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The Honourable Iain Rankin
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Via Email: minister.environment@novascotia.ca

Dear Minister Rankin;

I am writing on behalf of the Town of Pictou to inform you of a motion passed by Council at its Regular meeting on December 18, 2017.

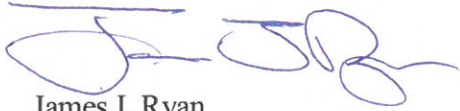
The motion was passed following presentations made to Council by the **Northumberland Fisherman's Association** and **Friends of the Northumberland** expressing their concerns regarding the plan for effluent treatment at the Northern Pulp, Paper Excellence Facility located at Abercrombie Point in Nova Scotia. More specifically, both groups are against the dispersion of the effluent via pipe, into the Northumberland Strait.

We believe that the motion as passed speaks to the expectations of Pictou Town Council that all aspects of the effluent treatment plan are thoroughly examined by both provincial and federal departments prior to making a decision regarding its construction.

Motion: It is moved that a letter be written to the Nova Scotia Environment Minister, and the Federal Ministers of the Environment and Climate Change and Fisheries and Oceans, requesting a review of the environmental assessment process being employed to assess the Northern Pulp proposal for effluent treatment. This request supports the completion of an Environmental Assessment Report and the possibility of a Class 2 environmental assessment to insure that the best possible solution for effluent treatment, disposal and monitoring is used and the fishing industry on the Northumberland Strait is not placed at risk.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,



James J. Ryan
Mayor

Cc: *Hon. Dominic LeBlanc, Federal Minister of Fisheries and Oceans*
Hon. Catherine McKenna, Federal Minister of the Environment and Climate Change
Karla MacFarlane, MLA, Pictou West
Pat Dunn, MLA, Pictou Centre
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