

August 6, 2004

Karen Dempsey  
Councillor- District 12  
Municipality of the District of Lunenburg  
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Re: Sperry's Beach (Petite Riviere, Lunenburg County)

On June 16, 2004, you convened a public meeting at the Petite Riviere Fire Hall, to discuss the recently-erected fencing which obstructed public access to Sperry's Beach. During the meeting it was suggested that a volunteer committee be formed to research facts surrounding the issues raised at the meeting. A six-person volunteer committee was formed, and given a mandate to:

- gather facts on issues raised at June 16 public meeting
- report to community at a subsequent public meeting
- offer options for possible future action

with no mandate to take action. The Committee consisted of John Bell, Phillip Carter, Tom Daly, Laila Glanville, Anne Greer and Allison MacIntosh

On July 28, 2004, we (the Committee) convened a public meeting at the Petite Riviere Fire Hall, to deliver our report, which included Recommendations for:

- a Vision Statement for the Sperry's Beach area
- outcomes in the four identified areas of concern
  - Public Access
  - Wetland Infill
  - Coastal Infill, and
  - Ownership
- and possible future action in the four identified areas of concern

These Recommendations (Vision, Outcomes and Actions) were unanimously endorsed July 28, 2004, and the Committee mandated to undertake the identified Actions.

## VISION

### The Sperry's Beach Area

- Remains dedicated in perpetuity for the benefit, education and enjoyment of present and future generations
- Is protected as a significant, public and sensitive environmental and recreational resource, and an affirmation of our cultural and natural heritage

So as to leave it unimpaired for the benefit and enjoyment of future generations

Please accept this letter as a formal request from the community to you as our elected representative to undertake the noted actions:

**Outcome**

that Sperry's Beach area is protected as Public recreational land

**Action**

to request that the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg obtain title to the consolidated beach lands from the Department of Natural Resources

**Action**

to begin discussion with the Municipality of the District of Lunenburg that will result in community-based co-management of the area

Please reply to

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We look forward to your earliest response to this matter

Sincerely

Tom Daly  
per: The Sperry's Beach Committee