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REQUEST FOR PARTNERSHIP – INVITATION FOR PROPOSALS

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1.0 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

The Chestico Museum and Historical Society (est. 1978) is a registered not-for-profit heritage society located in Port Hood, Nova Scotia. The Chestico Museum and Historical Society has preserved, interpreted and educated the community on its local history and culture. As an active member of its community, its declared vision is to be “a beacon and cultural hub engaging our heritage and inspiring our story”. However, the physical location of the museum is creating a barrier to its future growth and potential increased visitation.

2.0 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Chestico Museum and Historical Society is exploring avenues to leverage resources (physical, social, human and financial) to partner and procure the funding to build a new multiplex that would replace the current museum which is presently located in a former schoolhouse. This new development project would house a heritage centre with a particular focus on the story of the Gaels who settled in our county as well as highlighting other aspects of local historical and cultural significance. It would accommodate the establishment of an Inverness County Archives and Genealogical Research Centre. The Chestico Museum and Historical Society has obtained a new site location for this multiplex closer to Port Hood which will increase access and raise its profile in the area. Its close proximity to the Celtic Shores Coastal Trail and other amenities will enhance recreational opportunities and increase both local and tourist visitation to central Inverness County. This project must be procured using a partnership approach to foster sustainable development. The Chestico Museum and Historical Society is requesting partnerships and collaboration from county organizations and businesses willing to envision and discuss our collective capacity to potentially build this key piece of Inverness County infrastructure. The purpose of this request for partnership is to identify and assess interested partners to carry this work forward.

3.0 PARTNERS AND STAKEHOLDERS

This is a major project and therefore, the Chestico Museum and Historical Society intends to select partner(s) that can demonstrate the required: experience, expertise, competence and financial capacity to add value to the joint venture and ensure the project’s success. If successful, partners will ultimately utilize efficient: design, build, finance, operations, and maintenance plans to ensure long-term feasibility, sustainability and growth. The Chestico Museum and Historical Society believes that this project is an attractive opportunity for participants to form an experienced, highly qualified, multi-disciplinary team supported by the appropriate financial resources and corporate commitments to undertake this project.

4.0 BENEFITS

Benefits of this opportunity could include but are not limited to:

- A stronger and united voice to liaise with government and the local economy
- Cost savings and more efficient operational, program and/or service delivery
- More opportunities for local business development and jobs
- Ability to leverage unique financial, human, social and physical resources
- Coordinated planning efforts to improve land use management and environmental resources
- Promotion of active living, community health and wellness
- Cultural and educational destination within county attracting both local residents and visitors

Harnessing mutual knowledge and resources will enable partners to imagine creative solutions while building collective capacity to pursue and advance common interests. Area organizations and businesses are interdependent, sharing similar goals and challenges. Together we will benefit from strong partnerships. For these purposes, the Chestico Museum and Historical Society looks forward to connecting with potential interested partners to promote future growth, economic development and prosperity.

5.0 EXPRESSION OF INTEREST REQUIREMENTS

To establish the capabilities and qualifications of potential partners, specific information is requested.

- To assure a uniform review process and to obtain the maximum degree of comparability, each proposal shall contain the following information:
- Corporate/organizational profile including mission, vision and values
- Overview of capabilities and services
- Demonstrated organizational/business capacity
- List recent projects, efforts and partnerships
- Level of community and stakeholder engagement and representation
- Potential benefits of partnership (what would your organization/business add to the partnership?)
- Interest and leadership in exploring a joint planning process
- Available time and capacity to commit to partnership
- Demonstrated financial capacity
- All contact information and principal contact

An expression of interest is not a binding commitment.

6.0 CLOSING DATE

The proposals must be received by 4:00 pm, Wednesday, May 1, 2019 (local Atlantic time). Proposals received after that time will not be considered.

7.0 INQUIRIES

Any inquiries or requests for clarification with respect to this Request for Partnership must be directed to:

Mr. Charlie MacDonald
Chair, Chestico Place Building Committee
Tel: (902) 787-3214
Email: charlie1inthehood@gmail.com

Verbal or written responses to any question or inquiries are not binding on any party.

8.0 SUBMISSIONS

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The Chestico Museum and Historical Society requires seven (7) hard paper copies and one (1) PDF digital copy on a thumb drive for submission.

9.0 INTERVIEW AND FINAL SELECTION

At their option, the Chestico Museum and Historical Society may request a presentation or discussion with any or all partners and stakeholders for the purpose of clarification of the proposals. However, partners and stakeholders are cautioned that the evaluators are not required to request clarification; therefore, all proposals should be complete and reflect the requirements. Presentations shall be made at the sole cost of the interested party.

The Chestico Museum and Historical Society reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals for partnership, or not accept any proposal that is not in its best interest. The Chestico Museum and Historical Society also reserves the right to waive formality, informality or technicality in any proposal.

The Chestico Museum and Historical Society ultimately aims to enter into a collaborative discussion and visioning process that will ensure successful partners have the capacity to complete, sustain and grow the success of this joint venture.