



Atlantic Geoscience Society
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Dear Hon. Minister McKenna,

The Atlantic Geoscience Society represents Earth Scientists from the Atlantic Provinces, with a strong emphasis on education, including advocacy and communication of geoscience values to the general public. In the course of the past two years the Society has been very concerned about the proposal of a major construction installation at Green Cove in the Cape Breton Highlands National Park. The proposed site of the 'Mother Canada' monument and associated infrastructure is situated on one of Nova Scotia's designated Geoheritage Sites which have been selected and vetted by regional geoscience experts to embody exceptional sites of learning and experience of our shared history of the Earth. Green Cove offers a rare look at the crustal rocks that underlie Cape Breton Highlands National Park.

The Atlantic Geoscience Society does not support the development at Green Cove because of its negative impact on an exceptional geoheritage site. Many individual members also have strongly held negative opinions as to the situation of the proposed monument and centre in a National Park, and these concerns have been forwarded to the committee as well.

To date, we have received no response to the Society's concerns, but we look forward to a positive change as this controversial project is reconsidered.

Sincerely,

Dr. John Calder, P Geo

President, Atlantic Geoscience Society