

# Coast Guard not willing to give up lighthouse

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seen by the general public," he maintains.

"Placing the SW Light in Dingwall will bring it back to its natural home and serve as a powerful economic generator for our community at a time when the Fishery is in decline. It will serve as a memorial to all those who died there in the many shipwrecks in past centuries and for those we knew who spent time on the Island. It will also serve to remind us of the vital role the Canadian Coast Guard has played in our maritime heritage.

"Considering all the traffic on the Cabot Trail, the Light would have wide international exposure and no longer be lost in a restricted urban

landscape.

"Our society is devoted to repatriating the Light and our museum is dedicated to welcoming everyone who wishes to see the Light and understand the important role it has played in our history.

While Nancy Hurlburt, Assistant Commissioner of the Canadian Coast Guard, Maritime Region, states she is not willing to give up the light and questions whether or not it is the light that came from St. Paul's Island, Mr. Carter maintains that in comparing pictures of the light on St. Paul's Island with the one in the Coast Guard parking lot, that it is the original or an identical replica.

"We still want what is in the parking lot regardless," he said.

Ms. Hurlburt did say she was interested in talking with the St. Paul's Island Historical Society as she wants to provide other memorabilia for their museum.

The St. Paul Island Historical Society is a community based privately funded society with its own museum on land that the Society owns.

"It is a beautiful site for the SW Light with views of Dingwall Harbour, Aspy Bay, and St. Paul Island. We are prepared to cover the costs of moving



The St. Paul's Island S.W. Lighthouse presently sits in the Coast Guard parking lot in Dartmouth. The St. Paul's Island Historical Society wishes to locate the light at its Museum in Dingwall for public enjoyment.

and mounting the Light. We would really appreciate all the help we can get with this important project." The St Paul Island Historical Society has an online petition with which it hopes to convince the Coast Guard to relinquish this important artifact and let the community from which it came benefit from its presence. For anyone wanting to help out with the process, the petition can be easily accessed at <http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/saveourcapebretonlighthouse/>

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