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Addendum

To the

Presentation to the Commission

Of the

BUREAU D'AUDIENCES PUBLIQUE SUR L'ENVIRONMENT

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on behalf of the

DANFORD LAKE AND DISTRICT PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION

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At the end of my presentation during the B.A.P.E. hearings last week, I informally added a comment concerning the aftermath of the

conflict over the garbage dump. I am now adding it in writing. It is something which we are all deeply concerned about.

You have heard many people describe how the issue of the megadump has deeply divided the village of Danford Lake, and you have asked whether it is possible for these wounds to heal.

It should be clear that a vast majority of seasonal residents and a good majority of full-time of residents of Alleyne-Cawood oppose this project. If the project is turned down, I believe that there is a possibility of the community coming together again.

The rejection of the project would be a great relief for many reasons to the majority of the community. It would restore their faith in the community and their reasons for choosing to live there. There would gradually be a resurgence and further development of business, especially in "Eco-Tourism and Recreation" areas. This, hopefully, would gradually lead to a positive attitude and further efforts to develop these aspects. Residents, full-time and "part-time" would be encouraged to come together to build a future, taking advantage of all the possibilities of the area. It might take some incentives and possibly even some outside help but I believe that it would be possible.

Anxiety about the possibility of the "dump" has seriously impeded Recreation and Eco-Tourism related businesses during the conflict. The presence of a huge garbage dump would, no doubt, continue to impede the development of business to an even greater degree. If the project goes ahead, because of so many opposing it, because of the daily reminder of the growing mountain of garbage and the increasing danger and noise of truck traffic and because there will be no future in the development of Recreation and Eco-Tourism and its associated jobs, there will be nothing to bring the community together and promote the healing process. Employment possibilities will be very limited, many cottagers will go elsewhere and people looking for country will not come here! The divisions will gradually widen in resentment and lack of opportunity and the community will slowly die.