

November 4, 2022

Rodney:

On behalf of the Mabou Gaelic & Historical Society, I wish to address the matter of the Cabot Proposal which you discussed with us over a week ago.

After much deliberation, the directors all provided feedback either by email or at a meeting held last Tuesday.

As this is a very serious issue, a divisive issue, and a contentious issue, our first concern was the fact that in the wider community, the spotlight was placed on the MGHS (and four other organizations) due to being named in the proposal. Most were very uncomfortable with this, and some also felt that it was unfair for the organization to be put in this position!

The MGHS depends on the support of the whole community and cannot afford to lose that support, nor do we wish to foster division in the community. Our focus is the history, language, and cultures of the area. We do not wish to lose our supporters, volunteers, or directors over an issue that is totally beyond our control.

At our meeting, it was unanimously agreed upon

- that it is not appropriate for an organisation such as ours, to speak for the community
- that when considering the future of the organisation, we cannot send a letter of support, on behalf of the MGHS, for the Cabot Proposal
- that we recommend that there be an organised, well facilitated consultation with the whole community.

I hope you understand the difficult position in which this proposal has placed us, as an organization, and that you appreciate and accept our decisions on this matter.

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Margie
President-MGHS