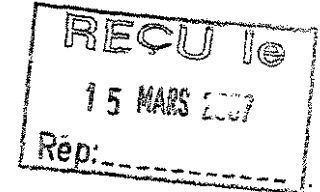


Litchfield, 13 mars 2007



Monsieur Claude Béchard
Cabinet du ministre
Ministère du Développement durable,
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OBJET : Audience publique sur le projet de lieu d'enfouissement technique à Danford Lake dans la municipalité d'Alleyne-et-Cawood

Monsieur le Ministre,

La Municipalité régionale de comté (MRC) de Pontiac désire un examen public du projet de lieu d'enfouissement technique (LET) à Danford Lake dans la municipalité d'Alleyne-et-Cawood et souhaite participer à une audience publique. Les motifs de notre demande et notre intérêt par rapport au milieu touché par le projet sont les suivants :

- L'implantation d'un LET pourrait être à court terme une solution régionale à la problématique d'élimination des matières résiduelles ; en effet, les quelque 50 lieux d'enfouissement en tranchée (DET) de la région de Outaouais seront fermés le 1^{er} janvier 2009, conformément au Règlement sur l'enfouissement et l'incinération de matières résiduelles, et les solutions de rechange, particulièrement celles de la MRC de Pontiac, sont quasi inexistantes ;
- Le projet de LET se situe dans la municipalité d'Alleyne-et-Cawood dont le territoire est compris dans celui de la MRC de Pontiac ; ce projet concerne toute la population, qu'elle soit permanente ou saisonnière, non seulement dans cette municipalité, mais aussi dans toutes les autres municipalités de la MRC de Pontiac et plusieurs autres dans la région de l'Outaouais ;

- L'implantation de ce LET aura un impact significatif sur les communautés avoisinantes, tant sur les plans environnemental, économique et social.

Nous vous prions, Monsieur le Ministre, l'expression de nos salutations distinguées.



Me André Cordeau
Directeur général et secrétaire-trésorier
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Direction générale

Gracefield, le 21 mars 2007.

Monsieur Claude Béchar, ministre
Ministère du Développement durable,
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Objet : Demande d'audience publique
Projet d'établissement d'un lieu
d'enfouissement technique à Danford Lake dans la municipalité
d'Alleyne-et-Cawood par LDC-Gestion et services
environnementaux

Monsieur,

Vous trouverez ci-dessous, une copie conforme d'une résolution adoptée par le conseil de la Municipalité régionale de comté de La Vallée-de-la-Gatineau à l'occasion de la tenue de sa session régulière du mois de mars 2007 portant sur le sujet cité en rubrique dont le numéro de référence est le 2007-R-AG101.

Pour toute information, n'hésitez pas à communiquer avec monsieur Pierre Rondeau, préfet, au téléphone, en composant le 819 463 3241 poste 226, ou par courriel à l'adresse électronique prefet@mrcvg.qc.ca

Vous remerciant de l'attention que vous portez à la nôtre, nous vous adressons, monsieur, nos salutations distinguées.



Luc Séguin,
Greffier,
Adjoint à la direction générale

c.c. Pierre Rondeau, préfet, Municipalité régionale de comté de La Vallée-de-la-Gatineau

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PROCÈS VERBAL OU COPIE DE RÉOLUTION

EXTRAIT DU PROCÈS-VERBAL de la session régulière du conseil de la Municipalité régionale de comté de La Vallée-de-la-Gatineau, tenue mardi le 20 mars 2007, à la salle du Centre récréatif et communautaire de la Vallée-de-la-Gatineau, à compter de 18 h.

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- CONSIDÉRANT QU''** un promoteur a présenté le Projet d'établissement d'un lieu d'enfouissement technique à Danford Lake dans la municipalité d'Alley-et-Cawood par LDC – Gestion et services environnementaux au ministère du Développement durable, de l'Environnement et des Parcs;
- CONSIDÉRANT QU''** au Plan de gestion des matières résiduelles adoptées par la Municipalité régionale de comté de La Vallée-de-la-Gatineau l'établissement d'un lieu d'enfouissement technique n'est pas privilégié;
- CONSIDÉRANT QU''** il y a une forte opposition de la part de la population quant au lieu où cette entreprise privée entend établir ce lieu d'enfouissement technique;
- CONSIDÉRANT QU''** il y a des craintes exprimées par les membres du conseil quant au mode de gestion qu'entend exploiter le promoteur;
- CONSIDÉRANT QUE*** les membres du conseil constatent qu'il manque un consensus régional sur un mode de gestion qui se doit d'être l'expression régionale d'une alternative qui soit économiquement acceptable et durable au problème de la gestion des matières résiduelles;

