

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS TO ASSUME OWNERSHIP OF THE
ANTLE HOUSE, 1323 VICTORIA ROAD, WHITNEY PIER, FOR THE PURPOSE OF DEVELOPING
AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

September 2013 – *deadline extended to November 21, 2013*

The non-profit, volunteer Sydney Architectural Conservation Society (SACS) was established in 2011 by the Old Sydney Society. Its mandate is to conserve threatened, neglected, significant historic properties, do basic conservation work, and sell these properties to qualified purchasers. The purchasers undertake by contractual covenant to complete an appropriate rehabilitation in a timely manner and to commit the property to an active use that respects its heritage and the community. Some SACS projects, including the present one, also have an affordable housing objective.

The Antle House (c. 1907) was acquired by Habitat for Humanity Nova Scotia by bequest and was transferred to SACS through special agreement. It is an excellent example of a modest but practical and functional early Whitney Pier residence. It helps to tell the story of the community's working-class heritage.

The home has one-storey, and a floor area of approximately 600 square feet. It would be well suited for seniors or accessible living, among other affordable residential arrangements.

The home has been gutted on the interior, and offers many opportunities for flexible redesign to meet the needs of future owners and residents, and to respect their tastes.

The next owner of this property must offer it as an affordable home-ownership opportunity to persons who would likely qualify for a Habitat for Humanity home or rent it to persons in need of affordable housing for a minimum of six years. **There is no contractual restriction on expanding or adding to the building (subject to appropriate municipal permits).**

A covenant will restrict the demolition of the home.

Prospective purchasers are asked to submit a proposal responding to the following questions:

1. What interior and exterior appearance do you intend for this property?
2. How will you ensure that the home remains sturdy and functional?
3. Describe your experience with renovation and restoration. (We invite you to provide any references.)
4. What use or purpose do you envision for the home, consistent with the objective of affordable housing? Please explain.
5. What is your intended timeline and sequence of repairs?
6. What price are you provisionally proposing?

Please submit your proposal by **November 21, 2013, at 4 p.m. Atlantic time** to the Treasurer, Sydney Architectural Conservation Society, c/o Beaton Institute, Cape Breton University, 1250 Grand Lake Road, Sydney, NS, B1P 1A2; catherine_arseneau@cbu.ca; tel.: 563-1326.

Prospective proponents may also request a site visit.

The Sydney Architectural Conservation Society is under no obligation to accept any proposals and may request additional information. Its assessments and deliberations will be undertaken in keeping with its mandate.