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**WHITES POINT QUARRY & MARINE TERMINAL**

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**TABLE QOL - 4 - Sense of Belonging to Local Community, by Age Group (%) (2005)**

Age group	Very weak	Somewhat weak	Neither weak nor strong	Strong	Very strong
18-30 (12)	-	25.0	16.7	25.0	33.3
31-40 (22)	-	4.5	4.5	59.1	31.8
41-50 (34)	-	.0	17.6	50.0	32.4
51-60 (39)	-	5.1	15.4	41.0	38.5
61-70 (22)	-	9.1	9.1	18.2	63.6
Over 70 (21)	-	4.8	.0	19.0	76.2
<b>Total (150)*</b>	-	<b>6.0</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>38.0</b>	<b>44.7</b>

Source: AMEC, 2005

\* Considering age weighting

Overall, all age group respondents rated their sense of belonging as follows (AMEC, **Ref. Vol. VI, Tab 34**).

- Very Strong – 44.7%
- Strong – 38.0%
- Neither weak nor strong – 11.3%
- Somewhat weak – 6.0%

This indicates a fairly high level of social cohesion and could be attributed to the fact that the communities on Digby Neck and Islands are small in size.

A sense of place can also be linked to people’s attachment to the local area (e.g. where they have been born, raised, or have experienced valuable times). This value placed on Digby Neck and Islands and in some cases Whites Cove, was evident in some of the traditional community knowledge interviews (Elgin Consulting and Research 2005 **Ref. Vol. IV, Tab 23**), Panel scoping sessions, and the public registry. In some people’s opinion, the proposed quarry could disturb that sense of place for those who previously conducted some activities there.

The Digby Neck and Islands population is divided over the quarry project. Some would welcome the employment and others would rather keep the Neck as is. As in the case with large scale projects in rural communities, the reasons for and against a project are numerous and often contentious. This has recently been exhibited by the local opposition to the Hyatt Water Bottling Plant proposed at Gullivers Cove and the Cooke Aquaculture expansion at Mink Cove. Both of these developments are by proponents “from away”. In contrast, a quarry at Tiverton, highly visible from Highway #217 and by tourist traffic waiting for the ferry at Petit Passage received no local opposition.