

Halifax Steps up to make the 100 Wild Islands a Reality

(Halifax, N.S) August 3, 2016 - Halifax Regional Council voted Tuesday to contribute \$300,000 to the Nova Scotia Nature Trust's 100 Wild Islands Legacy Campaign. The commitment helps the Nature Trust reach its \$7 million fundraising goal, the funds needed to complete the critical first phase of the campaign, securing the 100 Wild islands as a protected coastal wilderness.

"I am so pleased Council has agreed to this \$300,000 donation to the Nova Scotia Nature Trust to enable the 100 Wild Islands campaign to reach its ambitious \$7 million fundraising goal," said Halifax Mayor, Mike Savage. "Opportunities to protect vast coastal wilderness like these islands, are increasingly rare across the planet. Yet, together, we are doing exactly that."

Councillor David Hendsbee has been an enthusiastic fan and ambassador of the 100 Wild Islands campaign from the start, and champion for the campaign among his fellow Councillors.



"This is a great ecological, environmental and economic opportunity for the Eastern Shore!" Councillor Hendsbee said after his motion for \$300,000 received unanimous support from Council.

The Nature Trust is extremely grateful to Mayor Savage, Councillor Hendsbee and fellow Councillors, and to all who have contributed to making 100 Wild Islands a reality.

"This is a moment worth celebrating!" said Nature Trust Executive Director, Bonnie Sutherland.

"Thanks to the city of Halifax, and other generous public and community support, we are well on the way to protecting the entire 100 Wild Islands archipelago – over 100 islands and over 7000 acres of land – a unique natural legacy for our children and grandchildren for generations to come."



The Nature Trusts has protected 85% of the land within the archipelago to date. The \$7 million raised will ensure continued securement of the remaining islands through purchase, donations and conservation easements.

But the Nature Trust's work in the 100 Wild Islands is not over yet. The critical first step has been raising funds and doing the work needed to secure the islands. The Nature Trust is creating an exciting new initiative that provides the opportunity for Nova Scotians to support and shape the next big step in the campaign -- the long-term stewardship and public enjoyment of this amazing coastal wilderness.

Stay tuned for exciting announcements coming later this month.

For more information and to donate: www.100wildislands.ca, www.nsnt.ca or call (902) 425-5263.

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