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Hon. Murray Scott Speaker House of Assembly Province House Halifax, Nova Scotia

Dear Mr. Speaker,

On behalf of the Standing Committee on Resources, I am pleased to submit the Annual Report of the Committee for the First Session and Second Sitting of the First Session of the Fifty-Ninth General Assembly.

Respectfully Submitted

John MacDonell, MLA (Hants East) Chairman Standing Committee on Resources

Halifax, Nova Scotia April 2005

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INTRODUCTION

The Standing Committee on Resources, an all-party Committee of the House of Assembly, was struck at the beginning of the First Session of the Fifty-Ninth General Assembly. Pursuant to Rule 60(2)(d) of the *Province of Nova Scotia Rules and Forms of Procedures of the House of Assembly:*

(e) the Resources Committee is established for the purpose of considering matters normally assigned to or within the purview of the Departments and Ministers of Agriculture and Marketing, of the Environment, of Fisheries and of Natural Resources. 1987 R. 60(2); am. 1993; am. 1996.¹

The membership of the Standing Committee on Resources currently is as follows:

Mr. John MacDonell, MLA - Chairman Hants East

Mr. Bill Dooks, MLA - Vice Chairman Eastern Shore

Mr. Bill Langille, MLA Colchester North

Mr. Gary Hines, MLA Waverley – Fall River – Beaver Bank

Mr. Charlie Parker, MLA Pictou West

Ms. Joan Massey, MLA Dartmouth East

Mr. Wayne Gaudet, MLA Clare

Mr. Keith Colwell, MLA Preston

Mr. Gerald Sampson, MLA Victoria – The Lakes

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¹ Province of Nova Scotia Rules and Forms of Procedure of the House of Assembly, July 1999, Rule 60(2)(e) Pages 61-62.

PROCEDURES AND OPERATIONS

The Resources Committee traditionally meets once a month. These meetings are held on the last Tuesday of the month in the Legislative Committees Office. During the First and Second Sitting of the First Session of the Fifty-Ninth General Assembly the Committee met on the following dates:

October 23, 2003 December 2, 2003 February 10, 2004 February 24, 2004 March 23, 2004 April 20 2004 May 18, 2004 June 29, 2004

NOTICES

Notices of the Resources Committee meetings are sent to all Members of the Committee, staff of the caucus offices, the Legislative staff and the House of Assembly Press Gallery. The notices are also posted in Province House and are on the Committees' web-site at the following address:

http://www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/COMMITTEES/schedr.html

VERBATIM TRANSCRIPTS

Transcripts of all Resources Committee meetings are available from the Legislative Library in Province House, the Legislative Committees Office or on-line at the Resources Committees' web page at the following address:

http://www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/hansard/comm/r/

RESEARCH MATERIAL

All research for the Resources Committee is compiled by the Committee's Clerk, and distributed to the members. Reference material is placed in binders and distributed one week prior to meetings. A copy of this material is also made available to the witnesses appearing before the Committee, the Legislative Library in the House of Assembly and to Hansard Recording Services.

ANNUAL REPORTS

All reports from the Resources Committee are compiled and written by the Committee's Clerk. Once the Chair has approved the initial draft, it is then sent to the individual Committee members for consideration. The draft review complete, the report is tabled with the Clerk of the House.

Distribution of the report is as follows: to the Speaker, all members of the Legislature, all witnesses that appeared before the Committee, the Legislative Library in Nova Scotia and in all other provinces and territories, Deputy Ministers, Chairpersons of all Canadian Resources Committees, and the Media. This report is also available to the general public upon request through the Legislative Committees Office or on-line at the Committee's web page at the following address:

http://www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/COMMITTEES/resources_pubs.html

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The Standing Committee on Resources wishes to extend its gratitude to witnesses for their time and cooperation; Ms. Mora Stevens, Clerk of the Resources Committee and the staff of the Legislative Committees Office for the organization and research of committee meetings. Others whose assistance has been invaluable to the Committee are: Mr. Robert Kinsman, Editor of Hansard, and Hansard staff; Mr. James MacInnes, Coordinator/Director Legislative Television and Broadcast Services, and staff; Ms. Margaret Murphy, Legislative Librarian, and staff.

