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Five Nova Scotia Communities Selected for Benjamin Moore Community Restoration Program

(PROVINCIAL - February 8, 2011) – Almost half of the 12 Canadian communities chosen to participate in Benjamin Moore Co. Limited’s 2011 Community Restoration Program are in Nova Scotia. The selected Nova Scotia communities include: Sydney, Port Hawkesbury, Antigonish, New Glasgow and Windsor.

Charitable organizations wishing to engage in renovation and restoration projects involving buildings of historical significance or social importance in their community are invited to apply. Successful applicants will receive donations of Benjamin Moore paint (up to a retail value of \$750), colour expertise and a cash grant of up to \$4,000.

“We are pleased to work with Benjamin Moore and spread the word about its 2011 Community Restoration Program. It’s the second time in three years that we’ve helped connect the national paint retailer with local charities that need help to complete important renovation projects,” said Allison Kouzovnikov, Executive Director of the Community Foundation of Nova Scotia.

Grant seekers can review the application guidelines on the Community Foundation of Nova Scotia’s website www.cfns.ca. The deadline for applications is March 7, 2011.

“Benjamin Moore is setting a great example of how a national corporation can connect with communities at a local level through the Community Foundation of Nova Scotia. We are the hub for philanthropy in the province, connecting businesses and private donors with community need and helping them to reach their charitable giving goals,” said Allison.

Each year, Benjamin Moore partners with Community Foundations of Canada to access its grant-making experience and its national network of community foundations. In 2009, the Community Foundation of Nova Scotia worked with Benjamin Moore to identify four successful applicants: The Old Sydney Society, Adsum House (Halifax), The Discovery Centre (Halifax) and The Canadian Mental Health Association – Nova Scotia Division (Dartmouth).

The **Community Foundation of Nova Scotia** is a public foundation created by the people of Nova Scotia to enable effective philanthropy. We work with private donors, businesses, communities, and charitable organizations to build the financial and social capital that our communities need, both today and tomorrow. We do that by stimulating charitable giving, establishing permanent endowment funds and supporting initiatives that make an ongoing difference in communities throughout Nova Scotia.