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Friends of Green Cove
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The Sierra Club Canada - Atlantic Chapter is formally opposed to the construction of the proposed 'Mother Canada' War Memorial at Green Cove and stand in solidarity with the citizens' action group, Friends of Green Cove.

We and our allies are extremely concerned with plans to develop a war memorial on pristine coastal parkland at the Black Brook Granitic Suite in Cape Breton. That a privately developed monument could be fast tracked by Parks Canada with only cursory environmental assessment and stakeholder consultation is of grave concern to us and all who value conservation and sustainability. This is to say nothing of the long-term water diversion and waste management issues such a site will invariably create. The money invested in the site could include a marine protected area established within the park. Furthermore our veterans should be recognized but that recognition should be in appropriate places, not where such a construction will affect a natural area of great importance.

This project is diametrically opposed to Park's Canada's mandate to preserve our shared wilderness heritage as well as the principles of thorough environmental impact review and deference to the concerns of local residents. Please rest assured that we are monitoring the situation and that you have our support in opposing the Mother Canada monument and surrounding development in its current form.

Thank you for your continued efforts of the local groups and to all involved for their work on preventing this foolishness and certainly expect our continued support.

Sincerely,

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