WITNESSES

Tuesday, October 23, 2003	Organization Meeting / Setting the Agenda No witnesses were present at this meeting	
Tuesday, December 2, 2003	Northern Lumber Limited Mr. Allan Marchbank - Northern Lumber Limited Mr. Tom Taggart - Taggart Hardwood	
Tuesday, February 10, 2004	Nova Scotia Business Inc Mr. Pat Ryan – Vice President – Financial Services Mr. Craig Stanfield – Account Executive – Business Attractions Office of Economic Development Mr. Paul Taylor – Chief Executive Officer Mr. Andy Hare – Director - Development Initiatives	
Tuesday, February 24, 2004	Department of Natural Resources Mr. Peter MacQuarrie - Director - Renewable Resources (Crown Land Access) Mr. Dan Eidt - Director - Resource Management (Value Added)	
Tuesday, March 23, 2004	Nova Scotia Woodlot Owners and Operators Association Mr. Tom Miller - President Mr. Wade Prest - Treasurer and Past President	
Tuesday, April 20 2004	Pork Nova Scotia Mr. Martin Porskamp - Vice Chair Mr. Henry Vissers - Executive Manager Mr. Lloyd Evans - Director	
Tuesday, May 18, 2004	Department of Transportation – Rural Infrastructure Programs Mr. Martin Delaney - Executive Director - Highway Operations Mr. Bruce Fitzner - Director Highway Operations	

WITNESSES

Tuesday, June 29, 2004

Nova Scotia Power Inc.

Mr. Ralph Tedesco – Chief Operating Officer Mr. Ian Thompson – Vice President – External Relations Ms. Nancy Tower – General Manager – Customer Relations Mr. James Taylor – General Manager – Power Production Mr. Peter Doig – Director – Government Relations

Organizational Meeting and Agenda Setting

Tuesday, October 23, 2004

WITNESSES

There were no witness present for this meeting

MATTERS OF DISCUSSION

A number of items were discussed. A few of the topics highlighted were as follows:

The Committee discussed meeting more than once a month. The Committee voted on this issue and the motion was defeated; Election of the Vice Chair - Mr. Bill Dooks, MLA; Overview of Briefing Book; Discussion concerning number of meetings per month, days and times;

Approved Agenda Items:

St. Ann's Mussel Farm (representatives from 5M and Dockendorff Proponents and the Community Liaison Committee); Officials from the Department of Economic Development re: an overview of government grant of concern to companies (i.e.: Savoie Dickson); Northern Lumber; and Nova Scotia Private Woodlot Owners - in light of Hurricane Juan.; and Other agenda items were discussed, however, they were not approved.

TRANSCRIPT

A copy of the transcript of this meeting is available from the Legislative Committees Office or it can be found online at the following address:

http://www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/hansard/comm/r/re_2003oct23.htm

Northern Lumber Ltd.

Tuesday, December 2, 2004

WITNESSES

Mr. Allan Marchbank Northern Lumber Limited

Mr. Tom Taggart Taggart Hardwood

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Northern Lumber Ltd. was established in 1996 in Brule Point, Nova Scotia by a small group of businessmen in the Tatamagouche area. The Company was built with the capacity to process approximately 1 million board feet of hardwood lumber per year. Northern Lumber dried the green lumber and manufactured it into edge glued laminated panels which could be used in the manufacturing of furniture, kitchen cupboards, stair treads etc. Northern Lumber employed fifteen people year round with an annual payroll of three hundred thousand dollars.

The lumber used by the company was bought from several different mills from Nova Scotia. When a new modern hardwood mill opened in Fox Brook, Pictou County (owned by Savoie Dickson) it was understood that the small value-added manufacturing companies, like Northern Lumber Ltd. would be able to purchase the lumber at market price. However, when the mill opened, the majority of the lumber was directed to mills and the lumber produced was shipped to Savoie Dickson owned value added plants in New Brunswick. Due to an inadequate supply of green lumber Northern Lumber closed in the Fall of 2001.

MATTERS OF DISCUSSION

The Committee went into details on the following matters:

Time line of events surrounding Northern Lumber Ltd, outline of industry as it is currently; Steady supply of wood, Crown land leases, 105 theory, tendering, government policies; Small business - creation of jobs, adding value to the community; Savoie-Dickson Hardwood Ltd, Kimberley Clarke, Stora; Value Added Wood Industry; Select cutting versus clear cutting; and Regrowth of hardwood versus softwood, forest management plan.

