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Leland Anthony, Warden Municipality of the District of Yarmouth Chair Waste Check <u>leland@district.yarmouth.ns.ca</u>

Dear Leland Anthony:

Thank you for your letters of April 27, 2020, on behalf of Region 7 and the Municipality of the District of Yarmouth regarding impact of the COVID-19 outbreak upon the provision of solid waste services. The information you provided was helpful and I appreciate your attention to this matter.

I have recently issued several variances to the landfill disposal bans for blue bag materials where it was determined there were no immediate options to store or process this material for marketing purposes. I understand that Scotia Recycling in Kentville continues to process blue bag material and you are requesting variances as a contingency against future disruption. I am not prepared to issue variances for contingency purposes at this time. However, please keep me informed should operations change due to COVID-19.

Sincerely,

Gordon Wilson, MLA Minister of Environment

c: Zach Churchill, MLA Colton LeBlanc, MLA Regional Chairs Committee NS Federation of Municipalities Region of Queens Gus Green, Waste Check