

March 23, 2007

The Honourable Claude Béchar  
Minister for Sustainable Development, the Environment and Parks  
Marie-Guyart Building  
675 René- Lévesque Boulevard East, 30th floor  
Quebec, QC  
G1R 5V7

**Request for BAPE public hearings on the Danford Lake Landfill Proposal, West Québec**

Dear Minister

I am the President of the Lake George Cawood Association which represents approximately 70 residents and cottagers with property on Lake George which is situated in the Municipality of Alleyn Cawood, in the Pontiac Region north of the City of Gatineau in Western Québec.

A site within the boundaries of Alleyn & Cawood has been proposed for an engineered landfill operation, for waste disposal serving the Outaouais region. This proposal has generated much discussion among our members and I and other members of the executive of the Association have sought to provide objective information and assessments by which members can make an informed decision as to the merits of the proposal and the possible risks. We believe there is a need for more public consultation so that a clearer picture of the implications can be gained

Therefore, on behalf of the members of the Association, I am requesting that BAPE conduct full public hearings on this proposal.

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 as we all know. But we need a socially, economically and environmentally sustainable solution. So in addition to wanting to understand the risks and benefits of the proposed engineered landfill we will be very interested to learn of the potential for other solutions which may be more environmentally sound such as new plasma gasification technology being applied in Ottawa.

The BAPE hearings need to give everyone a reasonable opportunity to become better informed, as well as to express their opinion on these issues.

I look forward to a positive response to this request for public hearings on behalf of members of the Association.

Yours sincerely,



Glen Bailey  
President of the Lake George Cawood Association (Alleyn and Cawood in West Québec)

May 23, 2007.  
Maurice Beaudoin.

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

Dear Sir,

Re: Danford Lake Landfill proposal.

My name is: Mr. Gaston Beaudoin

Mrs. Leslie Beaudoin

We request that public hearings be held on this project because we are concerned about the seepage of liquids from the site polluting our water (rivers + lakes) and also with the smell coming from the site because we live down wind from the site and also with the amount of more traffic on highways 105 and 301.

We are also concerned about the bald eagles because they just made their return to this area in the past 10 years or so and all the other wild life, what would the site do to their environment as well.

Yours sincerely,  
Gaston Beaudoin  
Leslie Beaudoin.

Mar. 23. 2007

Request for public hearing for the Dorford Lake  
Landfill Site.

Monsieur Claude Bécharard, Ministre  
Ministère du Développement durable,  
de l'Environnement et des Parcs  
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March 12, 2007

Monsieur Claude Bechard, Ministre  
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de l'Environnement et des Parcs  
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Dear Sir,

Re Danford Lake Landfill proposal

My name is Gisele Beaudin-Peck

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

Your department is closing all municipal landfill site; only to replace them by a bigger landfill site supposedly call (engineered ). We should be against all kind of disposal of garbage by burying it in the ground. To me this is the worst kind of pollution. It is prove that there is better ways to dispose garbage. I live 6 Km from the propose landfill site and I will be one of the first one to feel the side effects of that landfill site.

Across the highway we can say goodbye to Mount O'Brian project, a lot of people gave time and money to get that project going.

So before you approve this project, you better hear what local citizens have to say. our municipal council is not.

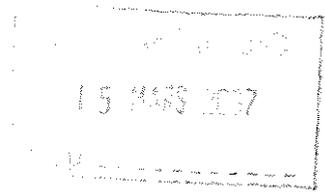
Yours sincerely

*Gisele Beaudin Peck*

March 10, 2007.

Mr. Claude Bechard, Minister  
Ministere du Developement durable.  
De l'Environnement et des Parcs  
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*BAPE  
07-03-15*



Dear Sir,

Re Danford Lake Landfill proposal.

My name is Suzanne Beaudoin.  
Quebec, J0X 1P0.

Danford Lake

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

I live no more than about two kilometers from where this landfill is proposed. We are completely surrounded by lakes, streams, river and creeks around here. The contamination that will come off the garbage will seep very quickly into our ground and thus creating contaminated water.

I am concerned for my health and that of my family. All dump liners that I know of have always leaked and they have all caused catastrophe. A better solution exists. Plasma Gasification. The majority in this town wants a referendum on this issue.

