

THE HONOURABLE JUDGE  
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Dear Rolf,

I want to express to you the profound gratitude for your generosity in supplying the Wagmatcook First Nations Court with artwork.

You and the wonderful people at the Friends United International Convention Centre have contributed through the artwork to the philosophy of the Court in a very meaningful way.

This Court is intended to provide an atmosphere of equality, respect and a celebration of a rich culture.

The Seven Sacred Teachings of the Indigenous Peoples will guide us in Wagmatcook and contribute to a legal system which is holistic in its approach, and culturally appropriate to our work.

The artwork of Loretta Gould, Amanda Julian, Darren Julian and Shianne Gould, being First Nations artists from We'koqma'q and Wagmatcook, speaks to people. It is the first thing those who enter the Courtroom comment upon. It is a tangible indication of what the focus of the Court is and serves as a sign that Indigenous people are in a familiar, caring and respectful space.

Once again many thanks for sharing the heart of what our Court means through these pieces of art, I cherish them as do the Court staff, lawyers and the people we serve.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Laurie Halfpenny MacQuarrie".

Laurie Halfpenny MacQuarrie  
Provincial Court of Nova Scotia

