



New Brunswick Scottish Cultural Association Inc.

IN UMBRA CARDUI VIOLAE VALESCANT

"In the thistle's shadow, violets grow stronger."

January 13, 2011

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Irving:

It is with a great sense of gratitude and appreciation that I write to you on behalf of the members and friends of the New Brunswick Scottish Cultural Association to thank you for your generous offer to fund the next and final stage in the return of Robbie Burns to the Fredericton Green.

The movement by our Association – and the myriad other Scottish associations in the province – to address the City's decision not to fully fund the building of the base for the statue was one which stirred up a great many New Brunswickers in defence of Burns, our culture, and even the artistic integrity of the statue itself.

We were overwhelmed by the level of support received from citizens and organizations across New Brunswick, who took the time to express their support through letters to the editors of various newspapers and correspondence with our association and the City of Fredericton.

Once again, New Brunswickers illustrated their commitment to our heritage and culture. And, most significantly, your family has again demonstrated your devotion to celebrating New Brunswick and its rich heritage, through your extremely generous donation. I take my hat off to you, and express the most heartfelt thanks of all New Brunswickers of Scottish descent who are indebted to you for your commitment to celebrating the contribution of the Scots to the development of this great province.

Thank you once again for your generosity. It shall not soon be forgotten.

Yours most sincerely,

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