REQUEST FOR DOCUMENTATION

The Committee requested the following documentation from the witnesses:

A copy of the Cape Breton Community College Report on the value added wood industry - July 2003; and

A copy of the directory of Nova Scotia Producers of Wood Products

TRANSCRIPT

A copy of the transcript of this meeting is available from the Legislative Committees Office or it can be found online at the following address:

http://www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/hansard/comm/r/re_2003dec02.htm

Nova Scotia Business Inc. / Office of Economic Development

concerning Economic Development and Loans to the Resources Sector

Tuesday, February 10, 2004

WITNESSES

Nova Scotia Business Inc

Mr. Pat Ryan Vice President – Financial Services

Mr. Craig Stanfield Account Executive – Business Attractions

Office of Economic Development

Mr. Paul Taylor Chief Executive Officer

Mr. Andy Hare Director - Development Initiatives

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Office of Economic Development (OED)

The Office of Economic Development (OED) was created in 2002 when the Department of Economic Development and took over the technology and innovation responsibilities of the defunct Technology and Science Secretariat. The OED was created in order to combine government's role in the economic development making policy with its role in technology and innovation. The goal is to create opportunities for improved support for sustainable productive businesses.

Nova Scotia Business Inc. (NSBI)

Nova Scotia Business Inc. (NSBI) is a provincial Crown Corporation that was created in 2001, in order to provide Nova Scotia with a business focused, private sector led approach to growing the economy. NSBI's goal is to expand business so that there will be sustainable, value-added growth to the economy. This will create employment and also increase revenues to the Province. NSBI has a five-year strategic plan that outlines specific strategies and tactics in order to achieve their goal. NSBI hopes to attract new business, help retain and expand businesses that are already located in Nova Scotia, promote trade and aid companies use of their lending program or providing financial services.

OED and NSBI were asked to appear before the Committee in order to discuss their roles in the development and loans to the resources sector.

MATTERS OF DISCUSSION

The Committee went into details on the following matters:

NSBI lending operations – details concerning the various types of loans and procedures, special accommodations made for companies and clients;

Commercial loans, amortization of loans;

Businesses use of both OED and NSBI, specifics concerning who each organization is mandated to support, referral process, making a business case for loans, loan perimeters, financial criteria required for loans;

Types of loans and grants, payroll rebate program

Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA), Enterprise Cape Breton, Community Economic Development;

Number of call centres that have received loans, fisheries sector – processing plants, shipyards etc.; and

Savoie Dickson – details concerning OED's and NSBI's involvement with the company, Valley Vista Golf Course, Britex.

REQUEST FOR DOCUMENTATION

The Committee did not make any requests for further documentation from the witnesses.

TRANSCRIPT

A copy of the transcript of this meeting is available from the Legislative Committees Office or it can be found online at the following address:

http://www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/hansard/comm/r/re_2004feb10.htm

Department of Natural Resources

concerning Forest Management, Sustainability, Value Added Products and Crown Land Access

Tuesday, February 24, 2004

WITNESSES

Department of Natural Resources

Mr. Peter MacQuarrie

Director - Renewable Resources (Crown Land Access)

Mr. Dan Eidt

Director - Resource Management (Value Added)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Renewable Resources Branch of the Department of Natural Resources is responsible for providing the coordination, leadership, policy planning and program development for the government of Nova Scotia to the Forest Industry. This branch of the Department is responsible for the integrated development, management and conservation of the provincial forests in Nova Scotia as well as parks and wildlife resources.

MATTERS OF DISCUSSION

The Committee went into details on the following matters:

Forest Sustainability Regulations - harvesting , stumpage rates, silviculture fund, clear cutting policies;

Use of crown land- allocation of wood on crown land, tendering process and procedures;

Eigg Mountain and Gully Lake - environmental studies, protected areas;

Complimentary land usage - economic interest versus tourism, all terrain vehicles (ATV's);

US Regulations, Nova Scotia's use of permits - Registered Byers Guide;

Department of Natural Resources wood supply analysis;

Allocation agreements and license agreements with companies such as Stora, Kimberley Clarke, Irving and Bowater Mersey;

Underwater fibre harvesting; and

Inter-provincial trade agreements.

