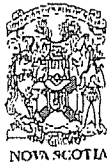


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Dear Mayor Kelly:

Thank you for your letter of September 16, 2009 requesting clean-up and maintenance in the area around Long Lake Provincial Park off the Old Sambro Road.

Long Lake Provincial Park is a 2,095 hectare property administered by the department through the provincial parks program. As this park is designated under the *Provincial Parks Act*, public access and use is permitted. However, at this time the department does not promote or manage the site as an operational park as no services are offered and only minimal maintenance is provided. Staff do monitor park conditions and remove garbage/debris from the property on a regular basis. Department Conservation Officers also conduct park patrols from time to time.

In partnership with the community-based Long Lake Provincial Park Association, the department recently completed a management plan for the park. This plan defines a long-range vision for the property and its preparation involved extensive public consultation. Department staff are also finalizing a park operational plan that will identify a range of staffing and budgetary options necessary to achieve several different levels of park management. Allocation of the required resources will depend on provincial budgets. The department is also interested in exploring partnership opportunities that will benefit both Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) residents and all Nova Scotians.

The department would be pleased to meet with members of HRM to explore the opportunities and challenges that such a wonderful natural asset as Long Lake Provincial Park presents to our respective governments and the people of Nova Scotia.

Yours truly,

John MacDonell
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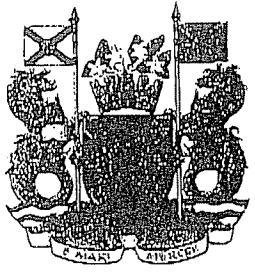
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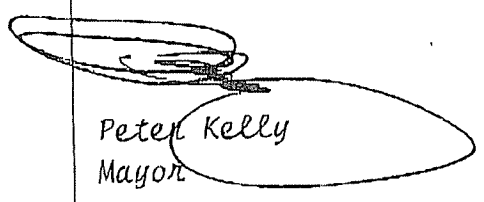
The Honourable John MacDonell
Department of Natural Resources
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Dear Minister MacDonell:

At the September 15, 2009, meeting of Regional Council a motion was passed regarding Long Lake Provincial Park requesting that the Province clean-up and perform maintenance in the area around Long Lake Provincial Park located off the Old Sambro Road. It appears that the affected areas of the Park have not been adequately maintained for some time. Local residents are understandably concerned with the current state of the park.

On behalf of Halifax Regional Council, a quick response regarding the Province's efforts to improve this situation would be appreciated.

Respectfully, I remain


Peter Kelly
Mayor

cc Halifax Regional Council