

WHITES POINT QUARRY AND MARINE TERMINAL PROJECT  
JOINT REVIEW PANEL  
SCOPING MEETING #3

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1 Nova Scotia that community identity could be  
2 broadly defined as a community of interest or  
3 emotional attachment or a sense of belonging to a  
4 geographic area, and they describe a number of  
5 factors that can actually contribute to the  
6 weakening of community identity, these being growth  
7 beyond early historic community boundaries, a  
8 decrease in population base, a decline in a  
9 community's economic base, and a loss of influence  
10 in decision making.

11 Not only do we think that this  
12 should be described in a setting, maybe it should  
13 also be included as a VEC, a Valuable Environmental  
14 Component, I believe. So I think that would be  
15 something that should be taken quite seriously.

16 Moving on, cumulative effects,  
17 although very important, it seems that the  
18 guidelines seem to describe specifically cumulative  
19 environmental effects, and looking through at the  
20 greater picture when there's a quarry put in and  
21 then there's a terminal and then there's a change  
22 in the traffic patterns and there's a change in how  
23 the shops are -- like the types of shops that are  
24 there, it might be interesting to take note that

25 like on a greater picture how these all contribute

MR. CORBETT - SUBMISSION

1 dead. Hang on a second.

2 MS. DODARO: Hi, my name is Paula  
3 Dodaro, and this is just really a small point. He  
4 mentioned that the salaries, the wages down there  
5 were 15 percent below such and such a level, but  
6 how does that compare, a salary down there, the  
7 same salary there as opposed to Halifax, you know?  
8 Down in Digby Neck I have the feeling that might be  
9 a pretty good salary, so I think that needs to be  
10 clarified. I just wanted to ask you about that.

11 MR. CORBETT: Yeah, that's a very  
12 interesting point. I mean, one of the things about  
13 rural Nova Scotia is that we kind of barter and  
14 we're very family oriented, and you're right, forty  
15 thousand bucks as a family income on Digby Neck  
16 sure doesn't mean the same thing as forty thousand  
17 bucks as a family income in Bedford or in Toronto.  
18 Yeah.

19 And I think, I wonder if that's  
20 something that the parameters of the panel needs to  
21 pay attention to here. The structures of making a  
22 living, I think, are very kind of complex, and not  
23 only connected to place but also connected to  
24 relationships that people have with one another  
25 both through friendship and kinship, that allow