
**SAMPLE LETTERS OF CONCERN TO
MINISTER ROBERT THIBAUT ON
WHITES POINT PROJECT
APRIL – SEPTEMBER 2002**

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April 16, 2002

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Attention:

Hon. Gordon Balsler, Digby Annapolis, MLA 15 33
Hon. Robert Thibault, Minister of Fisheries
James Thurber, Digby Municipal Council

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Re: Proposed quarry, White's Cove, Digby Neck

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As you are aware, there is a proposal by an American company to develop a rock quarry at White's Cove, on the Bay of Fundy side of Digby Neck.

Caroline

On Friday, April 12, over 50 people from Digby Neck, Long and Brier Islands gathered to discuss what a quarry of this magnitude would do to our way of life and environment. The overwhelming consensus of the people at that meeting is that this quarry would not be a welcome or beneficial activity in our community.

We are writing to you to express our grave concern, and to ask you to use your office to stop this quarry before it gets started.

We have very serious concerns about how far the process has gone already, without any public consultation. We find it incomprehensible that civil servants (both provincial and federal) and some elected public officials seem to know the details of the long term plan for this quarry, but the people who have to live with it have been kept in the dark.

Digby Neck and the Islands, as well as the Bay of Fundy, have been designated as a prime area for the development of eco-tourism. The area is under serious consideration to be the home of the Bay of Fundy Discovery Centre, an interpretive centre that will celebrate the importance of the whole Bay of Fundy ecosystem.

The shore of the area where the company plans to blast is a rich lobster fishing grounds. It is also the summer habitat and breeding grounds of the endangered Northern Right Whale, as well as other species of whales and marine life.

We strongly believe that a quarry operation of the size and scope outlined in the company's own press release is totally at odds with the strategic plan for the area.

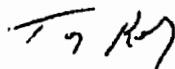
It also does not fit in with our way of life. Many who live on the Neck and Islands are either retired, or approaching retirement. They don't look forward to having the rest of their lives disrupted by the sound of blasting and grinding from a quarry. Others of our community chose to retire here. Obviously living next to a quarry is not part of their dream for peace and quiet in their retirement.

We urge you to move swiftly to prevent this project from progressing any further than it already has, and to respect the wishes of the people who call Digby Neck and the Islands their home.

We also urge you to arrange a joint meeting with the company that is proposing the project; officials from all the government department involved in regulating this project, (for instance, The Department of Environment, the Department of Natural Resources, Fisheries and Oceans, Economic Development, ACOA); and other departments whose activities might be affected (such as the Department of Tourism), along with residents of the Neck and Islands, so that this proposal can be thoroughly discussed, and everybody involved will know exactly where we stand.

We look forward to your prompt reply and attention to this matter.

Regards,



Tony Kelly

on behalf of the coordinating committee of concerned citizens

cc: Opposition Parties

The Quarry Story:

How big is it, who is behind it?

During the month of April, Digby Neck was alive with stories of the latest industrial development to hit the area. For a number of months prior to this, citizens had been hearing about possible quarry developments somewhere in Little River. Rumours were eventually confirmed by an undated press release passed to various individuals on Digby Neck. The release from Patterson Exploration of North Carolina confirmed that an undisclosed company was hoping to set up an aggregate exporting quarry at Whites Point (Whites Cove) in Little River. Situated on property partly owned by John Johnston from North Carolina, a summer resident of Centreville, the proposed export operation includes the promise of 60 jobs, a 15 million dollar investment, and 500 million dollars in spin-offs to the local economy.

The project includes the quarry itself, and a ship dock on the Bay of Fundy capable of handling about 1 million cubic meters of basalt per year over a 40-50 year period. In other words, the quarry project intends to remove about 50 million cubic meters of basalt from Digby Neck and ship it to the USA. To help understand the scale of the proposal, think about a family kitchen, 5 meters x 4 meters x 3 meters: that's 60 cubic meters. The quarry project proposes to move enough basalt off Digby Neck to fill more than 833,000 kitchens, check-full.

