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The Honourable Sterling Belliveau
Minister, Department of Environment
PO Box 442
Halifax, NS B3J 2P8

Dear Minister Belliveau:

The UNSM Board of Directors recently discussed the Provincially-initiated change in the administration fee charged to the RRFB. We understand that with little discussion, the RRFB was advised that the agreement would be modified to increase the maximum fee from 10% to 15% of the Board's net income. The RRFB must now find the funds within existing operations to accommodate this increase.

The UNSM Board opposes the process used to bring about this change. Municipal entities, like the RRFB, cannot be responsible for increasing the revenues of the Province. We ask that prior to increasing costs to the RRFB, every effort be made to ensure that your Department carefully manages its costs associated with the diversion of solid waste and that costs be kept below the 15% maximum administration fee.

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Councillor Clarence Prince
UNSM President

cc: UNSM Board of Directors

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