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Mr. Jack Bates

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Dear Mr. Bates:

I am writing in response to your email addressed to the Honourable Bill Blair, Minister of National Defence, concerning the Work Point 1068 Building, a satellite facility at Canadian Forces Base Esquimalt. The Minister has asked the Department of National Defence (DND) to review your correspondence and reply on his behalf.

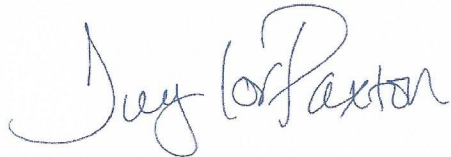
I appreciate receiving your request and comments on this important matter. I understand that Work Point 1068 was originally built in 1904. In 1989, it was assessed by the Federal Heritage Buildings Review Office for historical significance. The assessment was completed, and it determined that the building did not meet the threshold for obtaining a Recognized Federal Heritage Building designation, nor is it a part of a National Historic Site.

That said, DND is currently evaluating options for the building. Should it be determined that the building is beyond its useful life, or the footprint is required for future development, the disposal can proceed as per the established process for a non-designated asset. However, recognizing that the

building is in a DND historical zone, additional measures may be considered and may require additional consultations, commemorations, or memorialization activities.

I hope the information provided is helpful, and thank you for your work in the preservation of Canadian military heritage.

Sincerely,



Taylor Paxton

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**Subject:** Demolition pending for building WP 1068 at Work Point CFB Esquimalt

**Message:** I am writing to request your involvement in saving this building from demolition and instead being repurposed in situ. It is an integral component of the WORK POINT Heritage Zone 5, delineated as buildings to preserve. This was determined in the CRG Consulting Final Report for CFB ESQUIMALT DOCKYARD, SIGNAL HILL, NADEN and WORK POINT HERITAGE DESIGN GUIDELINES in March 2013. The fact is the building has not been utilized in a decade for any specific purpose and is a mess inside. However, the structure, including the roof is in tact, just unoccupied. It is another example here of "demolition by neglect," even though 1974, 1982, 2001, DND heritage studies and the 2013 CRG Report all indicate it has independent heritage value and also part of a heritage precinct. It received 48 points in the FHBRO report 89 - 205 (1989) as did two of the other three buildings, WP 1070 and WP 1071. The fourth of the four, WP 1075 received 66 points. 50 points being the RECOGNIZED level. A coincidence I presume ! I believe the time has eventually come for the custodial department (DND) to request another assessment to determine its current heritage point value, independently and collectively with the other three buildings in the Heritage Zone 5 at Work Point. Lastly I would

hope that even though this is a Canadian western heritage issue, only 1904 construction, that consideration is given and an intervention granted to preserve this building.

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Taylor Paxton: Thank you for responding, of course I am happy to hear of reconsideration for WP 1068. I would also be available to consult on this matter with the local DND officials if asked. Can you please advise me if the Real Property Department has received this notification? Thank you again for responding. Regards Jack Bates

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