



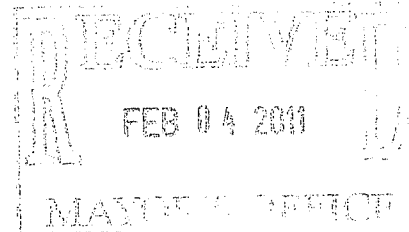
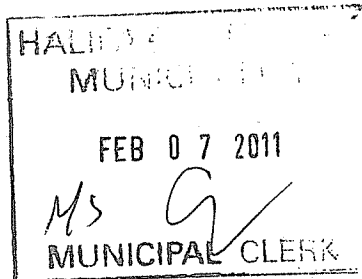
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Mayor Peter Kelly
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Dear Mayor Kelly:

I thank you for your letter of January 4, 2011, regarding environmental protection as it relates to the Blueberry Hill Mine in the community of Tangier.

In December 2009, the existing Environmental Assessment Approval for the Blueberry Hill Mine Project was transferred from Tangier Limited Partnership to Acadian Mining Corporation. No additional environmental assessment was conducted, or is required, for the transfer of the Approval for the Blueberry Hill Mine. To date, Acadian Mining Corporation has not proposed any modification or extension of the undertaking that may require further assessment.

Please note that there is currently no Industrial Approval for this mining project. In order to obtain an Industrial Approval, the applicant must submit an application to Nova Scotia Environment containing up-to-date detailed information including, but not limited to, environmental data and monitoring plans for surface water, groundwater, noise, dust, blasting, acid mine drainage and emissions. In accordance with the Approvals Procedure Regulations, Nova Scotia Environment can also require that the applicant undertake a consultation in the area where the proposed activity will be located.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact the Manager, Environmental Assessment Branch, Mr. Peter Geddes at (902) 424-6250.

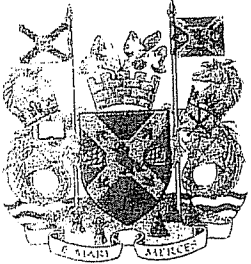
Sincerely,

Sterling Belliveau
Minister

c: Peter Geddes

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January 4, 2011

The Honourable Sterling Belliveau
Minister of the Environment
P. O. Box 442
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Dear Minister Belliveau:

At the Halifax Regional Council Meeting of November 30, 2010, Regional Council requested that I write you in regard to concerns raised by the Halifax Regional Watershed Advisory Board in regard to the Blueberry Hill Mine in the HRM community of Tangiers.

The Halifax Watershed Advisory Board is one of three advisory Committees established to advise Council on matters regarding protection of the watersheds in HRM. In their report to Council dated November 17, 2010 the Board raised a number of concerns in regard to the transfer of the Environmental Assessment approval for the Blueberry Hill Mine from Tangier Limited Partnership to Acadian Mining Corporations.

Those concerns were the age of the environmental registration document being relied upon by the Department and the enhancement of the environmental measurements that have occurred in the 22 years since the original registration, as demonstrated in some specific examples provided by the review of the document by the Board. The Board further recommended that, in light of the age of the Environmental Assessment Approval and the increase in public awareness of the environmental issues related to mining, that the Provincial government, through the Department of the Environment, exercise its option for public consultation at the next stage of approval process for this project. A copy of the Boards full report is attached for your consideration.

I look forward to a positive response to our concerns.

Respectfully, I remain

Peter Kelly
Mayor

cc - Halifax Regional Council

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Clark's office*