The promoter of this mega dump Denis Rouleau, I cannot put any trust in. The reason I cannot trust him is because he could not answer any of the important questions put before him at the February 28<sup>th</sup> meeting held in Otter Lake.

Yours Sincerely,

Suzanne Beaudoin.  
A very concerned citizen.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Suzanne Beaudoin". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

To: The Minister of Sustainable Development, Environment and Parks  
Subject: THE PROPOSED DANFORD LAKE LANDFILL SITE

Cabinet du ministre  
Ministere du Developpement durable  
de l'Environnement et des Parks  
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FAX: 418-543-4143  
TEL: 418-521-3911

Dear Minister -

Please consider this as my APPLICATION FOR A PUBLIC HEARING into the matter of the Proposed Danford Lake Landfill Site.

I am heartsick about the proposal of the landfill site at Danford Lake.

- The site itself is poorly suited as it is located in pristine wilderness with sandy soil.
- The run-off will pollute 2 of the most beautiful rivers in the region.
- The erosion and quality of surface water will be affected.
- Natural forest habitats would be lost.
- Wildlife will suffer.
- Huge seagull populations will surround this dump, dumping fecal matter everywhere. They will then come to drink in our - lovely clean lakes. The risk of them bringing avian flu virus is sincere.
- Dangerous animals will be attracted to the area, putting our children at risk.
- The contamination of the ground water is a certain thing.
- The carcinageous leachate will affect peoples health. It is an absolute that it will reach the drinking water well of homes nearby - if not the first year, then definitely in the future.
- There is NO way to make a landfill site 100% impermeable.
- The noise of the traffic would totally disturb the peace of this beautiful countryside.
- The biogases & stench are a fact and will affect heavily populated cottage country only a few kilometres away.
- Real Estate values are certain to be impacted.
- The wind will sweep debris and filth across our beautiful forest land.
- The heavy trucks will do damage to our roadways and cause many accidents on an already dangerous highway known as #105. This highway is already burdened with increased trucking to the filtration plant on Highway 301 and massive logging trucks bringing lumber from up north. Traffic is heavy to the Mts. Ste. Marie ski resort and golf club. Statistics that they have shown us are not correct and nowhere do they take into account of the huge volume of traffic by families travelling to their homes.
- The very real danger in the future of other areas wanting to dump their waste here.
- This outdated technology has absolutely no place in our lovely wilderness.
- The collateral damage and repercussions will be monumental !!

This landfill site will:

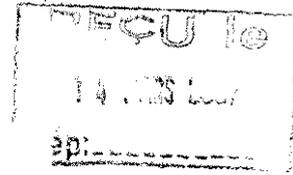
- affect our health
- put my family in dire jeopardy while travelling to our home. My children's very lives will be in danger.
- affect our quality of life in this pristine setting, ruin our lakes with bird droppings.
- affect the environment irrevocably - the wildlife, the rivers, forests and groundwater
- affect our property values adversely
- affect the air quality, water quality and lifestyle.

I urge you to put a stop to this landfill issue. I further urge that you propose a resolution to ban all landfill sites. I am willing to help in mediation.

Respectfully yours - JANIE BILDER,

*J. Bilder*

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Michèle Borchers



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Monsieur Claude Béchar, Ministre  
Ministère du Développement durable,  
de l'Environnement et des Parcs  
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Kazabazua, le 12 mars 2007

Objet : Demande d'audiences publiques à Kazabazua (MRC de la Vallée-de-la-Gatineau) au sujet du projet de LET à Danford Lake (Municipalité d'Alleyne-et-Cawood, MRC de Pontiac, Outaouais)

Monsieur le Ministre,

Je vous demande respectueusement de faire tenir des audiences publiques dans les municipalités situées le long de la route 105 (MRC de la Vallée-de-la-Gatineau et MRC des Collines de l'Outaouais) au sujet du projet de LET à Danford Lake.

Je possède une résidence à Kazabazua depuis près de 25 ans, et j'ai l'intention d'en faire mon lieu de résidence principal dès que je serai à la retraite.

