Claude Bechard Ministre de development durable d'environment Des Parcs Edifice Marie Guyart 675 Boul Rene Levesque Est 30<sup>E</sup> Etage Quebec, Quebec G1R 5V7

Ref : Danford Lake Mega Dump Project

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Dear Sir,

Re Public Hearings for the Danford Lake Landfill Site Proposal

My name is Annie Schroeder and I am a resident and taxpayer in the Municipality of Alleyn and Cawood. I request that hearings be held on this project because I am concerned about the increase in truck traffic on the already unsafe highways 105 and 301. These highways and already known to be dangerous and the logging trucks that travel now don't slow down in Danford Lake village. I also worry about the liners leaking and leachate getting into the Picanoe River and the Kazabazua River. This would ruin our environment and harm humans, animals, and fish. I am worried that the promoter is going to bring garbage from Ontario. Why should we have to deal with garbage from the city when we have a beautiful place here that could be promoted for tourists? I would like to ask to have hearings all along Highway 105 and look at more modern alternatives to this project, like plasma gasification.

Yours sincerely,

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March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2007

Monsieur Claude Béchard, Ministre Ministère du Développement durable, de l'Environnement et des Parcs Édifice Marie-Guyart 375, boul. René-Lévesque Est, 30e étage Québec (Québec) G1R 5V7



Dear Sir,

Re Public Hearings for the Danford Lake Landfill Site Proposal

My name is Erika Seeger and I am a resident (or taxpayer) of the Municipality of Danford Lake.

I request that public hearings be held on this project because I am concerned about:

The longterm effects of seepage of liquids into the groundwater of the Picanoc River, with the impact on the environment locally. I am also worried about the increased truck traffic on the local roads-105 and 301.

I also request that public hearings be held in Gatineau and/or in the municipalities that would be most affected by the project (Danford Lake, Kazabazua, Low, LaPêche). Last but not least, I request that the BAPE's mandate include looking at alternatives to landfills, such as waste-into-energy technologies.

Yours sincerely,

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Dear Sir.

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My name is Richard Orawiec and I am a resident (or taxpayer) of the Municipality of Danford Lake.

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Dear Sir,

Re: Public Hearings for the Danford Lake Landfill Site Proposal

My name is Alvine St-Aubin and I am a taxpayer of the Municipality of Aylleen/Cawood and my property is next to the dump site. I'm worried about the impact on fauna and flora also about gas emissions from that site. I am concerned about the increase in truck traffic as well as garbage flying all over the area.

For the above reasons I request that public hearings be held. <u>I also request</u> that public hearings be held in Gatineau and/or in the municipalities that would be most affected by the project (Danford Lake, Kazabazua, Low, LaPêche). Last but not least, I request that the BAPE's mandate include looking at alternatives to landfills, such as waste-into-energy technologies.

I strongly feel that there should be a referendum. We have a right to be heard and be counted.

Yours sincerely

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Hon. Claude Béchard, Cabinet du Ministre, Ministère du Développement durable, de l'Environnement et des Parcs Édifice Marie-Guyart 675, boul. René-Lévesque Est, 30<sup>e</sup> étage Québec (Québec) G1R 5V7

## Dear Sir,

## Re Public Hearings for the Danford Lake Landfill Site Proposal

My name is Raye Thomas and I am owner and co-owner of properties in the Municipality of Kazabazua on Lac McConnell just off Highway 301 between Kazabazua and Danford Lake. My wife is also owner of property in the Municipality of Alleyn and Cawood bordering on the Picanoc River and is a ratepayer in the Municipality. I spend a large percentage of my time year around at our property on Lac McConnell.

I am very concerned about the impacts of this project on the communities along the highways leading to the proposed site and on the site itself. I am not satisfied that the studies conducted by the promoter have properly documented the impacts of the mega-landfill on the population affected by it, and on the actual terrain where it is proposed to be located.

I therefore request that Public Hearings be held on this project for a number of reasons. In particular I am concerned about the following:

- The project will result in a very significant increase in large truck traffic (on highways 105, 301, and 148) highways already overburdened and dangerous to those travelling on them regularly as I do.
- The increase in large truck traffic will be accompanied by an Increase in noise level several times per hour in an area where the ambient noise level is low and where intrusive sounds carry for long distances. A diesel truck travelling at 50 Km per hour will have between 75 and 85 dBA noise level at 20 meters and many houses along the 105 are well within this limit. The trucks carrying garbage will thus add dramatically to the noise level at intervals of every few minutes. The promoter states that the average increase in noise will be 3 dBA per hour. Note that a 3 dBA average increase in noise is equivalent to a **doubling** of the noise level. I believe the hearings should clarify the actual noise impact in realistic terms.
- The liners planned to be installed are well known to leak even when pristine and will certainly degrade with time. I am concerned that seepage of liquids will occur rapidly from the site into wetlands located on the chosen property very close to the actual landfill, and over longer periods into the rivers and other waters nearby