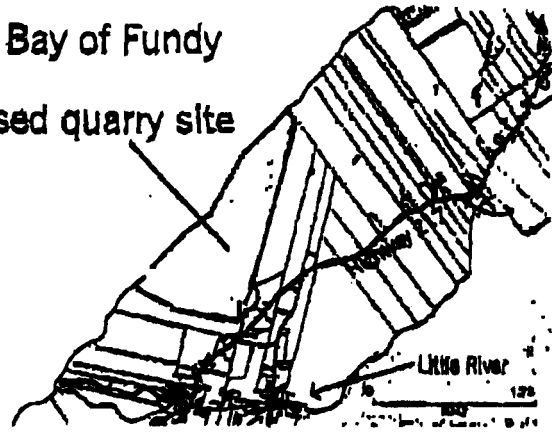
In other words, that much rock would fill all the kitchens in a large Canadian city, leaving behind a hole big enough to house all the air expelled from 833,000 large kitchens. Indeed, the hole could contain over 100,000 good sized houses.

The Patterson press release suggests that Whites Cove will be the source of the aggregate, whether it will be the only source, we do not know. We do know that Johnston owns much more coastal property on Digby Neck. We do know that there are several companies involved in this project. These include Nova Stone Exporters, Global Quarry Products, and Bilcon of Nova Scotia. A person named Corinna Kintald of Bridgewater is associated with these companies. On the American side, Clayton Concrete of Lakewood, New Jersey is the interested party.

Most of this information has been collected by the committee of concerned citizens which was formed at a public meeting in Sandy Cove on April 12. Over 50 citizens from Digby Neck and the Islands attended this meeting and based on the available information, decided to op-

Bay of Fundy

Proposed quarry site



*Work is already underway at the quarry site.
You can learn more at a public meeting May 16.*

pose the quarry development. All provincial political parties, the municipal council, and the federal fisheries minister have been asked to intervene to stop the quarry development on Digby Neck. To date, we have received word from Robert Thibault's office that he will get back to us. There has been no response from either the municipal council, or from the local MLA, Gordon Bales. The CBC radio carried two stories about the project on May 2 and the Halifax Herald has covered the story thus far.

The committee of concerned citizens has accepted the mandate given to us at the public meeting to: 1) research the quarry, 2) inform the community and, 3) oppose the project. Research is ongoing and what we know will be communicated to all area residents in the form of this newsletter. There will be periodic press releases, information will be posted on the Fundy Forum web site, and disclosed at periodic public meetings. Opposition to the project will be voiced locally, nationally, and internationally through our own efforts and through the cooperation of all friends of the vulnerable eco systems contained on Digby Neck and the Islands as well as those contained in the larger Gulf of Maine.

The next major public occasion for you to receive updates will be on Thursday May 16 at 7:15 PM at Digby Neck Consolidated School. We are inviting company representatives, and various government officials to help us all gain a clearer picture of this project. Please be there.

The co-ordinating group for the Concerned Citizens Committee consists of: Evelyn Dickinson, Mary Lyrnyk, Tony Kelly, Krista Kerns, Andy Moir, Dianna Outhouse, Kemp Stanton, Junior Theriault, and Donna Todd.

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June 17, 2002

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Hon. Robert Thibault
Minister of Fisheries
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario
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Dear Minister Thibault,

I am writing to express my
concerns over the proposed quarry to
be built at Little River on Sandy Cove,
Digby Neck NS.

The ecological degradation aside,
I feel that the process in which
approval was given to yet another
American company was not and is
not transparent. The people of Digby Co
have not been privy to adequate
information surrounding the approval
or the companies involved.

The fact that at a public
meeting where you and other government
officials were invited to attend, not one

elected representative or company representative showed up leads me to confirm the fact you want the public to have access to little or no information.

Please write me at the address below, to let me know DFO's concerns around the proposed quarry and what.

Sincerely,

Sue Davis
RR4 Box 33A
Weymouth NS
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The Poplar House
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The Hon. Robert Thibault
MP for West Nova

by e-mail to Thibault.R@parl.gc.ca

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June 18, 2002

Re: Rock Quarries on Digby Neck

Dear Sir:

I am writing about the prospect of quarry developments on Digby Neck, a subject of great concern to me as a long-time summer resident of Sandy Cove with family ties to Nova Scotia that go back centuries.

It has come to my attention recently that a permit has been issued for a "test site" at White's Cove (Little River) to quarry basalt, and that a similar, if not larger-scale, operation may be in the offing in Sandy Cove. There is also the prospect of wharf facilities being built in the coves on the Bay of Fundy in both places. I am very concerned about the environmental impact and socioeconomic implications of such plans being implemented.

