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The Honourable Colton LeBlanc
Minister
Department of Growth and Development
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VIA Email: DGDMinister@novascotia.ca

Dear Minister LeBlanc:

Re: Imperative Action to Provide the Commission with Resources to Investigate Land Use By-law Infractions

The Peggy's Cove Commission's purpose as provided under the Peggy's Cove Commission Act is to preserve the unique scenic beauty, character and atmosphere of the Area for the enjoyment of both residents and visitors for property within the Peggy's Cove Preservation area. This is primarily achieved through administering the Land Use Bylaws for the preservation area.

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to express an urgent concern regarding the current ability of the Commission to adequately investigate complaints related to land use by-law infractions. As you are aware, the enforcement of land use regulations is crucial for maintaining orderly development and ensuring that the community's land is used in accordance with established Land Use By-law.

Currently, the Commission is not provided with sufficient means to carry out these investigations effectively, which poses a risk to the integrity of our land use policies and undermines public confidence in their enforcement. Without the necessary tools and resources, complaints related to violations may go unaddressed, resulting in potential legal, environmental, and social consequences.

It is imperative that the Department of Growth and Development takes immediate action to provide the Commission with the resources needed to investigate land use by-law infractions. This will not only help ensure that the policies are upheld but will also foster greater transparency, accountability, and trust in the enforcement process.

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The Commission strongly urges the Department of Growth and Development to prioritize this matter and work towards providing the Commission with the means to effectively handle complaints and investigate infractions. Doing so will strengthen the overall governance of land use in our community and support sustainable development for all.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue. The Commission looks forward to your prompt action and are happy to discuss this further should you require any additional information or clarification.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nicole Campbell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nicole Campbell
Chair, Peggy's Cove Commission