

Minister of the Environment



Ministre de l'Environnement

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Dear Mr. Fournier:

The Nova Scotia Minister of Environment and Labour and I signed an agreement establishing the joint review panel for the Whites Point Quarry and Marine Terminal project. The review will be conducted in accordance with the terms of reference for the joint review panel specified in the agreement (enclosed).

Having considered your credentials, I believe that you would bring valuable skills and knowledge to the review panel. Accordingly, I am pleased to appoint you as Chair of the joint review panel.

The Government of Canada and the Government of Nova Scotia attach considerable importance to this joint review, in particular to the actual and perceived impartiality and neutrality of the panel members. You will be contacted in the near future by the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency concerning the terms and conditions of your appointment and the panel's responsibilities.

I wish you every success in this important assignment as panel chair, and look forward to receiving the panel report and recommendations upon completion of the joint review.

Yours sincerely,

Stéphane Dion

Enclosure

c.c.: The Honourable Kerry Morash, M.L.A.

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