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Ms. Karen Church
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Dear Ms. Church:

The Office of the Prime Minister has forwarded to me a copy of your letter of July 13, 2012, regarding the preservation, presentation and management of Canada's heritage.

A Parks Canada team of professionals, including both underwater and terrestrial archaeologists, historians, and collections and conservation specialists, remain in place to ensure the Agency will continue to preserve, present and effectively manage its historic and archaeological objects and deliver on its core mandate to protect and present Canada's treasured heritage places. Rest assured that Parks Canada will accomplish this by streamlining its organizational structure and prioritizing activities based on its core mandate and sound, nationally and internationally accepted cultural resource management principles.

Parks Canada's national collection of archaeological and historic objects remains accessible to Canadians, institutions and researchers. The Agency is a leading heritage organization and will continue to seek partnerships nationally and internationally to protect and present the country's treasured places.

I appreciate your interest in safeguarding Canadian heritage.

Sincerely,

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

c.c.: The Honourable James M. Flaherty, P.C., M.P.