appreciate the talents of many indigenous artists and to think more deeply about how we might support our local indigenous communities. In addition, your generous donation of artwork in StFX's MacNeil Gallery, helps enhance the intellectual vibrancy of our academic community.

I am very grateful for your friendship and kindness Rolf. I wish you continued success in all you do, and in particular, your efforts to promote and educate all of us with respect to the culture and talents of our indigenous people.

Kindest Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kent MacDonald".

Kent MacDonald
President and Vice-Chancellor



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