Le projet de LET à Danford Lake serait une mauvaise solution au problème de gestion des matières résiduelles de l'Outaouais pour de nombreuses raisons. En voici au moins deux :

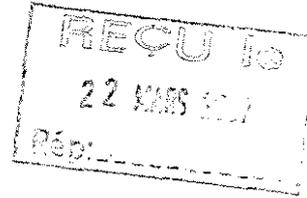
1. En Outaouais, 70% à 80% des matières résiduelles sont générés par la seule Ville de Gatineau. Aux plans économique et environnemental, il serait contreproductif d'exporter les déchets de Gatineau à Danford Lake – soit à 100 km de là, sur des routes inadéquates et déjà surchargées, dans une région de forêts, de lacs et de rivières vouée à l'écotourisme. Il faudrait plutôt appliquer ici le principe de proximité en traitant les déchets de l'Outaouais près de leur principale source de production, c'est-à-dire près de Gatineau.
2. Il est reconnu scientifiquement que les matières résiduelles ont une haute teneur en énergie. Avec les nouvelles technologies à notre disposition en 2007, il serait inconcevable de continuer à gaspiller cette source potentielle d'énergie en l'enterrant dans le sol au lieu de la convertir en électricité.

Veuillez recevoir, Monsieur le Ministre, l'expression de ma haute considération.

M. Borchers

March 6, 2007,

Monsieur Claude Béchar, Ministre  
Ministère du Développement durable,  
de l'Environnement et des Parcs  
Édifice Marie-Guyart  
675, boul. René-Lévesque Est, 30e étage  
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Dear Sir,

**Re: Public Hearings for the Danford Lake Landfill Site Proposal**

My name is Jean Marc Boucher and I am a taxpayer since 1980 and cottage owner since 2003, of/in the Municipality of Alayn-and-Cawood. ( Neil Lake )

I request that public hearings be held on this project because I am very concerned about many aspects this project, not limited to the following;

- Increase in truck traffic (on the 105, 301, and 148)
- seepage of liquids from site in the Picano and water table
- import of out-of-province or out-of-the Outaouais waste
- the integrity of the project and the entire process this project has taken us through in the last 24+ more months where laws and rules have been bypassed, questions were rarely answered, making the entire project, in my opinion, very unethical and maybe even unlawful

I also request that public hearings be held in Danford Lake (municipal hall), and other locations such as Kazabazua, Low, LaPêche and Gatineau.

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,

**Jean Marc Boucher**

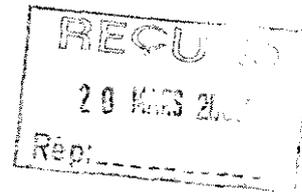
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**End of correspondence**

Le 16 mars 2007

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de l'Environnement et des Parcs  
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Objet : Demande d'audiences publiques pour le LET de Danford Lake

Monsieur le Ministre,

Je m'appelle Denise Boulais, et je suis contribuable de la Ville de Hull. J'ai une résidence secondaire dans la Municipalité d'Alleyne et Cawood, MRC du Pontiac, qui appartient à ma famille depuis plus de 40 ans.

Je demande que des audiences publiques soient tenues sur ce projet parce que je me préoccupe beaucoup des effets sur l'environnement de ce projet, notamment la pollution de la nappe souterraine et des rivières avoisinantes, l'impact sur la faune et la flore et les émissions de gaz à effets de serre.

J'aime aussi beaucoup mon lac (le lac Neill) avec ses huards et ses canards, et j'envisage avec beaucoup d'appréhension les nombreuses mouettes qui nous envahiront avec un dépotoir de cette taille à proximité.

Par ailleurs, je m'objecte à l'importation de déchets de l'ensemble de l'Outaouais ou de l'Ontario. Je suis aussi franchement très inquiète en raison de la hausse du nombre de gros camions sur les routes 105, 301 et 148. La route 105 est une route déjà très achalandée, comme pourraient vous le confirmer la Sûreté du Québec qui y est presque toujours présente, surtout les fins de semaine durant l'été. Il y a aussi un grand nombre d'accidents sur cette route – vous imaginez y retrouver des dizaines de gros camions de plus tous les jours !

Je trouve difficile à croire qu'en 2007, on songe à utiliser des techniques d'enfouissements de déchets qui sont dépassées. L'environnement est une grande priorité au Québec – osez être innovateurs et trouvez une meilleure solution, de grâce !

Je demande également que des audiences publiques soient tenues à Gatineau et/ou dans les municipalités qui seraient le plus affectées par le projet (Danford Lake, Kazabazua, Low, LaPêche). Enfin, je demande que le mandat du BAPE inclue l'examen d'alternatives à l'enfouissement, telles que la conversion en énergie.

