

Policy Division

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Dear Warden Eleanor Roulston,

I am responding on behalf of the Honourable Timothy Halman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, to your letter dated October 16, 2025, where you expressed concerns regarding the proposed Northumberland Capital Corporation Inc. Mount Uniacke Quarry Expansion Project located in Mount Uniacke, Hants County. The project registered for environmental assessment (EA) on September 23, 2025, and is currently under review in accordance with the *Environmental Assessment Regulations*.

I want to assure you that all comments submitted throughout the EA review process are given full consideration in the Minister's decision. Your letter, including attachments, was shared with the EA Branch so that they could be reviewed and considered as part of this EA.

The EA process is a planning tool used to allow sustainable development to proceed while ensuring the environment is protected. All information received through the EA process, including public comments, input from the Mi'kmaq of Nova Scotia, science, and expert government review, is carefully considered to determine potential environmental impacts of the proposed projects. The Minister of Environment and Climate Change will make a decision on the proposed Northumberland Capital Corporation Inc. Mount Uniacke Quarry Expansion Project on or before November 12, 2025.

Additional information on the EA process can be found at: <https://novascotia.ca/environmental-assessment-getting-started/>. Information on the EA for this project can be found at: <https://novascotia.ca/nse/ea/mount-uniacke-quarry-expansion/>. Should you have any questions regarding the EA process, please contact Bridget Tutty, Manager of the EA Branch, at bridget.tutty@novascotia.ca.

Regarding the ongoing operations at the Mount Uniacke Quarry, Nova Scotians can be assured of our robust environmental regulatory oversight. The Inspection, Compliance and Enforcement Division of the Department of Environment and Climate Change enforces the requirements set out in legislation, regulations, and the terms and conditions of environmental approvals. This ensures that companies are held accountable and meet their regulatory obligations.

Thank you for bringing your concerns forward.

Sincerely,



Lynn Bowen
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cc: Honourable Timothy Halman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change
Honourable Tim Houston, Premier of Nova Scotia