Il est proposé par monsieur le conseiller Michael Francis et appuyé par monsieur le conseiller Raymond Lafrenière et unanimement résolu que le conseil demande à Monsieur Claude Béchar, ministre du Développement durable, de l'Environnement et des Parcs de tenir une audience publique portant sur le Projet d'établissement d'un lieu d'enfouissement technique à Danford Lake dans la municipalité d'Alley-et-Cawood par LDC – Gestion et services environnementaux.

Copie certifiée conforme à l'original,
Donné à Gracefield, le 21 mars 2007.



Luc Séguin,
Greffier,
Adjoint à la direction générale.

Tuesday, March 6, 2007

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M. Jean Charest,
Premier ministre du Québec,
Ministère du Conseil exécutif
Édifice Honoré-Mercier,
835, boul. René-Lévesque Est, 3e étage
Québec, Québec G1A 1B4

Dear M. Charest,

Re: Public Hearings for the Danford Lake Landfill Site Proposal

Our family has owned a cottage on Danford Lake for over 75 years. Although I am a resident of Canmore, Alberta I return to Danford Lake every summer to vacation at the family cottage. I am extremely distressed about the proposed landfill site near the Village of Danford Lake. Not only do I have a vested interest because of my future inheritance of the family cottage, I am very concerned about environmental issues in general. Protecting the environment is one of the most important issues facing Canadians today.

Quebec has an obligation to not only the residents of the area, but to the community at large to hold public hearings on this project. The ramifications of this project are huge. It impacts not only the residents, but the potential tourist business as well.

I am concerned about a great variety of issues -

- Negative environmental impact on the surrounding waters, soil, flora & fauna.
- Increased truck traffic on highways 105 and 310 (these highways are inadequate for the present traffic load, let alone the dramatic increase in truck traffic associated with the proposed landfill) and the associated increase in noise, air pollution, highway garbage, fuel consumption & emissions from the trucks, increased collisions and loss of human lives etc.
- Greenhouse gas emissions from the proposed landfill site.
- Air quality (smell) from the proposed landfill site.

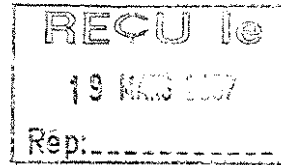
I request that public hearings be held in communities within easy access to those negatively impacted by the proposed landfill site - Gatineau, Low, Wakefield/La Pêche, Kazabazua, Danford Lake.

Climate Change is a reality - Quebec has a wonderful opportunity to show leadership within Canada and construct small local alternatives to landfill sites that turn garbage into energy and have no negative environmental impact. I also request that the BAPE's mandate include looking at these alternatives to the proposed landfill site.

Sincerely,

Sheila M. Churchill

Sheila M Churchill,



March 7, 2007

Monsieur Claude Bechard, Ministre
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de l'Environnement et des Parcs
Edifice Marie-Guyart
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Dear Sir:

RE: DANFORD LAKE LANDFILL PROPOSAL

My name is Allison Gibson, and I live at 17 McGonigal Street East, Arnprior, Ontario K7S 1L2.

I request that public hearings be held on the above-mentioned proposal because I am concerned about the environmental and societal impact of this project on the land and people in the area.

My father Ted Gibson was born in Danford Lake. His father Russell Gibson was born there. And his father Herb Gibson was too. In fact, Herb's father was one of the founding members of the community. A house in the village and the farm on Gibson Road are still in our family. I know and love the area and have been brought up with a respect for both the power and fragility of that landscape.

