



Hon. Serge Rousselle, Q.C.
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RE: *URGENT ATTENTION* - Transfer Station Application - Green For Life Environmental Inc.

Dear Minister Rousselle,

The Fundy Regional Service Commission (FRSC) has recently received verbal confirmation that Green for Life Environmental Inc. (GFL) has applied to construct a transfer station in Saint John, NB for the purposes of shipping garbage to a GFL landfill in Nova Scotia. This information did not reach us through any official channel and requests for information to different parties have been denied or not answered. As such, we do not have a timeline on the approval process and we are requesting your urgent attention. GFL is proposing a low-cost option to customers by shipping garbage and avoiding the imposed and implied obligations the FRSC has to operate under. This approval will either result in increased costs to New Brunswick taxpayers or the loss of programs and the associated jobs. Frankly, we are shocked that this application is being considered and FRSC is asking that this application be immediately denied.

Our landfill at Crane Mountain in Saint John was constructed as a solid waste management solution for the region in the 1990's. The communities have committed to the infrastructure and programs over the past 20 years with the understanding that waste in the region would continue to fund the programs. Considering the current Regional Service Delivery Act (and the previous Clean Environment Act), financially binds the municipalities and local service districts to any solid waste liabilities, this is not an unreasonable expectation.

Currently, GFL represents 10% of garbage revenue and that deficit would be transferred to the communities. The main, and larger competitor, Fero, also has a landfill in Nova Scotia and will respond to any action from a competitor to grow business, resulting in further revenue loss to FRSC. As the private sector represents two-thirds of our volume, the financial burden on taxpayers would be quite severe.

FRSC cannot compete with a private business that does not carry the same obligations. If this transfer station is built, FRSC will be left with no alternative but to level the playing field immediately. Initially, this will result in the loss of ten (10) full-time positions and seven (7) casual positions, all associated with the elimination of diversion programs to which GFL has no obligation. Unfortunately, we will be the precedent for expansion to other regions.

I would appreciate the opportunity to discuss this further, or, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Again, we are asking for your support in that this application be immediately denied. Please keep us informed as to your decision.

Sincerely,



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