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2 in my community, the price tag on that, alone, is seven
3 thousand dollars. So, we take this issue very, very
4 seriously. While you must take it seriously and consider
5 Springhill's concerns, along with Stellarton, just look at
6 your proposals.

7 In the Town of Springhill, pretend that it is a human,
8 vibrant body. There are fourteen sites, all within the
9 boundaries of Springhill. You could...it's as simple as
10 this. You can stand on the Anne Murray Centre, which is
11 one of the major attractions for Nova Scotia -
12 notwithstanding Springhill - and you can see three of the
13 sites.

14 Another really big concern, not only have...have the
15 group applied to the environment, it came to my attention,
16 they have also gone to the Natural Resources, as recently
17 as January, and rolled over a peat exploration license to
18 themselves. So, I'm not only looking at the environmental
19 application that has been made, I'm now dealing with
20 Natural Resources Department in trying to make sure that
21 the group goes into the total environmental review on this
22 part of one license, and there's another license, I
23 believe, that has been applied for. So, I'm not taking
24 whacks at the individuals. They're private entrepreneurs
25 and I guess they have to make their money where they can
26 make it. But I...really recommend to this panel to look at

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2 all of the social aspects, environmental, public health
3 aspects.

4 You go to your Department of Health, you go to
5 previous mining communities and current mining communities,
6 and you get your statistics, particularly as it relates to
7 cancer. Particularly, as it relates to kidney cancer.
8 Take the groups that are above me. I'm fifty-one. I was
9 twelve and fourteen when we had our disasters. And if you
10 don't look at the human element and note the small
11 community Springhill and the struggles that they have gone
12 through. We've had more men die in single, multiple and
13 three major disasters... killed in that process than were
14 killed in World Wars I and II and we had the highest per
15 capita of enlistments in World Wars I and II - highest and
16 second highest - so that says it all to you. We've given
17 our life's blood to the coal industry. We had depth mining
18 in our community. They're going to blast in our community,
19 ladies and gentlemen. They're going to be blasting, Mr.
20 Chisholm tells me, forty-five percent of the time. I'm a
21 coal miner's daughter. We have depth mining. I know
22 the...configuration. You're going to have to blast more
23 than forty-five percent of the time. I've got old water
24 lines that are a hundred years old. The penitentiary, a
25 couple of months back...a year ago now, they had a...a
26 back-up in the valve system at the penitentiary that caused