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Dear Members,

2014 was a busy year for CHQ and it is now well behind us. The summer season is about to begin and we wanted to give you an update on work completed in 2014 on our properties and upcoming ones in 2015, all these complemented with some special activities.

Undoubtedly, 2015 will be a busy year too and, above all, it will be a significant one for CHQ with defining moments to mark for its properties but also with a major challenge. CHQ will have to look for new partners to rent the Percé houses after the departure of Laval University who, since 2002, were using those houses for master classes and art workshops. Faced with important budgetary cuts, Laval University had to close the summer school in Percé this year. We urgently need to address this issue and concentrate our efforts in finding new sources of revenues. You will find enclosed a special announcement which we would kindly ask you to circulate among your network of contacts.

### *This year CHQ will celebrate its 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!*

- 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of CHQ (1960)
- 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the birth of Sir John A. Macdonald
- 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Les Éboulements Mill (built in 1790)
- 275<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Hurtubise House (built in 1739)

Your membership is very important; it comforts our mission and supports our actions. We invite you to renew your membership and we thank you for your ongoing support.

You can also give us your support by renting the heritage houses described below. Please send us an email or call us for further information or to make a reservation.

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### 2014 and 2015 Updates

Some brief news on the work done on CHQ's properties in 2014 and upcoming ones in 2015, as well as a few special activities.

Last year, we carried on with the restoration work on our Percé properties which will be completed this year. We have also renovated the Molson-Beattie house and welcomed our first summer tenants in 2014. The Molson-Beattie house is available for rental once again et hope to welcome you for a summer season which looks very promising.

In 2014, CHQ received a very generous donation towards the restoration of the Sir John A Macdonald house "Les Rochers B&B". We were therefore able to start the first phase of the restoration work. This spring, we will carry on with the interior work which should be completed shortly. The B&B will be open this summer which will be an exceptional one for this heritage property. 2015 marks the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the date of birth of Sir John A. Macdonald, leading figure of the Fathers of Confederation. For this occasion, CHQ, with the collaboration of five local partners, has planned special activities to mark this anniversary. These will take place during the week-end of July 3, 4 and 5, 2015 in Rivière-du-Loup. We will keep our members informed of the final programme. Moreover, in 2013 we had sent a request to the federal government for the designation of the Sir John A. Macdonald house and we will have wonderful news to share in this regard soon.

Also, last year, we were fortunate to hire two interns who are studying for a master degree in Planning at University of Montreal. At the beginning of this year, we also had an intern who is studying for a Master degree at McGill University who worked on the archives of the Hurtubise House. We thank all of them for their excellent work.



Mont-Joli (Percé)



Maison Molson-Beattie (Tadoussac)



B&B Les Rochers (Rivière-du-Loup)