I would like to point out that Sandy Cove has been a prime tourist destination for about a hundred years. There are many summer residents whose families have been returning for generations. More people have been discovering the area recently out of an interest in ecotourism—whalewatching, nature hikes, cycling. Sandy Cove is one of the most beautiful spots on Digby Neck, if not all of Nova Scotia. It is the only village with two beaches, one on St. Mary's Bay and one on the Bay of Fundy. I shudder to think what will happen to tourism on the entire neck if the Fundy beach is destroyed by a wharf, or the peace and quiet disrupted by dynamiting and heavy trucks. Summer residents and regular tourists alike will not return to what has for generations been a cherished spot.

How many people will be forced to abandon their beloved Sandy Cove, how many thousands more will tell their friends not to bother coming, how many thousands more will never discover its special charm at all if the old Camp Champlain site becomes a quarry and the Fundy beach a loading zone?

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And what about the wildlife, of both the land and sea? Blasting and trucking create noise and dust, frightening birds and animals. A quarry's demands for fresh water could conceivably affect the water supplies of many residents, and the disposal of wastewater could adversely affect sea life. The possibility of shipping directly from either White's Cove or Sandy Cove raises the spectre of ballast dumping and the introduction alien species, now acknowledged to be a problem in many other parts of the world, including Canada. The seabirds, fish, lobster, seals and whales could be chased away from their grounds.

Some may be in favour of quarries on Digby Neck as a way of diversifying the local economy. Taking a long view, will the quarries really enhance the quality of life for year-round and summer residents? Will long-term local jobs created offset and exceed those lost in tourism and the fisheries? Will the environmental impact of dynamite blasting, washing of stone, trucking, perhaps even shipping, be so low as to preserve the native flora and fauna? Tourism is a steady industry, and ecotourism is a growing segment, one which by definition has a low impact on the environment and high impact on the local economy.

I and others have many hard questions to ask. We do not have many facts at our fingertips, are keen to have more, but the whole quarry idea seems to have been conceived of in secrecy and is being executed in haste.

Transparency is the new watchword of government. Therefore let this whole process be conducted out in the open. Serious environmental impact studies must be done; economic impact studies as well. Public consultations must be held before any irreversible damage is done to the landscape, the ecosystem and the entire way of life of communities along Digby Neck.

Yours truly,

Karin Montin

Thibault, Robert - M.P.

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From: Brian Meeson [bmeeson@sympatico.ca]
Sent: June 22, 2002 4:09 PM
To: Thibault.R@parl.gc.ca

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Hon. Robert Thibault
Minister of Fisheries (Canada)
Member of Parliament, House of Commons
Ottawa, Ont. K1A0A6

Dear Sir:

I have spent many months over the past 37 years living on the Digby Neck.

Two weeks ago I attended a meeting where I learned that an American Company from the Carolinas has obtained valuable land along the Neck in order to set up an export rock quarry.

I am deeply anxious about the above endeavour for the following reasons:

1. Rock is not a renewable resource - once it is gone, that is it. The Digby Neck is a unique columnular basalt formation.
2. What impact will the blasting have on our Human, marine and wildlife populations?
3. The toxic chemicals used in blasting very likely will linger in the environment
4. How will all of the above effect the water table? Any blasting I believe will fracture the structure of local aquifers.
5. The shipping of vast amounts of aggregate will surely do irreparable damage to the marine life in the Bay of Fundy. As Minister of Fisheries are you not concerned about this??

It was interesting to note your absence at this meeting 2 weeks ago. How easy it is these days to feel angry and cynical towards our Elected Representatives. You are in office to represent us and on this issue you have done nothing.

In closing I would like to ask you why the Canadian Government continues to give away our resources??? I fail to understand. I would appreciate a reply to my concerns.

Sincerely,

Andrea Meeson

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The Honourable David Morse, MLA
Minister of Environment and Labour
MLA for Kings South
Province House
Halifax, NS

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July 11, 2002

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Dear Minister Morse,

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I understand that your department has issued to Nova Stone Exporters Inc. a permit to operate a 3.9-hectare quarry near Little River, on Digby Neck.

Today at the Provincial Legislature a group called Committee of Concerned Citizens held a press conference explaining the proposed quarry, after which they presented a petition opposing the quarry, signed by approximately 2/3 of the residents of Digby Neck. The petition will be tabled in the legislature at some later time.

