

PUBLIC HEARING

WHITES POINT QUARRY AND MARINE TERMINAL PROJECT

JOINT REVIEW PANEL

V O L U M E 9

HELD BEFORE: Dr. Robert Fournier (Chair)
Dr. Jill Grant (Member)
Dr. Gunter Muecke (Member)

PLACE HEARD: Digby, Nova Scotia

DATE HEARD: Tuesday, June 26, 2007

PRESENTERS: -Partnership for the Sustainable Development
of Digby Neck and Islands Society
Ms. Linda Pannozo (GPI ATLANTIC)/Dr. Meinhard
Doelle/Dr. Mike Stokesbury/Dr. Robert Gibson/
Dr. David VanderZwaag
-Mr. David and Ms. Linda Graham
-Mr. Andy Moir
-Ms. Cindy Nesbitt and Mr. John Ivens
-Mr. Leo Glavine and Mr. Harold Theriault
-Mr. Brian Meeson and Ms. Andrea Meeson
-Mr. Fred Ganley
-Mr. William Hilden

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Per: H el ene Boudreau-Laforge, CCR

1 because we got a phone call telling us not to bring them to
2 shore.

3 THE CHAIRPERSON: Thank you.

4 Mr. BRUCE TITUS: Thank you very much.

5 THE CHAIRPERSON: Any questions
6 additionally. If not, we've been at this for two hours and
7 15 minutes, we're only halfway done this evening, so we're
8 going to stop for five minutes, stretch your legs and then
9 we'll start up again, okay?

10 --- Recess at 8:15 p.m.

11 --- Upon resuming at 8:22 p.m.

12 THE CHAIRPERSON: Ladies and gentlemen,
13 please. Can we get back? Please. Okay. The meeting will
14 come back to order.

15 The next presenters for this evening's
16 meeting are Brian and Andrea Meeson.

17 **PRESENTATION BY BRIAN AND ANDREA MEESON**

18 Ms. ANDREA MEESON: Good evening, my name
19 is Andrea Meeson; A-n-d-r-e-a; M-e-e-s-o-n.

20 Mr. BRIAN MEESON: And I am Brian Meeson,
21 with an "i", and the surname spelled the same way.

22 Ms. ANDREA MEESON: We are one of the
23 many sustainable resources of Digby Neck, people who came as
24 tourists and stayed as annual returnees.

25 We are here as witnesses to a form of

1 tourism which does not feature in the yearly ups and downs
2 of the in by 5:00 and out by 9:00 motoring trade.

3 We may be characterized as non-
4 residents, but like offshore capital, we have invested in
5 the Province. Collectively, our contribution, and we
6 include many others like us, has been significant to the
7 economy of Digby County and to Nova Scotia.

8 We are examples of sustainable
9 development. We don't cruise by in SUVs and buses, never to
10 return. We are here three to four months. Over 40 years,
11 we have averaged 10 weeks per year, every year. By the way,
12 we live in Sandy Cove.

13 It's difficult to develop being an
14 acquaintance a passing visitor. The Digby Neck and Islands
15 however has been the basis for significant sustained human
16 development, generation after generation.

17 We feel that the Proponent's
18 environmental impact statement underrates the human
19 component, and particularly avoids that aspects of which we
20 are part.

21 We live much of the year in Toronto, a
22 city characterized by the worship of concrete.

23 There, we have fought successfully in
24 the downtown to preserve aspects of the wilderness, but
25 despite the considerable greenery, the average temperature