Veuillez recevoir, Monsieur le Ministre, mes respectueuses salutations.



Denise Boulais

cc

M. Jean Charest, Premier ministre du Québec

M. Marc Carrière, Président, Conférence régionale des élus de l'Outaouais

M. Benoît Pelletier, Ministre responsable de la Région de l'Outaouais

Mme Charlotte L'Écuyer, Députée de Pontiac

M. Norman McMillan, Député de Papineau

L'Honorable Lawrence Cannon, ministre des Transports, de l'Infrastructure et des Collectivités

L'Honorable John Baird, Ministre de l'Environnement

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March 5, 2007

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

Dear Sir,

Re Public Hearings for the Danford Lake Landfill Site Proposal

My name is Ronald Brennen and I am a taxpayer of the Municipality of Kazabazua.

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

- 1) Excess truck traffic and traffic noise along highways 105 and 301, particularly 301 as my cottage is within 800 feet of the highway.
- 2) Seepage from the landfill polluting the nearby streams and lakes in the future. Research I have done says, even in careful controlled conditions, landfills will begin to leak into the surrounding watershed in 25 years, not a condition I want to leave for my grandchildren, particularly as there are sound environmentally friendly alternatives available.

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 truly

  
Ronald A. Brennen

March 1, 2007

Monsieur Claude Béchar, Ministre,  
Ministère du Développement durable,  
De l'Environnement et des Parcs,  
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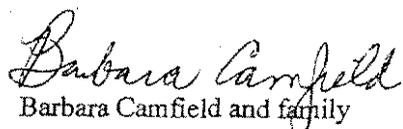
Dear Sir,

**Re: Danford Lake Landfill proposal**

My name is Barbara Camfield.

I request that public hearings be held on this project because I am VERY concerned about the traffic impacts on highways 105 and 301, and the potential environmental disaster to the pristine Picanoc River and the area's flora and fauna. I and my family ride our bikes and drive our cars regularly on the highways in question, and know that an increase in heavy transport vehicles will make these roads very much more dangerous. The potential seepage of toxic liquids from the site and the greenhouse gas emissions are of very serious concern to me and my family.

Yours sincerely,

  
Barbara Camfield and family

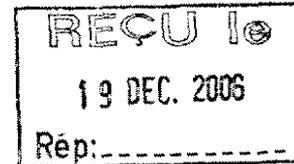
Cc M. Jean Charest  
M. Marc Carrière  
M. Bernard Pelletier  
Mme Charlotte L'Ecuyer  
M. Norman McMillan  
The Honorable Lawrence Cannon  
The Honorable John Baird  
Coalition Against the Danford MegaDump



Coalition contre le mégadépotoir de Danford  
*Coalition Against Danford Mega-dump*  
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Mme Nathalie Normandeau,  
ministre des Affaires municipales et des Régions  
ministère des Affaires municipales et des Régions  
Aile Chauveau, 4<sup>e</sup> étage  
10, rue Pierre-Olivier-Chauveau  
Québec (Québec)  
G1R 4J3



Danford Lake, le 11 décembre 2006

Objet : Manque de transparence et d'équité procédurale  
dans le dossier de projet de LET à Danford Lake (municipalité d'Alleyn-et-  
Cawood, MRC de Pontiac, Région de l'Outaouais)

Madame la Ministre,

La Coalition contre le mégadépotoir a fêté aujourd'hui sa première année de naissance en déposant auprès de la Conférence régionale des élus de l'Outaouais un rapport sur les alternatives à l'enfouissement, intitulé *Les déchets comme source d'énergie - Argumentaire en faveur de la gazéification au plasma comme principal moyen de traitement des matières résiduelles de l'Outaouais* (copie ci-jointe). Elle espère ainsi apporter sa contribution aux efforts déployés actuellement par les MRC de la Région pour trouver une solution plus écologique au problème de la gestion des matières résiduelles.

La Coalition a été formée voici un an par des citoyens dégoûtés par le manque de transparence et de démocratie qui caractérise, depuis le début, la manière dont le conseil municipal d'Alleyn-et-Cawood, MRC de Pontiac, gère le dossier du projet de site d'enfouissement dans le village de Danford Lake.

