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To whom it may concern,
Attached please find my submission to the Law Amendments Committee on Bill No. 407 – Antigonish Consolidation Act.

Sincerely,

Kimberley Sherrington

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Mar 6th, 2024

Re: Bill No. 407 – Antigonish Consolidation Act

Dear Members Of The Law Amendments Committee,

I'm Kimberley Sherrington, a graduate of Dalhousie University and I'm the office Manager of our family Computer Business which opened a location in Antigonish in 1982. At the opening of the family business the Mayor of the day, Colin Chisholm cut the grand opening ribbon.

We have known all the Mayors since then and I'm shocked at the current Mayor and Warden for not letting the people of Antigonish have a vote or an actual study on merging the Town and County.

I have listened to all 19 people who presented on Monday, March 4, 2024. I'm very confused why Pam Mood, Brenda Chisholm-Beaton and Susan Snow were allowed to present since they do not reside in the area nor did they have a study to present. They had nothing to say, along with many of the others.

A few did have some interesting points. Deputy Warden MacFarlane talked about extending the water further out into the County. However the current water plant has a hard time taking care of the people currently on Town water. Since moving into Antigonish in 1997 there is rarely a summer that we don't go on water ban. Which to me says we can't keep expanding water when we don't have enough for the current users. Also we were told the County is not after the Town's water. So why would he mention something in his presentation that was already stated as not going to happen?

Owen McCarron talks about taxes being lowered, however a complete study has never been presented. How could he know this without a study?

Laurie Boucher talks about polling not being accurate. However all types of government in Canada listen to polls all the time, that's why we hear the results in the news. Is she saying that polling is inaccurate? Is she an expert in polling or just unhappy that the polls don't agree with her position? Also, if she disagrees with the poll, why didn't she and Warden do a poll of their own?

The people who want a study and a vote all presented facts and had meaningful things to say. Please listen to the people and give us a complete study, and then a vote. If you can give us a detailed study you might find more grassroots support.

I would like to see floating Councillors where everyone works as a team rather than individual districts.

The people who spoke in favour of consolidation tried to paint those who want a vote as reactionaries who are against change. They are completely missing the point, we are neither for nor against consolidation, we want the details and the right to choose our future. If, as they say, consolidation is so great, it should be easy to convince the people to vote for it.

Please Let Us Vote.

Sincerely,
Kimberley Sherrington