

PUBLIC HEARING

WHITES POINT QUARRY AND MARINE TERMINAL PROJECT

JOINT REVIEW PANEL

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

PLACE HEARD: Digby, Nova Scotia

DATE HEARD: Thursday, June 21, 2007

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

1 carefully, you will find that that public meeting that was
2 set up that everybody refers to was set up by the Industrial
3 Commission, so that the Silvas, who were the Proponents,
4 could in fact make their views known to the community.

5 Following that meeting, and I think
6 there were probably well over 200 people there, very clear
7 that this was a very unpopular proposal at the time, it was
8 on Eastern Head, on St. Mary's Bay. And I advised the
9 Silvas that in fact, you know, there would be significant
10 difficulty and public opposition to the project, and I so
11 reported to the Industrial Commission and to the Municipal
12 Councils.

13 That is the end of that story. That is
14 on record in the Minutes of the Industrial Commission and
15 the Municipal Council, and I wish to have it absolutely put
16 to bed that I personally was not involved in any other
17 quarry project on Digby Neck, other than in an official
18 capacity as Executive Director of an Industrial Commission.

19 THE CHAIRPERSON: I don't know if it's
20 been put to bed, Mr. Buxton, but it's on the record, and so
21 I think that...

22 I mean, I'm not trying to...

23 Mr. PAUL BUXTON: Mr. Chair, if it hasn't
24 been put to bed, I think it needs to be put to bed.

25 THE CHAIRPERSON: Perhaps.

1 Mr. PAUL BUXTON: These records are
2 public records, and the Minutes of the Industrial Commission
3 are there, the Chair of the Commission at the time is still
4 available, and I think that this sort of statement should
5 not go unchallenged.

6 THE CHAIRPERSON: I understand, and I
7 wasn't trying to be facetious, Mr. Buxton. I was just
8 simply saying, I mean, you've done as much as you can at the
9 moment, and both sides have been heard.

10 Now, please, question.

11 Ms. JUDITH PEACH: It seems like some
12 members of the public knew that this project, this mega-
13 quarry project, was going to... Or was in the works back in
14 2002, when it was really just a four-hectare project.
15 Partly because there was a fax from Patterson Exploration of
16 North Carolina that people had access to. So they were
17 aware of a really vague description of a mega-quarry back in
18 the time of the four-hectare quarry.

19 Given that some people believe part of
20 the purpose of the four-hectare quarry was to obliterate
21 historical and archeological evidence at the site, I'm just
22 wondering when DEL was aware of this larger quarry, the plan
23 for the larger quarry? Any idea of the time frame?

24 Mr. BOB PETRIE: It's tough to pin down
25 when exactly we became aware of the long-term plans. I