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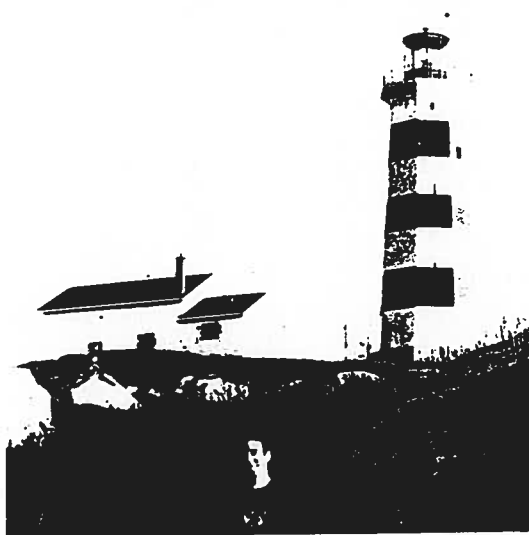
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Nova Scotia Lighthouse Preservation Society

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We are a recently formed group of individuals interested in the preservation and protection of lighthouses and lighthouse sites along the coastline of Nova Scotia. Canada's first lighthouse was lit in 1734 at Louisbourg and North America's oldest extant lighthouse (began 1758) continues to operate on Sambro Island, at the approaches to Halifax Harbour.



Until recent years these and countless other beacons along our rocky coastline played a major role in the development and sustenance of trade, commerce, and the fishing industry in the Maritime Provinces. Through modernization and automation we have already lost many historic and architecturally significant structures, as keepers are removed from lightstations and lighthouse functions are taken over by functional skeleton towers and electronic equipment.

The aim of the Nova Scotia Lighthouse Preservation Society is to create an awareness of our province's lighthouse and marine heritage and to work with related groups to ensure the identification, documentation and preservation of coastal sites, beginning with Sambro Island. As the oldest

operating lighthouse structure in North America it is a natural candidate for attention to its historic and architectural merit. The NSLPS wishes to ensure the restoration, protection and continued maintenance of the lighthouse and grounds, as well as opening the site to the public. The NSLPS is also committed to ongoing lighthouse and related marine research, including the collection of artifacts, lore, photographs and oral history.

To do this we need your support. At present the NSLPS is in its beginning stages- we now need a general membership of individuals interested in helping save Sambro Island and other important lighthouses in Nova Scotia. For further information please contact:

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