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Dear ANSM Members,

On Tuesday, February 18, the Nova Scotia Government delivered Budget 2025-26. While there was no additional funding provided for the museum sector, it appears that there are no cuts to the programs and operational funding that museums rely on.

ANSM will continue to work closely with Communities, Culture, Heritage and Tourism to emphasize the importance of museums in Nova Scotia, as well as the constrained financial situation that museums currently face. We are aware that there remain substantive pressures on museum infrastructure and operations. We look forward to meeting Minister Ritcey in the coming months for further discussion.

We encourage all museums and their boards to advocate for museums and invite local MLAs to visit museums during the summer season to show the role that museums play in making Nova Scotia a prosperous, healthy, and vibrant province.

We thank our members for their continued support, as well as the members of the ANSM Advocacy Working Group, Provincial Government stakeholders, and Nova Scotians for their continued support of museums.

Sincerely,

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