

February 7, 2007

Mr. Bruce Douglas, P. Eng.
Stormy Lake Association

RE: Bark Lake Quarry and Asphalt Plant

Dear Mr. Douglas:

Thank you for providing a copy of your email of February 6 and for sharing your concerns about the issues in Irondale. Please allow me to take this opportunity to respond.

You may be aware of a meeting, which was held in my Lindsay constituency office on July 12, 2006 with a group called the Residents of Irondale. This group shares many of the same concerns as you have mentioned in your email. In that meeting I was able to co-ordinate a conference call from Mr. Bill Hutson, the official from the Ministry of Natural Resources. Mr. Hutson was very generous with his time in answering many of the questions, which the group brought forward.

As I have stated before, I am not in a position to choose sides but am pleased to hear from you, and to work with the Ministries involved to ensure that a thorough and full process takes place and that concerns are properly addressed to work towards a balanced outcome that will benefit both sides.

With respect to the Permit to Take Water, I am personally dealing with officials at the Ministry of the Environment and Ministry of Natural Resources. The Ministry of Natural Resources has indicated that the Permit to Take Water must be contained in the final site plan submitted by the company, which the Ministry has not received. I have contacted the Ministry of the Environment as well with respect to the Permit to Take Water, which was posted on the EBR website, and have been assured a response is forthcoming.

I have also noted to both Ministries that this is a recent issue of which residents and myself are extremely concerned and have requested that any further details be provided as they become available.

My expectation is that K.J. Beamish Construction Ltd and the Ministries involved be complete with their due diligence requirements. I will be pleased to share with you any further information received on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Laurie Scott". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Laurie Scott, MPP
Haliburton-Victoria-Brock