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To Whom it may concern

The Marine Heritage Society (MHS) is a Not-For-Profit organization that is dedicated to the preservation and enhancement of the marine history of Saugeen Shores. We restored the Keeper's Cottage and Lighthouse on Chantry Island. We operate tours to the island to inform and educate over a thousand guests each year. We have been active for over 25 years and are looking forward to celebrating the 20th season of our tours.

The MHS is very supportive of the Bruce County Museum and Cultural Centre (BCM&CC) becoming the home of the Ontario Marine History and Underwater Archaeology Research Centre. It would enable artifacts and research conducted by individuals and organizations to be safely stored and displayed and it would facilitate ongoing research into the future.

The BCM&CC currently houses a number of artifacts that the MHS has actively participated in obtaining such as material from the Chantry Island Light Station and the HMS General Hunter shipwreck.

The MHS would be happy to provide the BCM&CC and the Research Centre with ongoing support.

Sincerely

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Eric Tolton
Chair
Marine Heritage Society

Ontario Marine History and Underwater Archaeology Research Centre.