

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS – May 2012

HISTORIC LISCOMBE HOUSE, SYDNEY, NOVA SCOTIA

The non-profit, volunteer Sydney Architectural Conservation Society was established in 2011 by the Old Sydney Society to intervene to conserve threatened, neglected, significant historic properties, do basic conservation work, and sell them to sympathetic purchasers who 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.

The historic Liscombe House (c. 1870), owned by the Society, is one of the few Italianate buildings in Cape Breton. Its social history is well documented, and it tells the story of the development of the city. This prominent, well-situated corner property is an integral part of Sydney's North End Heritage Conservation District. Its floor area, not including basement, is approximately 2,500 square feet.

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 historic and architectural integrity of the property is conserved, including its character-defining elements?
3. Describe your experience with heritage conservation, renovation, and restoration?
(We invite you to provide any references.)
4. What use or purpose do you envision for the Liscombe House?
5. What is your intended timeline and sequence of repairs?
6. What price are you provisionally proposing?

Please submit your proposal by Wednesday, May 23, 2012, 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. For inquiries about the property, please contact Vanessa Childs-Rolls at childsrolls@yahoo.ca.

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.