Au printemps dernier, la municipalité a été contrainte d'organiser une consultation publique sur le changement de zonage requis pour l'établissement du site. Lorsqu'elle a compris que la population majoritairement opposée à ce changement était prête à signer le registre ouvrant la porte à un référendum, elle a une nouvelle fois choisi d'éluider ses responsabilités en renvoyant le dossier au palier de gouvernement supérieur, la MRC de Pontiac.

Le mois dernier, la MRC de Pontiac a adopté un règlement faisant d'Alley-n-et-Cawood le site exclusif d'un site d'enfouissement technique dans le Pontiac.

Elle reniait ainsi un double engagement qu'elle avait fait à trois reprises (au printemps, en juin et en août dernier) à la population, à savoir (1) que celle-ci aurait l'occasion de se prononcer par référendum et (2) que la MRC de Pontiac n'imposerait jamais un tel projet contre la volonté de la majorité de la population. Six des 18 maires du Pontiac ont voté contre la résolution de règlement, en disant qu'ils ne pouvaient revenir sur la parole donnée.

Pour la troisième fois en un an, les citoyennes et les citoyens d'Alley-n-et-Cawood se sont donc vu donner, puis retirer l'espoir de participer au processus décisionnel.

À une époque où les termes de « participation citoyenne », de « consultation publique » et d'« acceptation sociale » sont constamment mis en exergue dans les discours politiques et les énoncés d'intention de nos gouvernants, il est tout simplement désespérant de constater qu'ils restent pour eux des mots vides de sens.

Dans un jugement du 30 juin 2004, la Cour suprême du Canada a jugé que les municipalités sont tenues à l'équité procédurale et la transparence, deux choses qui font cruellement défaut dans le cas présent.

Madame la ministre, vous allez devoir donner votre opinion sur le règlement que vient de vous soumettre la MRC de Pontiac. Nous vous demandons instamment de ne pas entériner une telle conduite de la part d'élus locaux et régionaux et de pas vous prononcer tant que la population d'Alley-n-et-Cawood n'aura pas été consultée démocratiquement par voie de référendum, comme cela était prévu et comme cela devrait être dans une démocratie digne de ce nom.

Veuillez recevoir, Madame la Ministre, nos sincères salutations.

  
André Carrière,  
Président

P.J.

copie :

- M. Jean Charest, Premier ministre
- M. Benoit Pelletier, ministre responsable de l'Outaouais
- ✓ M. Claude Béchard, ministre du Développement durable, de l'Environnement et des Parcs
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- M. Roch Cholette, Député de Hull
- M. André Boisclair, Chef de l'opposition officielle
- M. Mario Dumont, Chef de l'Action démocratique du Québec
- M. Pierre Ricard, Directeur régional, ministère des Affaires municipales et des Régions

M. Jean Charest  
Premiere Ministre du Quebec  
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Dear M. Charest

**Re: Public Hearings for the Danford Lake Landfill Site  
Proposal**

We are Inez and Roger Champagne, taxpayers in the  
Municipality of Kazabazua.

We request that public hearings be held in all affected  
municipalities along routes 105 and 301 on this matter  
because we have the following concerns:

- an increase of over 50 heavy trucks round-tripping daily  
on highways 105 and 301 will represent a significant  
reduction in safety on those roads.
- our cottage is located 200 yards over open water from  
highway 301. At present the noise from log trucks is very  
disturbing. 100 more heavy truck passages per day will  
destroy what peace is left.
- it is almost certain that seepage from the dump will  
pollute the Picanoc and Kazabazua rivers.
- The dump will attract gulls which will raft overnight on  
surrounding lakes introducing many pollutants. Our lake  
is spring fed with no outlets and located about one half  
of a mile from the Kazabazua river. With pollution  
seeping in from the river and being delivered in by gulls  
our lake will become a cesspool.
- our cottage is located about 3 miles directly downwind  
from the dump site. We are certain to experience  
unpleasant odors.
- Using landfill is an outdated form of waste disposal. We  
should be considering more modern systems of waste  
disposal which offer benefits such as power generation  
while avoiding all of the above problems.

We also request that the mandate of the Bureau d'audience publiques sur l'environnement (BAPE) be expanded to include considering alternatives to landfill for managing waste disposal.

