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Hon. Gordie Gosse
Speaker
House of Assembly
Province House
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Dear Mr. Speaker:

On behalf of the Standing Committee on Resources, I am pleased to submit the Annual Report of the Committee for the period from September 2010 to August 2011 of the Sixty-First General Assembly.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Sidney Prest, MLA
(Eastern Shore)
Chair
Standing Committee on Resources

Halifax, Nova Scotia
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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 Sixty-First General Assembly. Pursuant to Rule 60(2)(e) 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.

MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the Resources Committee is currently as follows:

Mr. Sidney Prest, MLA – Chair
Eastern Shore

Mr. Leo Glavine, MLA
Kings West

Mr. Howard Epstein, MLA
Halifax Chebucto

Mr. Andrew Younger, MLA
Dartmouth East

Mr. Jim Boudreau, MLA – Vice-Chair
Guysborough – Sheet Harbour

Mr. Alfie MacLeod, MLA
Cape Breton West

Mr. Gary Ramey, MLA
Lunenburg West

Mr. Chuck Porter, MLA
Hants West

Ms. Lenore Zann, MLA
Truro – Bible Hill

MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

In January 2011 the Committee underwent the following membership changes:

Mr. Gary Ramey and Ms. Lenore Zann replaced Mr. Gary Burrill and Mr. Jim Morton as members of the Committee.

PROCEDURES AND OPERATIONS

The Resources Committee traditionally meets once a month. These meetings were usually held on the third Thursday of the month in the Legislative Committees Office. During the period from September 2010 to August 2011 of the Sixty-First General Assembly the Committee met on the following dates:

September 23, 2010	February 10, 2011
October 21, 2010	March 10, 2011
November 18, 2010	June 16, 2011
January 20, 2011	

NOTICES, TRANSCRIPTS AND REPORTS

Notices

Notices of the Committee meetings are sent to all members of the Committee, staff of the caucus offices, legislative staff and Communications Nova Scotia. The notices are also posted in Province House and are on the Committee's website at the following address: <http://nslegislature.ca/index.php/calendar/>

Transcripts

Transcripts of the Resources Committee meetings are available from the Legislative Library in Province House, the Legislative Committees Office or on the Resources Committee's website at the following address: http://nslegislature.ca/index.php/committees/committee_hansard/C10/

Reports

All reports of the Standing Committee on Resources are compiled by the Legislative Committees Office and forwarded to Committee members for consideration. Once the report is finalized, it is then distributed as follows:

To the Speaker and the Clerk of the House of Assembly, Committee members, all witnesses who appeared before the Committee, the Legislative Library in Nova Scotia, the caucus offices and the media. The report is also available to all persons interested in obtaining a copy from the Legislative Committees Office or on the Committee's website at the following address: <http://nslegislature.ca/index.php/committees/reports/resources>

RESEARCH MATERIAL

All research for the Resources Committee is compiled by the Legislative Library and distributed by the Committee Clerk prior to the meeting to Committee members, caucus researchers, Legislative Library in the Province of Nova Scotia and Hansard Reporting Services.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Committee wishes to extend its gratitude to all witnesses for their time and co-operation. Special appreciation is extended to: the staff of the Legislative Committees Office; Mr. Robert Kinsman, Editor of Hansard Reporting Services and staff; Mr. James MacInnes, Coordinator/Director of Legislative Television and Broadcast Services and staff; and Ms. Margaret Murphy, Legislative Librarian and staff, with special thanks to Ms. Heather Ludlow, Information Services Librarian, for her research assistance.

WITNESSES

- September 23, 2010 **Organizational Meeting**
- October 21, 2010 **Federation of Nova Scotia Woodland Owners**
- November 18, 2010 **Nova Scotia Power Inc.**
Scotian WindFields
Status of Wind Power Projects
- January 20, 2011 **Nova Scotia Woodlot Owners and Operators Association**
Future of Forestry / Sustainability of Forests
- February 10, 2011 **Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture**
- March 10, 2011 **Offshore/Onshore Technologies Association of Nova Scotia**
- June 16, 2011 **Nova Scotia Mink Breeders Association**

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

September 23, 2010

WITNESSES

There were no witnesses present at the meeting.

MATTERS OF DISCUSSION

The committee discussed potential witnesses for future meetings of the Committee.

TRANSCRIPT

A transcript of this meeting can be found at the following address:

http://nslegislature.ca/index.php/committees/committee_hansard/C10/re_2010sep23/

WITNESSES

Federation of Nova Scotia Woodland Owners

Mr. John Roblee, Chair

Mr. Mike Hutchinson, Projects Coordinator

MATTERS OF DISCUSSION

The purpose of the meeting was to provide information about the Federation and to discuss issues facing this sector.

MOTIONS

There were no motions made during the meeting.

DOCUMENTATION

There was no documentation requested.

TRANSCRIPT

A transcript of this meeting can be found at the following address:

http://nslegislature.ca/index.php/committees/committee_hansard/C10/re_2010oct21/

STATUS OF WIND POWER PROJECTS

November 18, 2010

WITNESSES

Nova Scotia Power Inc.

