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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Now, please, question.

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

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

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