

Victoria Village Friends of the Park,
Victoria, PE

January, 2025

To the Attention of the PEI Regulatory & Appeals Commission,

This letter is a submission on behalf of Victoria Village Friends of the Park in regards to LA24014 Victoria Business Association and Victoria Village Friends of the Park v. Rural Municipality of Victoria.

Victoria Village Friends of the Park wishes to have this submission considered as part of the decision-making process and review regarding the conduct of the municipality as it pertains to the decision to designate the land designated for development on the floodplain on the north side of the causeway that has been purchased by AMAR for light-industrial development.


Victoria Village Friends of the Park wish to have it noted that while we acknowledge that the municipality is following the technicalities of the law, they are corrupting the spirit of the process in denying unincorporated entities invested in the future livability and sustainability of Victoria by the Sea, to have had their voices actively considered in an open and transparent process and that this continues by dismissing the concerns of both the VBA and the Victoria Village Friends of the Park on the technicality of not being an incorporation.

While this technicality precludes us from actively pursuing the issue at hand directly, we submit this formal letter to be considered as part of the review process, indicating that we acknowledge we are not an incorporation as the incorporations in Victoria by the Sea are the municipality and AMAR and so third-party appellants, based on this application of the law, are automatically unable to participate in the process. We believe that that spirit of the law, in a municipality with approximately 150-160 citizens, ought to allow an organized, existing group to appeal the process as it stands and that less than this consideration is a further demonstration of the flawed processes in place to date.

In an effort to be responsible caretakers of this sensitive estuarine and ocean ecosystem, we are very concerned about the risk that millions of gallons per day of treated effluent from the proposed project may pose to our marine environment as well as the land in question which acts as feeding grounds for the existing colony of Bank Swallows who are a threatened species that reside in the cliffs across the road from the proposed project.

Please consider this our acknowledgement of receipt of the municipality's letter via their lawyer, Curtis Doyle, and our protest over the interpretation of technicality in favour of expediency over fair (and due) consideration of process.

Sincerely,

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Susan MacVittie, on behalf of Victoria Village Friends of the Park