This letter is to add my voice to those of the local residents in opposing the proposed quarry.

The Digby Neck area and the islands are remarkably beautiful and special areas of the Province. People from all over the world recognize this. The local populace has now begun to mobilize to take economic advantage of their situation. They are finally seeing the rewards of their hard work, determination and vision.

The proposed quarry is in complete conflict with the area residents' vision. The potential environmental degradation resulting from the shore based operation of such a huge rock quarrying operation, with the associated shipping activities and their bilge pumping, ecosystem fouling habits, is completely intolerable in the sensitive water of the Bay of Fundy.

Mr. Minister, I urge you at this early stage of the approval process, to consider the wishes of the people of the Digby Neck area, the concerns of other citizens of the province, the alarm expressed by East Coast Ecosystems, The Sierra Club, The Ecology Action Centre, and other environmental stewardship organizations, and lastly to consider the potentially devastating consequences of marine degradation upon the already low population of the North American right whale.

I am greatly concerned that this proposed project will advance through the procedural stages of project approval. Despite this concern I am cautiously optimistic that the current environment review and screening processes are sufficiently rigorous that public opinion would cause either rejection of final approval, or would provide a reasonable window of opportunity for further public intervention to prevent approval.

That being said, I suggest to you, that in light of the facts presented above, and other information you are likely receiving, and will continue to receive regarding this matter, it would be prudent to now use your authority as Minister of the Environment to halt the approval process at this time.

Sincerely,
John van Gurp
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The Honourable John F. Hamm
Premier of Nova Scotia

The Honourable Ernest L. Fage
Minster of Agriculture and Fisheries for Nova Scotia

The Honourable Gordon D. Balsler
Minister of Energy
MLA for Digby-Annapolis

The Honourable David Anderson
Minster of the Environment for Canada

The Honourable Robert G. Thibault
Minister of Fisheries for Canada

Albert Dunphy
Coordinator of Planning & Development
Annapolis Regional Municipality

Wells, Lillianne

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From: XNCR, Min
Sent: 13 juillet, 2002 11:47
To: Wells, Lillianne
Subject: FW: Digby Neck Quarry Proposal

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From: Cunningham[SMTP:CUNNINGHAM@KLIS.COM]
Sent: Saturday, July 13, 2002 11:18:02 AM
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Subject: Digby Neck Quarry Proposal
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To the Honorable Robert Thibault,

I am a longtime resident of Sandy Cove, on the Digby Neck, originally as a summer resident and now as a permanent resident. We were originally attracted to the area by its unique beauty and way of life.

I would like to express my concern about the proposal to establish a quarry in White's Cove (Little River) on the Digby Neck which might include a deep water wharf on the Bay of Fundy, if it is given permission to develop beyond 3.9 hectares.

The Digby Neck is such a narrow and fragile area of unique beauty that a quarry such as is proposed would clash with the current way of life based on lobstering, fishing, and eco-tourism. The resulting development would likely lead to a not economic deficit for this area. Only the US owners and their Canadian partners, if any, would stand to gain while the rest of us would have to endure the noise and rape of our beloved Digby Neck.

I urge you to work with the majority of the population of this area to stop this development immediately and only consider it after a full environmental and economic impact study is done that would show the true costs of such an enterprise.

Thank-You for your time,

Bruce Cunningham

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Eugene Stanton
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Sandy Cove, N.S.
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July 14, 2002

Honourable Robert Thibault, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Fisheries & Oceans
Centennial Towers, Suite 1570
200 Kent Street,
Ottawa, Ontario
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Dear Sir:

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Caroline

I am a senior citizen and a retired fisherman: my father earned his living in the fishing Village of Sandy Cove, on Digby Neck, by hand-lining and lobster fishing. Sixty years ago, everyone here could make a living.

I have watched what 'progress' has done to the fisheries through those years; how mega boats and sophisticated equipment have depleted fish stocks. Now, relatively few can make their living in this industry. However, the bounty of the Bay of Fundy is still viable and has expanded to support us today in still other ways, such as ecotourism and whale watching.

