



LETTER OF COOPERATION



BETWEEN BELWEDER NORTH SHORE POLISH ASSOCIATION

AND

MONOVA: MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES OF NORTH VANCOUVER

This Letter of Cooperation is signed on this 29th day of July 2022, by, between, and among the BELWEDER North Shore Polish Association (“BELWEDER”), and the North Vancouver Museum and Archives Commission (“MONOVA”).

PURPOSE

This letter will guide future cooperation between BELWEDER and MONOVA, in order to preserve and promote the cultural heritage of Polish North Shore residents for future generations.

STATEMENT OF COMMON VALUES AND GOALS

BELWEDER and MONOVA will work towards the preservation of the legacy of the Polish people who lived on the North Shore and making their stories accessible to the public.

BELWEDER and MONOVA will support MONOVA's goals to acquire, preserve, research, interpret, and exhibit the tangible and intangible evidence of society and history and its role as a custodian of the community's documentary heritage which includes records, documents and photographs that record the lives and experiences of residents, businesses, and community organizations.

BELWEDER and MONOVA agree that such collections preserve the community's collective memory and provide a foundation for the study and understanding of North Vancouver and its people.

The preservation of the legacy of the Polish people on the North Shore will be achieved, in part, by ongoing engagement by BELWEDER and MONOVA with the Polish community on the North Shore and other partner organizations, where possible.

STATEMENT OF COMMITMENTS AND COLLABORATION

The Parties will work collaboratively to further their common values and goals and will exchange expertise and best-practices throughout joint projects, such projects to be mutually agreed upon in accordance with the organizational priorities of both MONOVA and BELWEDER.

The Parties agree to adhere to all applicable museum and/or archives policies, protocols and standards to ensure the integrity and protection of materials.

The Parties will, where possible, jointly identify and pursue funding and/or in-kind contributions from private, local, provincial, and national sources, to support the purposes of this Letter of Cooperation. Where one Party is making an application for such funding, the other Party will be asked to provide a Letter of Support.

The Parties will strive to organize, interpret, and exhibit collected materials for the benefit of the public, according to their common purposes and organizational priorities of both MONOVA and BELWEDER.

This Letter of Cooperation is not intended to create, and does not create, any legal or fiduciary rights or fiduciary obligations for either Party, and is not legally binding on either Party.

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BELWEDER MISSION STATEMENT

Share the richness of Polish Canadian presence, language, and culture on the North Shore

- To promote and share Polish culture, values, and heritage with all communities
- To encourage and facilitate Polish-themed cultural, social, and artistic activities with the aim of making them accessible and of interest to the wider North Shore community and beyond
- To build relationships of cooperation with other community organizations on the North Shore in order to jointly contribute to local social and cultural initiatives
- To work with Polish children and Polish youth to help pass down Polish culture and heritage to future generations
- To cooperate with other Polish organizations and with local, provincial, and federal authorities on the North Shore
- To help Polish newcomers integrate into Canadian society by making them aware of Canada's social and cultural structure and connecting with existing Canadian institutions, support networks and local communities

MONOVA STRATEGIC PLAN

OUR VISION

To be an inspirational and transformative community hub where the stories of North Vancouver's people, places and past come to life

OUR MISSION

To engage, strengthen and inspire our community and its visitors by creating experiences that explore the past, present and future of North Vancouver and its people

OUR VALUES

- 1. Inclusiveness:** To welcome and reflect the diverse range of North Vancouver communities, resident groups, neighborhoods, and stories through our activities
- 2. Relevance:** To resonate with all age groups, and reflect the critical issues that impact our changing community
- 3. Creativity, Excellence and Integrity:** To deliver exemplary exhibits, archives, museum spaces, educational programs and online experiences—founded on innovation and a commitment to industry standards
- 4. Community Building and Engagement:** To serve our entire community, and build well-defined and mutually beneficial partnerships with all relevant organizations and groups

PRIVACY POLICY AND RELEASE OF INFORMATION


Both Parties will collect and share information obtained with the consent of owners, creators or custodians of the materials, according to established museum and/or archives policies, protocols and standards.



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July 29, 2022.
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