Thank You

  
Inez Champagne

  
Roger Champagne

*Le 21 mars 2007*

*Monsieur Claude Béchar, Ministre  
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*Objet : Demande d'audiences publiques pour le LET de Danford Lake*

*Monsieur le Ministre,*

*Je m'appelle*

*Alain Charbonneau, et je suis contribuable de la Municipalité de  
Danford Lake.*

*Je demande que des audiences publiques soient tenues sur ce projet  
pour les raisons suivantes :*

- hausse du nombre de gros camions sur les routes 105, 301 et 148*
- pollution de la nappe souterraine et des rivières*
- importation de déchets de l'extérieur de la province ou de l'Outaouais*
- impact sur la faune et la flore*
- émissions de gaz à effets de serre*

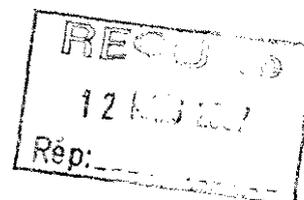
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*Veillez recevoir, Monsieur le Ministre, mes respectueuses salutations."*

*Alain Charbonneau*

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M. Claude Béchar  
Minister of Sustainable Development, Environment and Parks  
Marie-Guyart Building, 30<sup>th</sup> Floor  
675 René-Lévesque Blvd. East  
Québec, QC G1R 5V7



le 6 mars, 2007

Monsieur le Ministre,

Je vous écris ce jour pour demander des audiences publiques concernant un enjeu majeur avec impacte sur l'environnement: le projet de LET à Danford Lake.

Ma famille est contribuable au Municipalité de Kazabazua, Québec pendant vingt ans.

Tout simplement, un dépotoir amène les odeurs, contaminations d'eau et de terre, et les émissions, le bruit et les dangers liés aux camions, surtout sur des routes déjà dangereux: routes 105, 301 et 148, pour en nommer quelques problèmes prédis.

La compagnie proposant ce dépotoir n'a pas l'expérience requis pour un tel plan. Le publique qui souffrira l'impacte de leurs actions devraient avoir une voix dans ce processus, non juste pour nommer les dangers, mais pour offrir des plans alternatifs – parce qu'elles existent! Pour ces raisons, les audiences publiques devraient se faire dans la région de la Gatineau, ainsi que les autres municipalités affectés (Danford Lake, Kazabazua, Low, et LaPêche).

Je vous remercie de votre attention.

Meilleures salutations,

Vaughn Charlton

cc. M. Jean Charest  
The Honourable John Baird

Monsieur Claude Béchard, Ministre  
Ministère du Développement durable,  
de l'Environnement et des Parcs  
Édifice Marie-Guyart  
675, boul. René-Lévesque Est, 30e étage  
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March 20, 2007

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

My name is Anne Cheng and I am a taxpayer of the Municipality of Alayn and Cawood. I am very concerned about the creation of a Mega-Dump in the area. My property of 200 acres will become a campground and the idea of having a huge Mega-Landfill project just 8km away is not conducive to my business or tourism in general in the area. 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,*

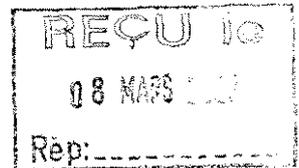
Anne Cheng



S. CONNOLLY

1 March, 2007

Min. du Développement durable,  
de l'Environnement et des Parcs,  
Édifice Marie-Guyart,  
675, boul. René-Lévesque Est,  
30<sup>e</sup> étage,  
Québec, P. Q. G1R 5V7



Dear Sir:

I am writing as a citizen of  
Low, Quebec, to request a public  
hearing with respect to the proposal  
to provide a landfill dépotoir at  
Danford Lake, Que. This is my  
application/request.

I feel that a public hearing is  
absolutely required for the many  
reasons as follows:

- no other options are being considered;
- there are better options/  
technology available, especially  
gasification;
- your procedure has not been  
democratic - the citizens to  
be affected have not been  
allowed to vote;
- thousands of people in our area  
are against this project;
- you do not, apparently, have

a single person in your office with knowledge or responsibility for research & leadership in modern/future garbage elimination technology - you are programmed/structured to only accept/acknowledge old technology;

- Quebec will be demonstrating that it/you are backward in your:
  - manner of selecting the best solution;
  - use of modern state-of-the-art technology.

The promoters state that their project will service all of the Outaouais. I hope, therefore, that all citizens of West Quebec will be given a chance to:

- understand the project;
- provide you with their feelings.

