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Dear: The Honorable Tim Houston, Premier of Nova Scotia

Honourable Barbara Adams, Deputy Premier, Minister of Opportunities and Social Development

Honourable John A. MacDonald, Minister of Municipal Affairs

Honourable Timothy Halman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change, Minister of Service Efficiency and Chair of Treasury and Policy Board

Honourable Twila Grosse, Minister of African Nova Scotian Affairs and Minister of the Public Service Commission

Honourable Scott Armstrong, Attorney General and Minister of Justice, Provincial Secretary and Minister of Equity and Anti-Racism

Honourable Leah Martin, Minister of Communications, Minister responsible for L'nu Affairs, Minister responsible for the Advisory Council on the Status of Women Act and Minister responsible for Youth

Kody Blois, Member of Parliament for Kings-Hants

Melissa Sheehy-Richard, MLA Hants West

RE: Immediate Public Release of the Environmental Racism Panel Report

On behalf of the Council for the West Hants Regional Municipality (WHRM), we are writing to formally request the immediate public release of the Environmental Racism Panel report.

The creation of the Environmental Racism Panel and its report stemmed from an NDP amendment to major environmental legislation introduced by the Progressive Conservative government in 2022. Following this, the current government appointed highly experienced community leaders with diverse expertise to lead the work on its legislated commitment to address historic environmental racism. The Panel was tasked with making recommendations to the government to help rectify these injustices and to support the province's commitment to ensuring that all residents have equitable access to a healthy, safe, and sustainable environment, as well as protection from environmental harm and the impacts of climate change.

Although the report was submitted to the Province over a year ago, little information has been made publicly available regarding its contents. These findings are vital for increasing public awareness, guiding policy decisions, and ensuring accountability in advancing environmental justice, particularly as it relates to the disproportionate impacts on marginalized communities.

Timely and transparent access to the report is essential to fostering public trust and enabling meaningful engagement with affected communities. Continued delays in its release impede informed dialogue and slow the implementation of necessary actions to address systemic environmental inequities. Our community is requesting access to this report.

This position has been formally endorsed through the following motions passed at the Council Meeting held on October 28, 2025:

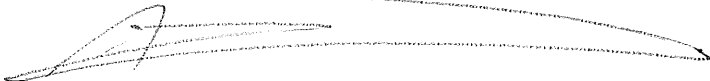
"Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to write a letter to the Province requesting the immediate public release of the Environmental Racism Panel Report."

We respectfully urge you to release the full report publicly without further delay, including all recommendations, so that communities, stakeholders, and policymakers can act promptly on its findings.

Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter. We look forward to your confirmation of the report's public release.

Respectfully,

Abraham Zebian, Mayor

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CC: WHRM Council
Chief Administrative Officer, Mark Phillips