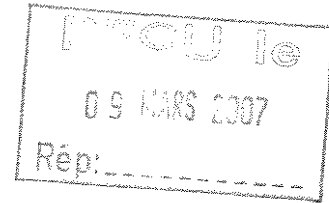
It is my sincere belief that a landfill, whether "engineered" or not, is an inappropriate use of this pristine and sensitive area. There are better alternatives to treating garbage than to dump it out of sight of the people who generated it, and I am convinced that the alternatives will not only prove less detrimental to the environment but also will prove to be equally economically attractive. I urge that you hold public hearings on this project so that a full consideration of the options can be undertaken.

Sincerely,

Allison Gibson

Gatineau le 1^{er} mars 2007

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Sujet : demande d'audience publique pour le projet de LET à Danford Lake

Monsieur le Ministre,

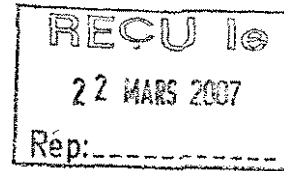
Je me nomme Paul Robinson et je possède une résidence secondaire au 79 chemin Shea B, à Kazabazua. J'ai assisté à la soirée d'information organisée par le BAPE le 28 février dernier. Je demeure grandement préoccupé face à certains aspects de ce projet, en particulier face au transport des matières et ce qu'il semble être l'absence de toute démarche valable du promoteur ou du gouvernement pour évaluer la possibilité de développer des alternatives plus écologiques à la gestion des matières résiduelles dans la région de l'Outaouais.

La présente est donc une demande formelle pour que vous procédiez à la mise sur d'audiences publiques du BAPE.

Je vous remercie de votre attention et vous prie de recevoir mes salutations distinguées.

Paul Robinson

March 12, 2007



M. Claude Bechard,
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407- 1785 Riverside Dr.
Ottawa ON, K1G3T7

Dear Sir,

Re: Public Hearings for the Danford Lake Landfill Site Proposal

My name is William Norman McCormick and I am a taxpayer of the adjacent municipality (Kazabazua) to the proposed Danford Lake Landfill Site. I have been a resident of the area for 60 years.

I hereby request that Public Hearings for the proposed Danford Lake Landfill Site be held for this project, as I am concerned that this proposal may have a significant impact on the safety of the roads in the surrounding Danford Lake area.

The proposed landfill site is being considered in an area which has a high volume of truck traffic at present, and any additional traffic will make these roads unsafe to travel.

I also request that the BAPE public hearings be held in other locales in order to gain the full breadth of the feelings of the people living and working in this area. Hearings should be held in Gatineau, as well as Danford Lake, Kazabazua, Low and Lapeche.

In addition to the truck traffic safety issues, the BAPE public hearings should look at alternatives to landfills. As you are aware, there are many such successful waste-into-energy technologies operating elsewhere in the world. LDC's proposal of "bury and forget" type of solution is not acceptable in this modern environment. I would only hope that in today's progressive era, the Province of Quebec would take the initiative and look well beyond this stage and towards alternative waste solutions for the entire province.

Yours sincerely,


W.N. McCormick

c.c. M. Jean Charest
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M. Marc Carriere
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March 2, 2007

M. Claude Béchar, Ministre
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09 MARS 2007
Rep:-----

Dear Sir:

Re: Danford Lake Landfill Proposal

I am requesting that Public Hearings be held through B.A.P.E. because I am extremely concerned regarding the integrity and honesty of the Promoter of this project. After attending the BAPE meeting last night in Otter Lake, my fears have heightened!

This promoter seems intent on building this 'Engineered Landfill' no matter what the consequences are. In this day in age, I cannot conceive of why something like this would even be considered.

There are other ways of handling garbage, with new technologies, and I have read that a few municipalities are looking into these alternatives. However, after the meeting last night, if this promoter is given the 'O K' by the Government to go ahead with his project, he will obtain 'trash' from other sources to make the dump financially viable. This is dangerous, as we have all read and heard about the Cantley Dump, and the lack of control observed there. Once this dump is built, we will never be able to monitor what actually goes into it, despite all of the rules and regulations put into place.

I am concerned about our ground water and about the amount of traffic on Routes 105 and 301, where I live.

Thank you in advance for your consideration in this matter.

