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Rolf Bouman

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Re: Potential Grand Opening of the Friends United Indigenous Art Exhibit Donation at Membertou

Dear Rolf,

Thank you for reaching out and for sharing your thoughtful proposal regarding a potential grand opening event for the Friends United Indigenous art exhibit at the Access Nova Scotia office in Membertou.

I would also like to express my sincere appreciation for the work that Friends United continues to do in building meaningful relationships and creating opportunities to celebrate Indigenous artists and communities. The artwork displayed through Friends United initiatives provides an important opportunity to share Indigenous perspectives, cultures, and stories, while helping to foster understanding and connection among all Nova Scotians. The positive impact of these exhibits is both visible and appreciated.

We are pleased to hear of the interest in bringing a Friends United exhibit to the new Access Nova Scotia office in Membertou and appreciate your willingness to support this initiative. Your commitment to strengthening relationships between Indigenous communities and the Province aligns with the spirit of reconciliation and collaboration that we continue to advance together.

At this time, a date has not yet been established for the official grand opening of the Access Nova Scotia space. We understand that planning is currently tied to the remaining Mi'kma'ki Place tenant move-in schedule, with a tentative timeframe of late fall or early winter being considered. We will continue to monitor developments and will ensure that you are kept informed as plans become firmer. There is strong interest in exploring opportunities to work together as the opening approaches.

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Thank you again for thinking of us and for your continued dedication to creating opportunities that bring people together through art, culture, and community. We look forward to staying in touch and exploring how we might collaborate on this exciting opportunity.

Sincerely,



The Honourable Leah Martin
Minister of L'nu Affairs
Minister Responsible for Youth
Minister Responsible for Communications
Minister Responsible for the Advisory Council on the Status of Women



The Honourable Jill Balser
Minister of Service Nova Scotia
Minister of Cyber Security and Digital Solutions