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Community Foundation pleased to announce new fund supporting the Gaelic Immersion School
Taigh Sgoile na Drochaide Fund launched at the start of Gaelic Awareness Month

HALIFAX, NS: The Community Foundation of Nova Scotia (CFNS) is pleased to add the new Taigh Sgoile na Drochaide Fund to our portfolio of funds and scholarships that are having a positive impact on the lives and culture of Nova Scotians.

The fund was established to support the Taigh Sgoile na Drochaide, an independent Gaelic immersion primary school in Mabou, Inverness County – the first of its kind in North America. The school will open its doors in September 2021 through a partnership with Colaisde na Gàidhlig / The Gaelic College.

“Taigh Sgoile na Drochaide is a bold, new initiative for the wider Gaelic community,” said Kenneth MacKenzie, Working Group Coordinator, Taigh Sgoile na Drochaide. “A grass-roots, community-driven Gaelic immersion school that raises children not only as Gaelic speakers, but with an understanding of what it means to be Gaels, and how that knowledge connects them to the wider world. This fund provides an incredible opportunity for anyone to be a part of that vision and to support the development of real citizens of the world.”

Built on a foundation of partnerships, the idea for the school began in 2019 as the result of the efforts of a working group of Gaelic community members. The school will take a Montessori-inspired approach that aligns with the group’s educational philosophy of allowing the child to be a leader in their own learning based on their natural interests and abilities, combined with language immersion and traditional knowledge.

“This fund is a wonderful addition to our current funds that have been established to support and promote Gaelic culture in the province,” said Daniel Holland, CEO of CFNS. “There are approximately 230,000 Nova Scotians who are descendants of Gaelic settlers, so it’s important that we continue to encourage more people to embrace their heritage and give them opportunities to be a part of a diverse multicultural fabric that makes this part of the country so unique.”

Donations to the fund can be made by visiting [CanadaHelps](#). More information about the school can be found at [Taigh Sgoile na Drochaide](#).

About Community Foundation of Nova Scotia

The Community Foundation of Nova Scotia is an action centre for philanthropy. We provide the knowledge and support for communities, charities, and citizens to realize their individual potential and collective possibilities. Our mission is to build strong, vibrant and diverse communities throughout Nova Scotia by enabling and inspiring effective philanthropy.

We're part of the Community Foundations of Canada (CFC) movement - the national network for Canada's 191 community foundations. CFC's purpose is to relentlessly pursue a future where everyone belongs. Combined, the network holds \$5.8 billion in assets and reaches 90 per cent of Canadian communities. The Community Foundation of Nova Scotia was established in 2008 and currently has more than \$10.4 million in philanthropic investment under management, disbursed and committed grants of more than \$4 million and manages and supports more than 100 funds across the province, including 22 scholarship and award funds.

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