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To Whom it May Concern,

My family and I live near the Cogmagun River, regularly swimming in it and canoeing it. We also fish this river and see others fishing here too. This river is a sacred waterway that has mostly been left beautifully untouched by development, with the exception of the Cogmagun dump that is nearby the river along Walton Woods road.

On August 5th, I canoed the Cogmagun river and found two dead animals floating in the river (one a crow and another a small mammal (muskrat perhaps?)). It felt concerning, as I have never seen this before. Two dead animals with no apparent injuries floating dead. I reached out to a local advocate for the water and expressed my concerns, unsure where to direct them.

Now with the proposed expansion of the dump, I have learned your email. I fail to understand why GFL or the Province of Nova Scotia would seek to put a dump near a river, and then consider expanding it closer to the river and closer to residents in the area?! Today the dump is on fire, again. This fire has called upon 15 different fire departments to assist. Putting volunteer firefighters at risk, along with other species and the community at large with the toxic smell of burning plastic and other unknown carcinogens. I have heard the smell is noticed all the

way to Martock and Hantsport. It has also come to my attention, the expansion of this dump is to hold garbage from HRM. Surely there's enough rural area in HRM to create a dump to manage their own garbage.

Certainly a dump site should not be along a sacred waterway (or any waterway as they are all sacred), near an old Acadian Cemetery and the oldest house in the county and expanded towards residential and agricultural areas. There is significant history that is yet to be fully discovered along the Cogmagun River, known to Mi'kmak people as Kutmi'knek (at the place of your hatchet). The river is part of the Bay of Fundy Tidal River system.

I would like to know how many, if any, water tests are done to measure toxins in the Cogmagun river and the impact the dump is currently having on the river, surrounding natural environment, animals, and humans who fish from this river? Are you able to provide regular water test results to the public over the past year, 5 years, 10 years - that have been conducted by a neutral party (i.e. not GFL)?

Additionally, can you confirm if all of our recycling is actually recycled as I am also hearing that it is in fact put in the dump as well?

I oppose the expansion of this dump along the Cogmagun (Kutmi'knek) River and closer to residential areas. I believe HRM requires a solution that remains in HRM. The idea that we can put our garbage "away" somewhere else is a myth; until we are all impacted personally by our waste there will be no motivation to change our consumption, waste policies and industrial packaging to actually reduce the waste we create.

Our water, environment, and rural agricultural areas should not bear the brunt of poor waste policy, planning and practices. There is already a tailing pond left along Walton Woods road / Cogmagun Rd area that has yet to be cleaned up, I do not trust the Province to protect our environment, as it has not ensured companies remediate their sites. Economy at the expense of our planet continues to poison our waterways and land, and it is not acceptable. **NO TO THE EXPANSION OF THE COGMAGUN DUMP! Protect our Rivers!**

Sincerely,
Kimm Kent

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Kimm Kent
Waas N'shkiinzagoon (light in her eyes)

With love and respect, in the spirit of M'sit Nokama (All Our Relations), I live in relationship with this sacred land, powerful tidal waters, and L'nu of Mi'kma'ki Territory, in the District of Sipekne'katik, shared with Glooscap, in the community Kutmi'knek (Cogmagun). I acknowledge African Nova Scotians have called this land home for over 400 years and have contributed to the richness of land and community. It is with gratitude and humility to be at home here, as part

of the land and waters that nourish and sustain us all; as we journey towards truth and reconciliation.

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