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Jeffrey R. Morrison,
Director, Corporate Services,/Treasurer
Town of Essex
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Dear Mr. Morrison,

I wanted to reach out and thank you and the Town of Essex personally for the recent Community Partnership Fund grant provided by the Town to the Canadian Transportation Museum & Heritage Village. This support has made a great difference in the museum's ability to continue to conserve the historic buildings and artifacts housed on our site, and to continue to meet our mission to preserve the past for the education and interpretation of present and future generations.

The current pandemic has made it impossible for us to provide on-site educational programs for students, outreach programs for seniors, special events and workshops for all ages, and to be the tourist attraction we were previously. Prior to Covid-19, visitors from all around the world had visited our facility each year.

We have also not been able to provide our volunteers with enriching activities that contribute to a healthy society and promote socialization for those otherwise isolated.

Like so many museums across the province and in fact, across the world, we are now thinking far past outside of the box to create new and engaging virtual experiences for the local community.

I know that our brand new Board of Directors has issued a public statement in appreciation of this grant, but I also wanted to send my own thank you as the Curator & Manager of Education.

While this grant is a one-time payment to assist the museum specifically as a result of the impacts of the pandemic, I am hopeful that we can continue to build partnership opportunities with the Town of Essex in non-financial ways and to promote a healthy and vibrant town for everyone.

With sincere appreciation,

Lisa Wachski,
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