

***SACKVILLE PARISH LSD – ADVISORY  
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**Letter of Resignation**

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Mr. Daniel Goguen  
and whom it may concern

I regret that I have made a decision to resign as chairman of the Sackville Parish Local Service District/Advisory Committee. I have had correspondence with the others members of the committee and they have all arrived at the same conclusions as me and we will all be leaving the LSD. Our views are that we have no support from our government. From the beginning we were misled and given false promises to start this LSD.

The issues in our area have been ongoing for years. Our governments seems to have regulations designed to protect corporate, favour municipalities and force rural residents on the defensive to protect and fight for rights, defend properties and safety of their families. Government departments sidestep issues, favour companies, and refuse to enforce regulations. We are not afforded the same protections as municipalities and are controlled by them.

An issue is the blasting that damages properties, wells and water quality, property values as well as safety. Regulations are not enforced and this type of operation is not compatible to residential areas. I feel the resolution to this issue will need to be a class action lawsuit by the residents.

Another example is the flooding project in Sackville and the suspect soil that was removed and suddenly dumping in the three approved locations was denied. This soil came from along the CNR tracks close to Crescent St., I watched how this soil was loaded and the black soil was placed in the rear of the trucks so it would be covered by better soil when it was dumped. Testing was refused and I have video.

There does not seem to be much interest, at the community level for emergency responses. My belief is that we have accomplished very little in our efforts.

I feel that to date our efforts have been in vain with much time and effort put forth to achieve the necessary goals we tried to reach. My energy levels have lowered and my frustration levels have risen in dealing with the systems our politics has in place.

I see a government that does not seem to care about rural areas and passes the responsibility to other departments and at the bottom of the ladder where the answer is 'those are the regulations and we

cannot do anything'. Rural areas are discriminated against and municipalities are favoured, many things are done in secret and regulations are designed to benefit corporations and put residents on the defence. Our government officials do not seem to care. Each government department seems to reflect these views and procedures.

The government now has a good cover up system, confidentiality, to avoid giving any information or answer questions and almost no consultation with residents whose lives are affected.

Respectfully Yours

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