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Honourable Jeremy Nixon
Minister of Seniors, Community and Social Services
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Honourable Minister Nixon,

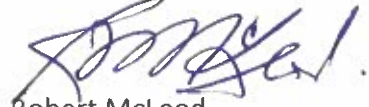
RE: Del-Air Lodge Expansion

On behalf of the Town of Manning, I am writing to you to express concern over the issue that halted the construction of the expansion of the Del-Air Lodge. This action occurred on September 9, 2022, and again on October 11, 2022, due to the hydrocarbon contamination found in the soil under the proposed building site. We were informed by our MLA Dan Williams at a meeting on November 9, 2022, that there are two main concerns with the discovery of these hydrocarbons. First the effects to human health in which we have been notified this risk will be alleviated with a sufficient vapor mitigation barrier system. The second is of even greater concern as the proposed basement, which is at the level of the water table, would require a filtration system. From our understanding the original design of the basement has been removed from the plans and has been filled in and a mechanical room will be added to the building redesign. A radon barrier will be installed under the building to prevent vapour from the underground contamination.

Council is questioning the safety to our elderly residents that make this building their home and the staff that are working in the facility. The project is proceeding as planned while knowing that hydrocarbons are present. Council is not opposed to this project nor want to stand in the way of progress. We just feel an explanation as to why this project has been permitted to proceed with this troubling information that has now been brought to light.

We look forward to any information that can be provided. We care deeply about our residents and feel we need to speak up on their behalf.

Kindest Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Robert McLeod', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Robert McLeod
Mayor, Town of Manning

CC. NPHF – Tammy Menssa