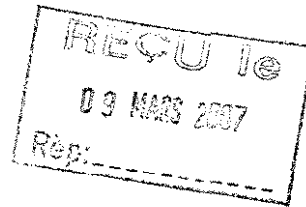
Yours respectfully,



Linda Paquette

March 2, 2007

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Dear monsieur le ministre:

Re: Danford Lake Landfill Proposal

I am requesting that Public Hearings be held by a BAPE. panel because I feel that before the government even considers giving the promoters of this mega dump the go-ahead, we need to seriously consider every aspect of how this project could impact on our quality of life, on the economy of this region and on the environment for years to come.

I recognize that we did need to close our municipal 'burn & bury' dumps and find a place for our garbage. But why a 250,000-tons-per-year dump, engineered or not? And why leave it to LDC to decide where a dump of this magnitude should be located? And why not consider some other alternative to disposing garbage rather than accumulating a mountain of it?

Frankly, I don't trust LDC with what is at stake here and since we are a community of very limited resources to deal effectively with this kind of situation, we need all the help we can to have this project, its rationale and its impact fully reviewed.

Thank you in advance for your consideration in this matter.

Yours respectfully,



Ron Laflamme

Monsieur Claude Béchar, Ministre
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March 20, 2007

Dear Sir,
Re Public Hearings for the Danford Lake Landfill Site Proposal

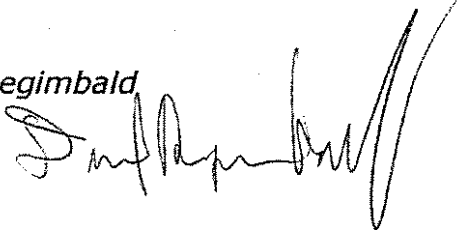
My name is Daniel Regimbald and I am a taxpayer of the Municipality of Alleyn and Cawood. I am very concerned about the creation of a Mega-Dump in the area. I plan to be living there in a few years' time and am building a log house. The idea that I will be moving to a "dump area" is very unpleasant and will affect the property values. I feel that the local mayor is not representing the views of his constituency. There should have been a public hearing about this project long ago. The fact that there has been no public hearings until now shows that the local government has not been acting in good faith. I request that public hearings be held on this project because I am concerned about:

- Increase in truck traffic (on the 105, 301, and 148)
- seepage of liquids from site
- import of out-of-province or out-of-the Outaouais waste
- impact on fauna and flora
- greenhouse gas emissions from site and foul smells
- promoter's track record or lack of one

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.

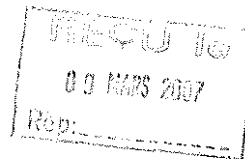
Yours Sincerely,

Daniel Regimbald



March 5, 2007

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Dear Sir,

Re: Public Hearings for the Danford Lake Landfill Site Proposal

My name is Anne Argue and I am a taxpayer of the Municipality of Kazabazua.

I am writing to request that public hearings be held on this project. I have numerous concerns, the uppermost being the increased traffic on what already is a busy and at times dangerous highway.

Secondly I am not convinced of the wisdom of locating a huge garbage dump in a location where the potential to contaminate the Picanoc and Kazabazua River exists. Residents on the Ontario side living near the Carp Dump have certainly had issues with contamination of their water systems and fouling of the air despite that landfill owners assurance that liquid seepage and odour would be controlled. How will this be any different?

I am also concerned about the possibility that if this landfill opens it will be available for out-of-area and out-of-province use.

I would 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).


Lastly I request that the BAPE's mandate include assessing new technologies as possible alternatives to landfills.

Yours sincerely

A. Argue
Anne Argue

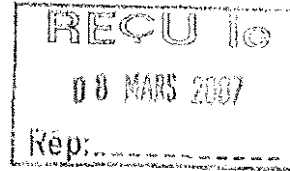
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M. Claude Béchar
Minister of Sustainable Development, Environment and Parks
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Québec, QC G1R 5V7

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

Dear Sir,

I am a landowner, seasonal resident, and taxpayer in the Municipality of Kazabazua, Quebec. I am writing to request that public hearings be held on the above-named project because I am concerned about various issues arising from the implementation of this landfill. These include:

- Increased truck traffic on the already dangerous highway 105
- Increased air pollution from the increased numbers of trucks travelling long distances
- Leachate polluting area waterways
- Noxious emissions such as methane gas which will not be recovered adequately
- Rumours of corruption concerning the promoter of this project – these need to be aired and answered in order for the now-divided communities to heal

I also request that public hearings be held in Gatineau as well as in the municipalities that would be most affected by the project, particularly Danford Lake, Kazabazua, Low, and LaPêche, so that all residents affected have the opportunity to keep informed.

