

## PAPER PETITION - INSTRUCTIONS

August 2, 2018

**In order for the petition to be considered by the House, it must meet the following requirements:**

- a minimum of 25 valid signatures with addresses.  
*\*Signatures of non-citizens who are not residents in Canada are not counted.*  
*\*There is no minimum age requirement for anyone signing a petition.*
- original signatures  
*i.e. written directly on the document and not pasted, taped, photocopied, or otherwise transferred to it.*  
*\*Each petitioner must sign (not print) his or her own name directly on the petition and must not sign for anyone else.*
- at least three signatures with addresses on the very first sheet with the text of the petition.  
*\*More signatures and addresses may appear on the reverse sides of pages.*
- the signatory's **city and province**  
*Note: As with the signature, the address must be written directly on the document. Additional contact information (such as telephone numbers or e-mail addresses) is not required.*

**PETITION TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED**

We, the undersigned, citizens of Canada draw the attention of the House to the following:

Whereas:

- Canada’s collective story is told through its historic places, and thousands of sites have been formally recognized by public authorities;
- Canada has committed to protecting and preserving cultural heritage by being party to the UNESCO Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage;
- Investing in the rehabilitation of historic places contributes to economic growth through job creation, revitalization of traditional downtowns, and tourism;
- The retention and reuse of historic places contributes to the fight against climate change, reducing construction and demolition waste and avoiding the environmental impacts of new development;
- Reconciliation requires investment in historic places of significance to Canada’s Indigenous peoples;
- The Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development in its report Preserving Canada’s Heritage: the Foundation for Tomorrow identified the need for federal leadership, including funding and incentives for historic places not owned by the federal government; and
- Federal action is needed without delay, since estimates indicate that more than 20% of Canada’s historic places were lost between 1970 and 2000 – and losses continue due to lack of funding;

Therefore, we, the undersigned, **citizens of Canada**, call upon the **Minister of Environment and Climate Change** to demonstrate federal leadership for historic places by working with the Minister of Finance to create a multi-million dollar fund in Budget 2019 that would support the efforts of Indigenous peoples, charities and not for profits to save and renew historic places, and encourage private sector investment and heritage philanthropy.

**Signatures**

*(Sign your name. Do not print)*

**Addresses**

*(City and province)*

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