

Ottawa, Canada K1A 0H3

The Honourable Steven Blaney, P.C., M.P. Minister of Veterans Affairs House of Commons Ottawa ON K1A 0A6

Dear Colleague:

Thank you for your letter of March 15, 2012, regarding the Canadian Cemeteries of War Memorial Initiative. I have shared your support for the project with Parks Canada officials.

The collaboration between our departments in support of this initiative, led by Mr. Tony Trigiani, is crucial. This proposed national project, to be located at a site on the world-renowned Cabot Trail in Nova Scotia, will not only commemorate an important part of Canada's legacy but will also complement and enhance the visitor experience at Cape Breton Highlands National Park.

Parks Canada will proceed with formally contacting Mr. Trigiani to discuss next steps in moving this project forward. The Agency will keep your departmental officials informed of progress on the Canadian Cemeteries of War Memorial Initiative.

Sincerely,

The Honourable Peter Kent, P.C., M.P.

(6)