REQUEST FOR DOCUMENTATION

The Committee requested the following documentation from the witnesses:

A breakdown of the stumpage rates on both hardwood and softwood with an outline of the silviculture rates that apply to both woods; and

A complete listing of the allocation agreements that are currently in place in Nova Scotia.

TRANSCRIPT

A copy of the transcript of this meeting is available from the Legislative Committees Office or it can be found online at the following address:

http://www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/hansard/comm/r/re 2004feb24.htm

Nova Scotia Woodlot Owners and Operators Association

concerning the State of the Industry and Recovery Effort from Hurricane Juan

Tuesday, March 23, 2004

WITNESSES

Nova Scotia Woodlot Owners and Operators Association

Mr. Tom Miller President

Mr. Wade Prest Treasurer and Past President

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Nova Scotia Woodlot Owners and Operators Association (NSWOOA) was founded in 1969 by a federation of eighteen county woodlot owner organizations across the province. At the time the organizing efforts were based on the need to obtain a fairer, more equitable return for private pulpwood being used by the three major mills. In 1976, small contractors were brought together with woodlot owners under the umbrella of the renamed Nova Scotia Woodlot Owners and Operators Association.

Today, the NSWOOA is an independent organization of woodlot owners and operators having the goal of achieving prosperity, stewardship and solidarity through the practice of ecologically, socially and economically sustainable forestry. This is done through education of members, demonstrations and cooperation.

The NSWOOA promotes the use of low impact forestry as an alternative to today's industrial forestry methods. Low impact forestry emphasizes partial cutting on a regular schedule and provides an even flow of income to woodlot owners. It also promotes a continual improvement to the growing stock, increasing the quantity and quality of the timber resource. Low impact forestry also maintains a continuous forest cover, which provides wildlife habitats, protects water quality and preserves ecological functions.

MATTERS OF DISCUSSION

The Committee went into details on the following matters:

Low impact forestry versus the practice of clearcutting, easements on deeds of land, selection cutting, silviculture;

Setting of the price, closure of the United States market effects on sustaining the overall price, mass production of a uniform raw material;

Regulations concerning harvesting of trees on private lands, phase in of annual allowable cuts; Value Added wood industry, effect on the Nova Scotia rural economy, creation of jobs;

MATTERS OF DISCUSSION

Certifications – the various types of certifications for forests, rules and regulations concerning certification with specifics concerning the FSC Certification process, stakeholders within the industry and their thoughts on the process and the types of certification in existence; Spraying of Vision and use of herbicides in forests, deadwood, environmentalism versus tree-huggers;

Education, forestry schools and programs;

Department of Natural Resources and their use of the forestry resources, industrial forest model Eco-tourism – liabilities surrounding the industry; and

Primary Forest Marketing Board and the Woodlot Experiment.

REQUEST FOR DOCUMENTATION

The Committee did not make any requests for further documentation from the witnesses.

TRANSCRIPT

A copy of the transcript of this meeting is available from the Legislative Committees Office or it can be found online at the following address:

http://www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/hansard/comm/r/re 2004mar23.htm

Pork Nova Scotia

Tuesday, April 20, 2004

WITNESSES

Pork Nova Scotia

Mr. Martin Porskamp Vice Chair

Mr. Henry Vissers Executive Manager

Mr. Lloyd Evans Director

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Pork Nova Scotia was created in order to provide the most favourable environment possible for the production and marketing of pork in Nova Scotia and to assist in maximizing returns for Nova Scotia producers. Pork Nova Scotia is the marketing agent for hogs in Nova Scotia. It is mandated to carry out the purchase and sale of hogs in this province through the Natural Products Act. It has an active and organized structure that has become the recognized voice of the Pork Industry in Nova Scotia.

