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Protected Areas Consultation

February 25, 2021

Open Letter to:

The Premier of Nova Scotia
Nova Scotia Leader of the Opposition
Nova Scotia Leader of the NDP
Nova Scotia Members of the Parliament
Nova Scotia MLA's
Mayor of HRM
Councillors of HRM
Sackville River Association
Ecology Action Centre
Protected Areas and Ecosystem Services

Halifax Herald Re: Newspaper advertisement "Protected Areas consultation"

Re: Protected Areas Consultation (So called)

It is my over 60-year experience that whenever governments put a notice in the paper asking Nova Scotia for comments, the government has already made up their minds. The government are just going through the motions so in the future they can say the government asked Nova Scotians for input while government does as it pleases, to keep lobby groups happy.

Most of my comments are directed to the Sackville River Wilderness Area, although my comments could apply to most of the other areas in question.

First, I want to say that I admire all that Walter Regan of the Sackville River Association has done for the Sackville River and the Little Sackville River, in fact I have personally helped him and his association at no cost supplying and delivering digger logs at various sites along the Little Sackville River.

We at Barrett Lumber Co Ltd (BLC) have for over 90 years by way of our dams on Felly Lake, Little Lake and our millpond insured there is always water flowing in the Little Sackville River during the dry times in the summer, we also provide some flood control during large storm events. If it wasn't for BLC arranging a continuous flow of water down the Little Sackville River a lot of the effort of the Sackville River association would be lost.

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CANADIAN HOME BUILDERS ASSOCIATION (CHBA)
CANADIAN WOODLANDS FORUM (CWF)
FAMILY BUSINESS ATLANTIC (FBA)

For many years BLC provided a steady flow of fresh clean water to the Peverell Dairy Farm on the old Sackville Road. I understand that the Peverell Dairy Farm supplied fresh milk to the Children's Hospital in Halifax for many years.

I ask all of you "Why"

- 1) Why does the Sackville River Association think it's OK to indirectly expropriate land in Beaver Bank which is not in the Sackville River watershed area and this forest land has provided jobs etc. for generations of Beaver Bankers?
- 2) Why are lobby groups mostly made of city dwellers or people on government payroll so intent on destroying forestry in Nova Scotia (taking forest land out of production).
- 3) Why is our government helping those lobby groups destroy forestry in Nova Scotia?
- 4) Why is our government saying it is only 13 to 15% that they are taking out of production knowing that they are being hypocritical for the true figure is closer to 50% when you add up all the forest land taken out of production by regulations, protected areas, riparian zones, parks, rules, endangered plants, endangered birds and animals. Municipal water sheds plus volunteer groups taking large areas of forest land out of production like "Ducks Unlimited" etc.

It is my belief in the saying "waste not want not" in forestry there should be a provincial policy of multiple use of all forest land not to let the land become a disease spreaders like Point Pleasant Park. Because good forestry wasn't practiced.

In closing I ask all of you to

Recognize that we the Nova Scotia Forest Industry have protected Nova Scotia Forest land for generations and shouldn't be put out of business by city slickers grabbing control of rural forest land.

Someone in Nova Scotia should be paying the bills for if Nova Scotia continues down the road of limiting rural industry you will find more and more Nova Scotian's sleeping on the streets of Halifax.

Yours Truly,



David F. Barrett

If any of you want more input from me, please call me at (902) 452-8137

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