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Warden Nicole Albright
Municipality of District of Argyle
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Via email: nalbright@munargyle.com

Dear Warden Albright:

It was a pleasure meeting with you, Deputy Warden Ted Saulnier and CAO Alain Muise last Tuesday morning. During that meeting, we discussed the Council's recent approved motion requesting that the Province lead a community consultation, in addition to the regulatory submission process in support of the proposed ADA sites.

As discussed in our meeting, we would be pleased to lead two public information sessions (afternoon and evening) to explain:

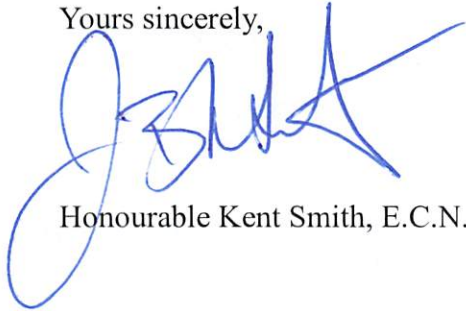
- where we are in the ADA process
- how the community can effectively provide input during the aquaculture licensing process based on the eight regulated factors relevant to applications for new marine aquaculture sites
- what happens next

We will issue a news release that will convey the same information to the broader community.

As I have indicated before, this will not be a reengagement or consultation on the Aquaculture Development Area (ADA). The public information sessions will provide an opportunity for the community to learn more about the ADA licencing process and how they can effectively participate in the 30-day public comment process based on the specific regulated factors pertinent to new marine aquaculture site applications, the current status of the applications that are moving forward from the first Call for Proposals, and for the Department to convey important information about the next steps in the process.

Thank you again for the Municipality's continued support for the Argyle ADA Pilot Project. We look forward to the next steps in the process and ultimately creating new business opportunities in Argyle.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kent Smith', with a large, stylized initial 'K'.

Honourable Kent Smith, E.C.N.S.