Pork Nova Scotia is organized into 3 geographical zones, representing pork producers who account for 100% of Nova Scotia's pork production. The board of directors consists of six directors, two from each zone. It also maintains active affiliations nationally with the Canadian Pork Council and internationally with Canada Pork International, a member of the Board of Directors of Pork Nova Scotia is appointed to the Canadian Pork Council

The Pork Industry in Nova Scotia is valued at approximately \$30 million at the farm gate and over \$100 million to the Nova Scotia economy. The industry employees over 1500 people in mainly rural communities in Nova Scotia

MATTERS OF DISCUSSION

The Committee went into details on the following matters:

Retail Recovery Program - Outline of the program, monitoring, recovery of \$0.10 / kilo for the producers, retailers not consumers will pay;

Cost of feed in Atlantic Canada versus the rest of Canada creates a \$10.00 imbalance of cost to raise a sow, freight costs;

MATTERS OF DISCUSSION

Canadian Pork Council - Nation issues such as countervail and the US anti-dumping laws, over production in North America;

Loan Program (5.8% interest rate), long term strategies for the survival of the family farms, former stabilization program (1995-1999);

Atlantic Canada Plus (formerly) will be reintroduced as Brand Nova Scotia, Co-Op Atlantic; Marketing in the United States, advertisement plans, Pork - the Other White Meat, Pork Nuggets, Atkins and South Beach diet contributions to the pork industry;

Sow Unit Study;

Processing plants - Larsons (Maple Leaf), O.H. Armstrong. Tony's Meats (Antigonish Abattoir and other smaller facilities;

BSE scare, bio hazards, bio security, zones and trace back capabilities (30 days);

Department of Agriculture - loss of technicians and field experts, Agrapoint International Inc.; and environmental concerns such as spreading of manure, odour etc.

REQUEST FOR DOCUMENTATION

The Committee requested the following documentation from the witnesses:

A copy of the pork grading grid used by producers in Nova Scotia.

TRANSCRIPT

A copy of the transcript of this meeting is available from the Legislative Committees Office or it can be found online at the following address:

http://www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/hansard/comm/r/re 2004apr20.htm

Department of Transportation and Public Works

concerning Rural Infrastructure Programs in Nova Scotia

Tuesday, May 18, 2004

WITNESSES

Department of Transportation and Public Works

Mr. Martin Delaney Executive Director - Highway Operations

Mr. Bruce Fitzner Director Highway Operations

Mr. Phil Corkum Manager - Highway Planning and Design

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Department of Transportation and Public Works is responsible for approximately 23,000 kilometres of roadway in Nova Scotia and 4100 bridges. There are approximately 1900 kilometres of 100-series highway. 12000 kilometres of paved secondary roads and 9000 kilometres of gravel roads in Nova Scotia. The Province maintains 90 percent of the road system in Nova Scotia. The municipalities are responsible for the other 10 percent.

In 2001 the department commissioned a study that determined that provincial roads and bridges in Nova Scotia would require \$3.4 billion in capital work be done within the next 10 years in order to maintain them in good working order. Nova Scotia's infrastructure shortfall is approximately \$250 million per year for capital work and costs continue to escalate.

The Department must provide service to taxpayers at the most effective cost in order to be able to stay within budget. One snowstorm alone, such as the 2004 blizzard can cost up to \$3 million. A delicate balance must be maintained.

MATTERS OF DISCUSSION

The Committee went into details on the following matters:

Rural Impact Mitigation (RIM) budget 2004-2005 - \$12.5 million, one operational budget for winter and summer;

RIM tendering process and overruns in said process, rise in fuel prices and their effect on the tenders;

MATTERS OF DISCUSSION

Steel Bridge Truss Report - National Bridge Institute (NBI) rating system with serviceability and operational components;

Reassignment of machines to various routes, such as snowploughs, single operators on snowplows;

Lane closure requirements, signage, new code of practices for highway workers, use of RCMP when shutting down lanes;

Management plan for the use of salt, environmental effects of pre-wetting, handling and storage of salt, use of weather stations for quicker response to conditions;

Installation of culvert - policy, reusing culvert by ATV clubs, trails etc., installation of culvert in driveways - \$300.00 deposit, TPW's inspections of said culvert etc., Off-road Vehicle Act, trail networking possibilities;

Maintenance costs for gravel versus, seal-coat versus paved roads;

Department of Transportation morale problems, instituting programs to boost morale; Road exchange program between the Municipality and the Provincial government, number of provincial highways versus federal highways in Nova Scotia versus other provinces throughout Canada;

Sub-Division Roads, using recycled asphalt, prohibiting the use of salt and creates plowing restrictions, private roads in sub-divisions, Municipal Service Exchange Agreement; Federal Government negotiations for a new agreement, slight possibility of Infrastructure Funds for local paving projects;