I have also watched the progression of pollution and its effects on various waterways through these years. To date, the Bay of Fundy has not suffered the fate of so many bodies of water. However, since I first heard of the possibility of a deep water docking facility for a basalt quarry in Little River, I have been deeply concerned about ballast water, which would be dumped in Bay of Fundy by ships arriving from large American Ports, such as New York. We have all seen TV programs which show satellite pictures of the pollutants that cause brown discoloration in the New York Harbour and surrounding waters !! We do not want the same fate to befall the Bay of Fundy. As the enclosed reprint puts it so well: "Ballast Water discharged from vessels harbours a cocktail of potential pathogens".

I believe that, as Fisheries Minister, you are working to protect our Marine Environment and Friday's news on the CBC about your Ocean Strategy was most welcome. Many have said that you are the man who can put a stop to this Quarry Project and save our Bay, our Coastline and our Fishing and Tourism Industries. I pray that this is true and that your concern and your protection will extend to the people of Digby Neck and Islands.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,



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Wells, Lillianne

From: XNCR, Min
Sent: 16 juillet, 2002 21:59
To: Wells, Lillianne
Subject: FW: Digby Neck Rock Quarry

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From: Gerald & Libby Einem[SMTP:LIBBYEINEM@HOTMAIL.COM]
Sent: Tuesday, July 16, 2002 9:58:22 PM
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TO: Hon. Gordon Balser, MLA Digby-Annapolis

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Hon. Robert Thibault, MP West Nova Scotia

Hon. David Morse, Minister of Environment & Labour

Gentlemen:

We oppose the Digby Neck Rock Quarry. It would have a negative effect on an area which has a rapidly growing economic base in ecotourism including whale watching. Moreover, it will jeopardize our marine fisheries including lobstering & scallops.

We will be carefully watching your actions and expect that you will do all in your power to prevent the federal or provincial approvals necessary for this project to go ahead. We certainly cannot support your future reelection if the quarry project proceeds.

I am a retired biologist and environmental scientist and both my wife and I are currently involved in a business based on tourism.

Gerald Einem and Elizabeth Wheeler-Einem

Box 608, Tiverton, Nova Scotia, B0V-1G0

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The courtyard is softly lit at night for evening dining and/or socializing or swimming under a million stars (no air pollution). We share our special commercial style grill for cookouts. The TERRAZA (or deck) is 11 steps above the courtyard, has another breathtaking view, and can be used for dining and other activities.

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NOTE: No smoking on the premises and no pets.

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DISCOUNTS: 10% for two weeks or April reservations; 15% for three weeks or November reservations; 20% for four weeks or more. NO taxes - another savings of 15% over commercial rates. NOTE: Any week with a major holiday does not qualify for a discount.

DEPOSIT: 50% - certified check or bank wire to hold reservation. Balance due upon arrival in cash, certified check, or traveller's checks.

CANCELLATION: A signed fax must be received 30 days or more before arrival for full refund minus a \$15 administration fee. Exceptions: Reservations which include Christmas, New Years Eve, or Easter require 45 days notice of cancellation by signed fax for a full refund less \$15 fee. Airmail takes over 3 weeks so we do not use it. We do have a damage deposit which is returned in full if all is in order when you leave.

INCLUDED: Nature/birdwatching walks, laundry pickup & delivery, and an introduction to the best the area has to offer. We direct or take you to delicious dining; colorful local events; or other expressed personal interests.

HOST/Jerry Einem is an expert naturalist & can identify a bird in flight. He knows all tropical flora & fauna - including behaviors and life cycles. His beautiful tropical garden has been successful beyond our dreams in attracting birds and butterflies. And even guests with no knowledge of natural history will find his nature walks fascinating. Do bring binoculars to truly appreciate the birds' beauty and behaviors!

HOSTESS Libby Einem enjoys planning trips, gourmet cookouts, card or board games, special VCR

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tapes, or mini Spanish lessons for travellers on easy to learn tapes.

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SAFE restaurant dining; interesting shops nearby; shrimp boats at night lit up like Christmas trees at sea; and our beautiful beaches with colorful carts of fresh fruits, or shrimp or red snapper cooked on skewers.

PERFECT WEATHER: We bask in perfect weather, usually 68F to 78F (20C - 25C) with constant balmy ocean breezes from NOV 1 to APRIL 20, the dry season as well as our rental season.

