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

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

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

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