Landfill is the way of the past; here is an opportunity for the Québec government to look to the future. Surely there are better alternatives to digging a hole in the ground for garbage. Please ensure that BAPE is mandated to look for modern, environmentally friendly, technological solutions to this problem that has to be successfully solved for the well-being of everyone, both now and in the future.

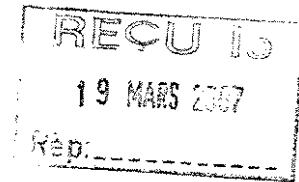
Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jane May Charlton'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

M. Jane May Charlton

cc. M. Jean Charest
M. Marc Carrière
M. Benoît Pelletier,
Mme Charlotte L'Ecuyer
M. Norman McMillan, Député de Papineau
The Honourable Lawrence Cannon
The Honourable John Baird

The Rev. Read S. Sherman
Kazabazua, QC J0X 1X0



March 7, 2007

Monsieur Claude Béchar, Ministre
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Re Public Hearings for the Danford Lake Landfill Site Proposal

Dear Sir,

My name is Read Sherman and I am a part-time resident of the Municipality of Kazabazua, and minister at Trinity United Church in Kazabazua and Low United Church in Low. Danford Lake is part of my parish, where we hold summer services at Danford Lake United Church on Highway 301 in Danford village.

I am deeply concerned about the impact the proposal to locate a large, regional landfill in Danford Lake has had on that community, and could have on the communities immediately adjacent to Danford Lake. There are a number of issues (as outlined below) which impact upon the potential health and safety, not to mention the quality of life, and potential for economic and residential growth, which are very far from settled in the minds of the public. In addition, God has blessed this area with a pristine environment that is a gift to us all, and a gift worth carefully protecting. For these reasons, I urge you to hold public hearings on this project.

In making this request, I am aware of the legitimate and laudable desire of the landfill promoters to boost local employment opportunity, and tax and royalty revenue to their municipality. These are excellent goals, but I ask regarding this proposal, at what cost? I have watched as good people on both sides of the issue in Danford Lake have turned against each other – this in a small, tightly knit community where people have lived together in many cases for generations. My feeling is that public hearings will allow each side, and perhaps other, new, emergent voices, to air fully their hopes and concerns about the proposal. My hope is that the hearings would perhaps allow alternatives to be raised that the whole community could support.

The public hearings would also go a long way to demystifying your government's role in adjudicating the permits and approvals – which in the long run will help create positive connections between the area population and the provincial government, which can often seem so distant to those living in the Outaouais.

Primary issues that would need addressing in the hearings include:

- Increase in truck traffic (on the 105, 301, and 148)
- seepage of liquids from site
- import of out-of-province or out-of-the Outaouais waste
- impact on fauna and flora
- greenhouse gas emissions from site


Of direct impact to me personally is the possibility of increased truck traffic on the 105, since my residence faces directly onto the 105. Trucks blast by from early morning until late at night, rattling windows and making noise. The same is true at Trinity United, also located on the 105. Another concern are the cemeteries of my parish, which include Hillcrest in Aylwin (directly on the 105, with no parking for mourners other than on the shoulders of the highway) and the Pineridge Union Cemetery on the 301 (same issue, with parking only along the shoulders). The road is already so crowded with tractor trailers from the logging industry that it is inconceivable to me how adding garbage trucks to the mix can be sustained from a noise, pollution and road-wear point-of-view. I am also concerned about the safety of the thousands who use the 105 every day, including individuals, families, and school buses.

For these reasons, I would request that public hearings be held in Gatineau and 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.

Thank you for considering the issues I have raised. As a Christian minister, I have deep empathy for the good hearts of the residents on both sides of this very divisive proposal. I truly believe an inclusive, transparent process led by BAPE will help you and your office make the best possible decision.

As you know, that decision will have a lasting impact on those who call Danford Lake and the surrounding region home for years, even generations to come. I offer my prayers that God may be with you in the responsibility entrusted to you, and thanks for the important work you do on behalf of us all.

Yours in Christ,


Read Sherman