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- I believe that the project is not justified in view of the recovery, reuse and recycling objectives of the region and can result in the import of out-of-province or out-of-the Outaouais waste. Waste should be dealt with in close proximity to where it is generated.
- I am concerned about the impact on fauna and flora on the site and in adjacent territory there are several endangered species in the area which have not been properly dealt with in the studies.
- Decaying garbage will generate methane which is a greenhouse gas 23 times worse than carbon dioxide. The methane can only be partially collected (less than 50% based on studies I have seen). The escape of 50% of this gas, and the burning of that captured will both have definite detrimental effects on the air quality. The promoter's studies, which suggest 75% collection of methane, have not satisfied me that he knows what he is doing.
- The promoter has no previous track record of successfully operating a major landfill site I am concerned that this inexperience will result in major problems.
- The promoter has also not satisfied me that a landfill project is justified at all and has not considered alternatives for disposing of residual waste that are less risky for future generations. In particular, he has not explored alternatives such as plasma gasification which can unlock value by generating electricity from the garbage. I believe that the public hearings should clarify the benefits of alternative technologies viz-a-viz landfill.

Finally, I would like to request that the hearings be held in more than one location such as Kazabazua, Low, Otter Lake, Danford, LaPêche, all of which would be strongly affected by the project.

Yours sincerely,

Raye E. Thomas, Ph.D, P.Eng.

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Monsieur Claude Bechard, Ministre Ministere du Développement durable, De l'Environnement et des Parcs Edifice Marie-Guyart 675, boul. René-Levesque Est, 30<sup>e</sup> étage Québec, Québec G1R 5V7

Dear Monsieur Bechard ;

Re : Request for public hearings for the Danford Lake Landfill Site Proposal

I am writing with regards to the proposed Danford Lake Landfill Site and the need for public hearings in my area to be able to gain more information and to be able to voice my concerns and ask some specific questions.

I am a resident taxpayer in the Municipality of La Peche and travel Hwy. 105 and Autoroute 5 on a regular basis. I am also a taxpayer in the Municipality of Kazabazua and am part owner of a cottage on Danford Lake. I travel Hwy. 105 and 301 regularly for 6 months a year as well. Aside from truck traffic going to this Mega Dump, I am very concerned about environmental factors. i.e. seepage of liquids from site, the amount of waste being brought to this pristine area along the Picanoc River, the impact on wildlife, greenhouse gas emissions from site etc.

I would like to be able to attend Public Hearings in Wakefield in La Peche. I am really hoping that a moratorium will be done on this prosposed project and that the time will be taken to look into alternative methods for waste disposal such as Plasma Gasification.

Please understand that this is a very serious situation for those of us that live in this area and also as a global matter as well as our entire eco system is in danger and cannot be ignored.

Please respond to my request for Public Hearings at my address below. I thank you in advance for your time and consideration with regards, to this matter.

Sincerely, Collection Through S Catherine Timmons Taxpayer, Municipalities of La Peche and Kazabazua March 19, 2007

Claude Béchard Minister for Sustainable Development, the Environment and Parks Marie-Guyart Building 675 René-Lévesque Boulevard East, 30<sup>th</sup> floor Quebec, QC G1R 5V7

Subject: Request for BAPE public hearings on the Danford Lake Landfill Proposal

Dear Sir,

Let me introduce mysclf. I own buildings and 11 acres of land in the Municipality of Alleyn & Cawood. I have been a taxpayer there for 26 years and over the past 10 years I have served as the volunteer manager of a water-quality monitoring program for a local lake association in Alleyn & Cawood. In addition, for the past 28 years, I have been a science writer, specializing in natural resource management and environmental issues, working in more than 20 countries around the world.

A site within the boundaries of Alleyn & Cawood has been proposed for an engineered landfill operation, for waste disposal serving the Outaouais region. I hereby request that BAPE conduct full public hearings on this proposal which, in my view is a step, environmentally speaking, in the WRONG direction for the Outaouais Region, for the MRCs and for the municipality of Alleyn & Cawood.

Two main concerns about this project prompted me to write this letter.