At the exclusion of any other (better) options, your procedure is a huge unnecessary/wasteful expense. If you do not have other options being considered, because of your lack of leadership, and we convince you that this project is a tragedy, you will have caused a huge loss of time.

What a mess. Please convene a public hearing, thank you.

yours sincerely,  
Steve Conroy

Councillor, Low, Quebec

- the meeting hall was too small for the huge attendance;
- the presentation slides could not be seen by dozens of people at the back 1/3 of the room;
- the presentation, in french, was forced upon mostly english people.

A large majority of people in our region feel that the only reason for this foolish project to have progressed this far against the wishes of thousands of people is because certain leaders and decision makers are being paid by bribes (pots-de-vin). This may be quite probable - the promoter refused to answer this question when asked. A very serious matter. For this reason, I am requesting that you undertake an Inquest.

you are closing depots all over Quebec - without solutions. We are afraid that, therefore, your solution will be to force this bad project upon us.

I am prepared to enter into mediation assuming that this process will allow our citizens to negotiate for a new state-of-the-art solution that we can accept and be proud of.

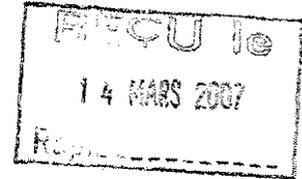
P.S.

With respect to the Public Information hearing held at Otter Lake 28 Feb., 2007, I would like to comment as follows:

- Mme. Danielle Hawey, votre représentante, did a very good job to control the VERY ANGRY crowd;
- you should send more senior people in your ministry next time - many questions were not answered - it was not the fault of Mme. Hawey... she was not familiar with the history of this project - she was shocked that our citizens were never given a chance to vote NO for this project. She was shocked to see so many angry people. Your people, and yourself, live and work in an insulated head office world.
- this meeting is not finished. your people must yet answer our questions about what other solutions will be presented by your organization for our citizens to consider.
- In west Quebec, there are over 300 councillors and over 40 mayors. Only 5 or 6 attended this meeting.

12 March, 2007

The Honorable Jean Charest,  
Premier of Québec,  
835, boul. René-Lévesque Est,  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor,  
Québec, QC G1A 1B4



Dear Sir:

Greetings! I am a retired professional engineer and a long-time councilor for the village of Low, Québec. Copying some of your Liberal Party colleagues, I am writing to you to express some concerns of myself and thousands of taxpayers in West Québec. I hope that you will take these comments to be sincere and helpful in your capacity to truly represent the people of our province.

#### Unacceptably High Recurring Municipal & School Tax Increases

For several years now, your government has been downloading program requirements upon MRC's and municipalities causing unacceptably high tax increases upon the population. Your various ministries work independently of each other, trying to meet separate objectives. Collectively, they force high costs for taxpayers all across Québec with no assessment capability, or concern, for affordability.

A property in our village, assessed at \$100,000 in 2005, is now, for 2007, being forced to pay municipal & school taxes at a 30% higher level. This increase is lower than that experienced for most other municipalities in our area. Foolish, technically unsupported, mandatory 2 yr./4 yr. septic tank pumping requirements, unaffordable fire security policies, unreasonably too high support costs for municipal elections, rapidly growing MRC bureaucratic costs (with union-wage staff), unionization of municipal staff, unaffordable recycling programs, escalating garbage elimination costs due to lack of government planning/leadership ... and much more ... are all being forced upon us by your government, and are financially impairing our communities.

We are unable to deal with local priorities. Village flower boxes, summer student hiring, recreation facilities, social help organization support, road improvements and much more, are all being reduced or terminated. No longer do we foresee acceptable tax increases at, or below, 3% to 4%, as previously experienced. Unpaid tax levels are at the highest ever in most of our communities. Surplus funds are greatly diminishing and, more and more, must be used to cover for unpaid taxes. Debt is increasing. In our village, we can hardly find the funding to technically review our water system, let alone fix/improve it.

In one of our MRC's larger communities, Gracefield, more money cannot be extracted from the generally low income citizens to obtain potable drinking water or to mitigate the

problem where 124 residences are all connected to a common sewer pipe which flows directly into the Gatineau river. Paradoxically, your wasteful government continues to force these people to empty their septic tanks at an expensive unnecessary frequency.