Mr. Robin McAdam, Executive Vice-President, Sustainability

Ms. Pamela McKinnon, Director, Wind Energy

Scotian WindFields

Mr. Barry Zwicker, Chief Executive Officer

MATTERS OF DISCUSSION

The purpose of the meeting was to provide information about the status of wind power projects and the disadvantages faced by small regional players.

MOTIONS

There were no motions made during the meeting.

DOCUMENTATION

There was no documentation requested.

TRANSCRIPT

A transcript of this meeting can be found at the following address:

http://nslegislature.ca/index.php/committees/committee_hansard/C10/re_2010nov18/

**FUTURE OF FORESTRY / SUSTAINABILITY OF
FORESTS**

January 20, 2011

WITNESSES

Nova Scotia Woodlot Owners and Operators Association

Mr. Austin Parsons, President
Mr. Lorne Burrows, Past President
Mr. Matt Miller, Board Member

MATTERS OF DISCUSSION

The purpose of the meeting was to provide information about the future of forestry and sustainability of forests.

MOTIONS

There were no motions made during the meeting.

DOCUMENTATION

There was no documentation requested.

TRANSCRIPT

A transcript of this meeting can be found at the following address:
http://nslegislature.ca/index.php/committees/committee_hansard/C10/re_2011jan20

WITNESSES

Nova Scotia Federation of Agriculture

Ms. Beth Densmore, President
Mr. Richard Melvin, 2nd Vice-President
Mr. Henry Vissers, Executive Director

MATTERS OF DISCUSSION

The purpose of the meeting was to provide information about the Federation, its mission and activities.

MOTIONS

There were no motions made during the meeting.

DOCUMENTATION

There was no documentation requested.

TRANSCRIPT

A transcript of this meeting can be found at the following address:
http://nslegislature.ca/index.php/committees/committee_hansard/C10/re_2011feb10

**OFFSHORE/ONSHORE TECHNOLOGIES
ASSOCIATION OF NOVA SCOTIA**

March 10, 2011

WITNESSES

Offshore/Onshore Technologies Association of Nova Scotia

Ms. Barbara B. Pike, Executive Director

Mr. Joe Fitzharris, Chair, Board of Directors

MATTERS OF DISCUSSION

The purpose of the meeting was to provide information about the Association, its mission and activities.

MOTIONS

During the meeting, the Standing Committee on Resources passed the following motion:

“THAT the mink producers of Nova Scotia be our witness for the month of June.”

DOCUMENTATION

There was no documentation requested.

TRANSCRIPT

A transcript of this meeting can be found at the following address:

http://nslegislature.ca/index.php/committees/committee_hansard/C10/re_2011mar10

**NOVA SCOTIA MINK BREEDERS
ASSOCIATION**

June 16, 2011

WITNESSES

Nova Scotia Mink Breeders Association

Mr. Earl Prime, President

Mr. Simeon Roberts, Managing Director

Mr. Dan Mullen, Board Member

MATTERS OF DISCUSSION

The purpose of the meeting was to provide information about the mink farming in Nova Scotia.

MOTIONS

There were no motions made during the meeting.

DOCUMENTATION

There was no documentation requested.


TRANSCRIPT


A transcript of this meeting can be found at the following address:

http://nslegislature.ca/index.php/committees/committee_hansard/C10/re_2011jun16

STATEMENT OF SUBMISSION

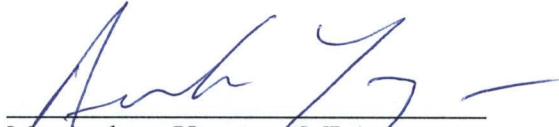
All of which is respectfully submitted to the House of Assembly
This 20th day of October, 2011

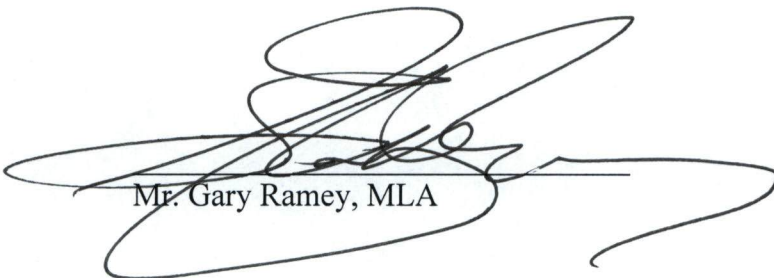

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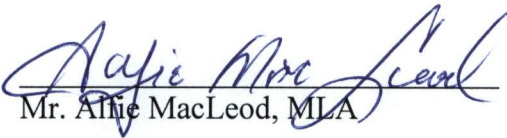

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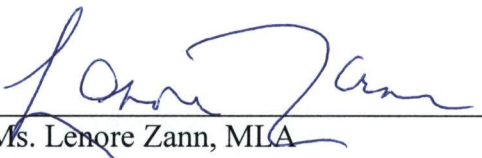

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