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Lands and Natural Resources

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Hon. Andrew Parsons
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment (Acting)
Government of Newfoundland and Labrador
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VIA Email MAEInfo@gov.nl.ca

Dear Minister Parsons,

It's now been three months since the Independent Expert Advisory Committee (IEAC) submitted its recommendations to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Environment regarding "... protecting the health of the indigenous and local populations ..." from impacts associated with the Muskrat Falls Project. As you know, the Nunatsiavut Government supported all of the recommendations put forward by the IEAC.

On June 7, 2018 we spoke by phone and I stressed the urgency of you making a decision on these recommendations as the timelines for full flooding of the Muskrat Falls reservoir is scheduled for 2019.

The "Mission" of the IEAC was to oversee and provide independent assessment of the adequacy of mitigation, monitoring and management measures, and to provide recommendations to the Responsible Ministers with respect to those and addition of any further such measures for the protection of the health of the Indigenous and local population impacted by the Lower Churchill Project, and in particular increases of methylmercury in country foods in the Churchill River near Muskrat Falls and downstream, all along the river and including Lake Melville.

We feel that the IEAC has done its job and now it's time for you to get on with doing yours. On our call a month ago you indicated you needed to meet with the Chair of the IEAC prior to making your decision. I understand you met with Dr. Reimer three weeks ago.

In the early morning hours of October 26, 2016 – following an 11-hour marathon meeting with Labrador's three Indigenous leaders – the Premier emerged in front of the media and noted that while the Province would reserve the right to have the final say on any recommendations the IEAC puts forward, he imagined the government would accept the recommendations that were supported by science.

Any further delays in implementing these recommendations would cause the scheduled flooding of the reservoir to be delayed. It's time to stop making excuses and get on with accepting and implementing the recommendations.

As I have said previously, I am available to discuss further with you. I look forward to your speedy response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tony Andersen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Tony Andersen
Minister

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