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Re: Repatriating a sacred Lekwungen site

I was pleased to support the recent decision by the City of Victoria to repatriate a portion of Beacon Hill Park to the Songhees and Esquimalt peoples and to designate a portion of that ground for the construction of a traditional Long House to be used for First Nations cultural and educational activities.

My office has identified four federal funds, administered by Heritage Canada, which may be accessible for this project. I would happy to support your application for these or any other grants to support this project.

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| 1. Community Anniversaries | http://goo.gl/0FO7hJ |
| 2. Legacy Fund | http://goo.gl/lSxD2N |
| 3. Canada Cultural Spaces Fund | http://goo.gl/6rf58E |
| 4. Canada History Fund | http://goo.gl/IGSWv6] |

I have also ensured that Victoria's local priorities for the upcoming 2016 season of the Canada Summer Jobs program include, for the first time in recent years, a specific request for proposals that promote the understanding of local history, including both settler and Indigenous histories and culture. I hope this criterion will ensure that any proposal you submit to request support for hiring local staff receives proper consideration by Service Canada.

As you move forward with this project, my door is always open to you: please contact me if I can assist.

Sincerely,

Murray Rankin, Member of Parliament for Victoria



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