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January 5, 2015

Mr. David Coon, MLA
Leader of the Third Party
3rd Floor, West Block, Departmental Building
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96 St. John Street
Fredericton, New Brunswick

Dear Mr. Coon:

Enclosed is a copy of the response to your Petition 9 tabled in the Legislature on December 17, 2014.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'DJF'.

 Donald J. Forestell
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly

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Enclosure

c. Léopold Mallet
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December 19, 2014

Mr. Donald J. Forestell
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly
706 Queen Street
Fredericton, NB E3B 1C5

Mr. Forestell:

I am writing in response to Petition No. 9, tabled in the Legislative Assembly by Mr. Coon on December 17, 2014 by concerned citizens of the Greater Shediac area regarding the proposed development of a 750-site campground.

I followed up with staff and have been advised that the land on which the development is proposed is within the Town of Shediac. As such, the municipality has jurisdiction, through the *Community Planning Act*, to consider how this land is zoned and subsequently developed. In this particular instance, the rezoning process is proceeding as required by the *Community Planning Act*, and it is the mayor and council of the Town of Shediac that has authority over the process not the Department of Environment and Local Government.

Regarding your concerns about the potential impact on the environment, I have confirmed a project of this nature would require an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) under the *Environmental Impact Assessment Regulation-Clean Environment Act*."

The EIA process is designed to identify the environmental impacts associated with development proposals well in advance of their implementation, so that such impacts can be avoided or reduced to acceptable levels before they occur. It gives technical specialists from government agencies, as well as local residents and the general public, a chance to provide their input to the decision-making process regarding specific development proposals.

In closing, if a project proposal as described is submitted to the Department, it would be registered under the *Environmental Impact Assessment Regulation* and environmental concerns, including those identified in the petition, would be considered in the review process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Kenny".

Hon. Brian Kenny
Minister

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