First, the proposed site is unsuited for waste disposal, in part because it is much too close to two of the area's rivers, the Picanoc and the Kazabazua, and because it would destroy natural habitat for fauna and flora. While the site may, in the promoter's view, seem suitable for garbage disposal because it is mostly hidden from public view and is far from large populated areas such as the City of Gatineau, these are cosmetic reasons which should not take precedence over environmental concerns. Current technology for membranes and effluent collection may work in the short to medium term (up to 35 years); however, over the longer term, once the engineering company's period of public liability expires, this site will constitute nothing more than an environmental disaster waiting to happen. If bequeathing such a scenario to the next generation is an example of sustainable development, Mr. Minister, then I have totally misunderstood that concept. This leads me to my second concern.

The region (and indeed all of Quebec) must get its act together quickly in the area of waste disposal and recycling. The government's 2008 deadline is looming; we all know that now. But we need a socially, economically and environmentally sustainable solution – not a quick fix (a

landfill site) that will haunt us until the day we die. We need a solution, or more likely a set of solutions, that allows us to dispose of waste close to its points of origin. This is not only a fair way to deal with waste, but also an environmentally sound one, in part because distributed solutions tend to have a much smaller carbon footprint. Trucking the garbage of the entire Outaouais, a region the size of Belgium, to a single location, my back yard, is as unsustainable as it is unfair to the residents and property owners of Alleyn & Cawood.

Why can't we apply other solutions such as plasma gasification, a benign waste-into-energy technology whose proof of concept has already been carried out at the expense of the City of Ottawa? That relatively new technology is a big opportunity waiting to be seized. It would harvest large amounts of usable energy, at the same time eliminating the greenhouse gases that would otherwise result from a landfill site. Why can't the Outaouais and Quebec be trend-setters on this issue instead of the victims of old technology?

I have carefully listened to three presentations by LDC's president who is also the project promoter. In each case, he has failed to convince me that this landfill project will be of long-term benefit to the community and that it will not harm the local environment. Nor do I feel confident his company has the necessary experience to carry out such a large project. The BAPE hearings need to give everyone a reasonable opportunity to express their opinion on these crucial issues. For this reason I also request that the hearings be held in Gatineau and/or in the communicties that would be most affected by the project, namely Danford Lake, Kazabazua, Low and Wakefield.

Sincerely, Gerry Toomey

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CC, by email

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## RE: Request for public hearings for the Danford Lake Landfill Site Proposal

Dear Sir,

My name is Christopher Valiquet, and my wife and I have a residence. Lac Red Pine, Kazabazua, Therefore, I am a property owner in the region, and am a local taxpayer.

I request that public hearings be held on this project because I am concerned about the <u>irreparable</u> environmental, social and economic devastation the proposed landfill would cause. More specifically, I am most concerned about:

- The dramatic increase in truck traffic, which will bring not only noise pollution, but also increase hazards to other motorists, children and wildlife
- The air pollution which will be caused by the landfill, including methane gas and Volatile Organic Compounds.
- The poisoning of surface water (Kazabazua and Picanoc River) through intentional disposal of deleterious substances from the landfill, which violates the federal Fisheries Act, section 35 and 36
- The inevitable leaks which will develop in the lining of the landfill
- The poisoning of groundwater through leachate from the landfill
- The litter which will inevitably be scattered along the highways (Autoroute 105 and 301, in particular)
- The increased greenhouse gas emissions from transportation of garbage, as well as its decomposition
- The attraction of unwanted wildlife to the area, such as seagulls, racoons, and skunks
- The uncontrolled hours of operation of the landfill
- The potential for waste to be shipped-in from outside of the province of Québec
- The loss of property values in the area



- The fact that alternatives to mega-landfill have not been adequately explored
- The fact that LDC Gestion et Services environnementaux, has no known experience in the field of waste management
- The lack of transparency and accountability in the process so far

I believe that the proposed landfill in Danford Lake contravenes the spirit and letter of the Québec Loi sur le développement durable, and that it must not be permitted.

Regards,

Christopher Valiquet

## CC (by e-mail):

M. Jean Charest, Premier ministre du Québec

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march 14, 2007 1473473 ministere du Developpement durable de l'Enveronment et des Parcs Edifice mario - Guyart 675 boal René hériegue Est, 30ame étage Queles (queles) GIR 517 Dear Mr. Claude Bechard I have lived in Danfard Like for over 25 years. I live and work with alternative energy and have reduced my garbage to the extent that I do not require picklic garhage disperse. I have found that there are alternatives to garbere Like the meanorites we can: Use it up. Wear it out make it do... or do without. If we are paid to handle garbage disposal we discourage the way of thinking. more gardene is more \$ and more emissions, more seepage, more traffic, more noise, more heade the and sore throat, more raches. not worth it in my opinion which I would like to voice in a pecklic hearing. Small is beautiful! Sincerely, Peter S. Kern Teter J. King