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### **Th'YARC receives Provincial funding for Maintenance and Revitalization Project**

**Yarmouth, Nova Scotia** - The Yarmouth Arts Regional Council received very good news on Thursday as its recent request to the Province for one-time funding to assist with Th'YARC's building maintenance and revitalization project was accepted. A letter was received from the Honorable Percy Paris, Minister of Economic and Rural Development, granting the project a contribution of **\$27,935.00**.

The request was made earlier in the spring in order to allow for a number of upgrades to the arts centre on Parade Street. A considerable portion of the work has already begun in the form of landscaping and property beautification. With this immediate injection of funding, Th'YARC will be able to implement several significant improvements that will provide immediate rejuvenation of the facility and grounds.

"Funding is intended to build on efforts of your organization and to improve community development", stated the Minister. "I would like to extend wishes on the success of your initiatives and to wish you continued progress building opportunities that benefit our province."

"The announcement Thursday of an almost \$28,000 grant, received from the Department of Rural and Economic Development, has come as welcome news for Th'YARC", said YARC President Lorne Cooke.

"For some time, there have been concerns over extending the useful life of elements of the facility, and how Th'YARC would pay for this. The grant will address, among other things, improvements to the theatre fly tower and structural improvements to building entrances", added Cooke.

"We are particularly relieved that the receipt of this grant will help avoid diverting funds from programming budgets to address these physical plant issues. We are thus able to continue to provide the best live entertainment possible for the Yarmouth area community."

"Although the goal of building a new facility for the community remains our key focus, this funding helps to keep the doors open at 76 Parade and provide our members and user groups with an improved experience", said YARC Vice-President Mike Carter. "We are very grateful to be in receipt of this important funding and we are excited to put this money to use as we now move into the second half of what will be the busiest year of programming in the history of the facility."

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