Classes of highways, J and K Class; and

Extension of Highway 107 to Sheet Harbour, weather station in Bridgetown, Candy Mountain Road - heavy truck traffic, construction, cost of Ben Jackson Interchange, O'Connell Drive in Porters Lake will go under review, Seal Island Bridge, MacDonald Road, French River guard rail, Whycocomagh to Baddeck,

REQUEST FOR DOCUMENTATION

The Committee requested the following documentation from the witnesses:

A copy of overrun figures for the capital tendering process for both of the fiscal years 2002-2003 and 2003-2004;

A breakdown of RIM funding for each of the 52 constituencies in Nova Scotia;

A copy of the performance standards in the signage replacement policy;

A copy of the section of the legislation that gives the Department of Transportation and Public Works immunity from prosecution when vehicles are damaged on the roads in Nova Scotia; and

A copy of the operating policies concerning the use of experienced personnel on the various sections of highways.

TRANSCRIPT

A copy of the transcript of this meeting is available from the Legislative Committees Office or it can be found online at the following address:

http://www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/hansard/comm/r/re 2004may18.htm

Nova Scotia Power Inc.

Tuesday, June 29, 2004

WITNESSES

Nova Scotia Power Inc.

Mr. Ralph Tedesco Chief Operating Officer

Mr. Ian Thompson Vice President – External Relations

Ms. Nancy Tower General Manager – Customer Relations

Mr. James Taylor General Manager – Power Production

Mr. Peter Doig Director – Government Relations

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Nova Scotia Power Inc. (NSPI) is a subsidiary of Emera Inc. NSPI is a wholly owned, fully integrated, regulated electricity utility, with \$3.0 billion of assets, serving 460,000 customers. NSPI supplies over 95% of the electric generation, transmission and distribution in Nova Scotia. NSPI recorded earnings of \$112.1 million, in part due to the utilities first rate increase since 1996.

In 2003 Hurricane Juan caused significant damage to NSPI's infrastructure with an approximate cost of \$12.6 million. (\$4million net operating costs, \$8.6 million in capital costs). Almost 70% of NSPI customers were without power during the hurricane. Over 300 line technicians and 100 tree removal crews worked throughout the state of emergency and restored power to 95% of NSPI customer in 5 days. The other 5% of NSPI customers went as long as 14 days without power

MATTERS OF DISCUSSION

The Committee went into details on the following matters:

Rate increase applications before the Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board, NSPI profits, to shareholders, tax assessments on NSPI properties, Emera 's other interests - Bangor Hydro Electric Company;

NSPI capacity, need for a new generator, distribution and storage capacity;

MATTERS OF DISCUSSION

NSPI emissions policy especially concerning sulfur dioxide, Kyoto Accord – ratification and compliance, CO2 credits from Russia;

Hurricane Juan, cost of changing to underground power system, tree line reestablishment;

Clearing of transmission lines, hiring of American contractors – possibility of using Nova Scotia subcontractors;

Auditor Generals 2003 audit concerning the lack of payment to the Province for the radio licensing fees – resolution to the situation;

Tufts Cove power facility, tidal power, conservation and demand-side management;

Renewable Resources – details on the development of wind power resources in Nova Scotia; and three phase power in Cape Breton.

REQUEST FOR DOCUMENTATION

The Committee requested the following documentation from the witnesses:

A copy of the Rural and Urban Development Plans from Nova Scotia Power Inc. outlining the installation of power lines between 1982-1992 and then again from 1992–2002.

TRANSCRIPT

A copy of the transcript of this meeting is available from the Legislative Committees Office or it can be found online at the following address:

http://www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/hansard/comm/r/re_2004jun29.htm

STATEMENT OF SUBMISSION

All of which is respectfully submitted to the House of Assembly this 8th day of March, 2005

John MacDonell, MLA Chairman

I concur

I concur

Bill Dooks, MLA (Vice Chairman)

I concur

Bill Langille, MLA

I concur

Gary Hines, MLA

I concur

Charlie Parker, MLA

Joan Massey, MLA

I concur

Wayne Gaudet, MLA

I concur

Keith Colwell, MLA

I concur

Gerald Sampson, MLA

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