In our MRC, we have 17 mayors and 102 councilors ... representing only 20,000 permanent residents. Given a similar ratio, the City of Ottawa would have 5,000 councilors! For this reason, there is far too much bureaucracy to allow efficient and effective financial decision-making. Well-meaning community representatives tend to be uneducated and inexperienced. Taxpayers are not informed, affordability is never verified and permission to spend money is rarely asked. Town Hall meetings are rarely held because mayors and councilors are too afraid to do so.

Mayors and councilors, everywhere, are also afraid to speak up. Reports of our MRC's monthly meetings regularly show that all mayors vote unanimously "yes" for almost every spending decision. Each mayor is afraid to "rock the boat". They do not have the will or the financial skills to evaluate affordability. Rarely do any of our MRC's contest your government's spending demands. They report to your ministers that all is "OK" ... witness the Waste Management plans that have been provided to your Minister of Environment ... very few, if any, will really meet the 2008 objectives ... even though most pretend that they will because they are afraid to face reality and to express the truth.

Lack of leadership co-ordination and lack of care/ability of your government to assess taxpayer affordability is a great detriment to our communities. Citizen coalition formations and taxpayer revolts are becoming more frequent. Your ministers are not finding ways to better understand the situation or to listen to your citizens. MRC's do not represent the people's view ... MRC's are not demonstrating that they are servants of the public ... rather, MRC's arrogantly act in a manner requiring their citizens to be subservient to them.

#### Danford Lake Mega-Dump

Your Minister of Environment will have apprised you of this monstrous foreboding issue facing West Québec citizens. Your government is fully supporting a process to permit old technology, a hole in the ground, to negatively affect a beautiful valley and all citizens in our area, forever.

Two weeks ago, your Minister of Environment sent a relatively junior communications employee, a very pleasant/capable woman, to preside over a public meeting at Otter Lake relative to informing the public about the landfill promoter's plans. A huge, angry crowd voiced their opinions, totally unsatisfied with your government's handling of this old backwards technology project. No informed senior representatives of the Minister of Environment's office attended this important meeting ... nor did most mayors or councilors of our region.

The woman who presided over the meeting did an excellent job to control the crowd. It was obvious, however, that she had not been thoroughly informed of the history and local huge contestation of this mega-dump proposal. She had been sent by her management to be 'eaten by the wolves'. By the late end of the evening, this poor woman was, I am sure, in total shock ... mostly, because your government has managed this endeavor so poorly. Of, course, it will not necessarily be to her benefit to report this.

Your government has ordered an approval process for the promoter's proposal which refuses to allow for a referendum for the thousands of people who will be potentially negatively affected. Over 4,000 citizens have signed a petition against this project. You refuse to allow for any competitive process and your procedure does not allow for other technical/environmental options to be considered. In our democratic, and supposedly common sense society, how can you treat your citizens this way?

As a result of this incredible situation, many people feel that certain decision-making politicians may be being bribed. Unproved, it is important that this possibility be investigated and, accordingly, I am requesting you to do so. Please note that, at the Otter Lake meeting, when directly questioned on this matter, the promoter refused to answer.

Your government has not a single person leading the province's municipalities to find leading technology solutions for garbage elimination. You have left over 85 MRC's and 900 municipalities alone and separately, at huge cost and delay, to find different solutions on their own. At the same time, you are forcing most local garbage dumps across the province to close by next year, and threatening to impose \$50,000 penalties ... with no solutions in sight. Even if an MRC was to present your government with a modern solution proposal, such as plasma gasification, you have no expertise to even evaluate it.

On 26 March, 2007, imminently, the people of Québec will be voting. My guess is that the citizens of Québec will be voting 'holding their noses' and that your Liberal party will barely win again, only because you are the best of poor alternatives. Your Liberal candidate for our area has developed a platform that is so general that it evades any specific future help to our citizens and has expressed nothing relative to our citizen's concerns as expressed above.

Anyone who votes for your Liberal party will be asking for continued high municipal & school tax increases ... and for an old-technology mega-dump in our beautiful area.

Your response by taking positive helpful action will be much appreciated and will be much more meaningful to myself and to all of our citizens than any written reply. Thank you for any consideration that you may give to the concerns expressed above,

c.c. Mr. Claude Béchar, Min. Environment  
Mme. Natalie Normandeau, Min. Mun. Affairs  
Mme. Stéphanie Vallée, Liberal Candidate, Gatineau

Yours sincerely,

Steve  
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