The quaint Mexican town of La Penita has cobblestone side streets, donkeys, vending carts, and sidewalk eateries, along with a weekly market extravaganza on the plaza, a bank with ATM, the internet, and a host of varied interesting shops. Small family run grocers are on every block, but large grocers, fresh fish & shrimp markets etc. are available 'in town', a few blocks down our hill, giving you a gorgeous view on the way. Take a local taxi back up the hill if needed.

NATURE: 'Chuparosa' is Spanish for hummingbird and there are at least 7 species that visit our villa. The 40 mile area north of us is considered one of the 3 TOP HOT SPOTS FOR BIRDS in North America: 305 species are listed by Steve Howell, just for San Blas, in his "Bird Finding Guide to Mexico". The beautiful woodland behind our villa is wonderful for hiking, can be as strenuous as you desire, and you can glimpse the neighboring valleys with their tiny settlements. This area is also famous for fantastic butterflies: 370 species. November is the best month for butterflies and we offer a special 20% discount to any group taking both guesthouses during late October & November.

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Owners/Hosts: Jerry & Libby Einem.

Winter Phone/Fax: 011-52-327-274-1276 from the USA & Canada.

Summer Phone/fax: 1-902-839-2241 in Tiverton, Nova Scotia, Canada where we have a bed & breakfast, SEACLIFF B&B, on an island in the Bay of Fundy, located directly on the harbor. This island offers whale watching (9 species last summer) as its specialty during the summer months.

Year round e-mail: libbyeinem@hotmail.com

We hope you join us in this beautiful corner of planet Earth where every day is truly a delightful adventure!

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Wells, Lillianne

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From: XNCR, Min
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>From: Thomas Haynes-Paton[SMTP:THAYNESPATON@HOTMAIL.COM]
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To the Hon. R. Thibault, MP
Dear Mr. Thibault,

Caroline

I am a Nova Scotian.
And I am speaking personally in opposition to the Rock Quarry in Little River. I have an Art Gallery in Plympton across St. Mary's Bay from Digby Neck, rather far from Little River. The connection? My customers are often people headed for the Digby Neck Islands or returning from them. Why do I oppose the Rock Quarry of any size? The destruction of the environment, the disruption of local fishing/sea urchin/whale-bird watching economies, and the delays of tourists moving up and down the Neck (and the outright loss of tourists to the Islands with casual comments from Tourism Information Centres ("You know they are blasting in that area...") all mean loss of jobs, harm to the local economies and loss of my customers.
So why does our Government, our representatives, support such "market driven" (aka U.S. business demands) projects? What do we, your constituents get out of it to off-set all this loss? A few local jobs? Government's track record for actually producing long-term jobs in such schemes is very very poor. I totally distrust government promises/projections of local gain from such projects.

1. I request that a complete environmental assessment be undertaken for even a small quarry in this vulnerable area. Please use your good office to see that this assessment is undertaken.

And 2. I ask that you oppose this mega-project and protect our fisheries/oceans/environment, all of which encourages tourism, which IS good for the local economies and local life styles.

Sincerely,
Rev. Thomas C. Haynes-Paton
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Dear Mr. Morse:-

Reportedly, property owners in Little River, within the 800 mtr. range of 'ground zero' are being approached to sell their land and their homes. Why, if the proponent already has hundreds of acres, and the quarry is only 3.9 hectares, are they trying to buy more? What do they know that we don't?? Secrecy? More secrecy?

How about the Community Liaison Committee's "public meeting" held on Wednesday, Sept. 25th?? If that wasn't a 'secret', why was it reportedly only advertised in a store in Centreville? Could it be because the proponent could then say that people weren't interested?

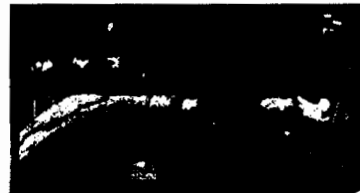
Many people are accusing the Government of the same type of secrecy games. It's time Minister Morse, to come forward and be forthright with the public, rather than all these secret (?) little meetings we hear that you have attended with different little groups!

I am a citizen of Little River, not far from the proposed quarry site. I want some honest answers about what is going on "behind closed doors"! Especially about things that will affect our way of life and threaten to destroy a very important part of our history.

White's Cove is not some remote spot where nobody ever lived. People lived there and people died there. Surely, their remains count for more than a 'secret agreement' to obliterate their former land?

Sincerely yours,

Myrna Farnsworth, Little River



c.c. Honourable Robert Thibault, P.C., M.P.
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