



COBEQUID CULTURAL CENTRE OF THE ARTS SOCIETY

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PRESS RELEASE

ENERGIES FOCUSED ON RESEARCHING OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

HALIFAX, October 15, 2010 – The Cobequid Cultural Society Board (CCS) announced today that it will not proceed with the enhancement to the new high school to be built for the Bedford/Hammonds Plains area.

At a recent CCS Board meeting the following motion was passed after careful discernment and consideration: "Move that we not proceed with the enhancement to the new high school to be built for the Bedford/Hammonds Plains area due to the significant deviation from the original Cobequid Cultural Centre of the Arts Society vision and proposal."

"We are not prepared to settle for an art centre in a gymnasium or cafeteria as proposed by the HRM," said CCS Spokesperson Walter Regan. "Therefore, we will not be partnering with the Department of Education, the Halifax Regional Municipality and the Halifax Regional School Board at this time. *"The CCS will however continue to pursue its vision of providing the people in the northwest area of the HRM with a unique cultural centre of the arts."*

The CCS Board believes the centre has the potential to serve as a regional venue to showcase the works and achievements of northwest HRM's community arts and other organizations.

"It will provide a place for meetings, performances and presentations, displays and community festivals, receptions and other events, and a rehearsal space for a variety of musical and theatre groups, said Regan." **We will focus our energies on researching other opportunities to proceed with our project.**

The Cobequid Cultural Society would like to thank the residents of the Halifax Regional Municipality for their continued support and interest in the vision of providing a unique cultural centre of the arts in the northwest area of the HRM.

The CCS would also like to thank the community's elected officials for their monetary support and encouragement over the last five years. And finally, the CCS would like to express gratitude to the Development Committee for their commitment and dedication, working tirelessly, meeting, after meeting, after meeting since July 2009 on the enhancement project.

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