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Mr. Kuli Malhotra, Project Manager
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Re: Antigonish Sustainable Development Project

Dear Mr. Malhotra,

On July 18th, a request was made to the Board of Directors of the Antigonish Regional Development Authority that ARDA accept to house the Antigonish Sustainable Development Project with the understanding that the project will have its own funding mechanism for the duration of its anticipated three-year term. I am pleased to inform you that the ARDA has accepted to house the Antigonish Sustainable Development Project.

ARDA has expressed interest in support of this project from the onset. The ARDA has already agreed to provide in-kind contribution of office space and supplies since May, 2007 through the end of Phase One to develop the framework and are pleased with the outcomes to date. We understand the goal of Phase Two – to implement the Framework over the next three years. Many of the programs outlined in this community-based *Framework for Antigonish as a Leading Sustainable Community* compliment and support the ARDA's mission and vision, as well as the values of Environmental Stewardship, Collaboration and Inclusiveness. I encourage you to continue working towards making Antigonish a model Sustainable Community in Canada.

I wish to congratulate you and the Steering committee for the development of a leading sustainable framework for Antigonish that can become adaptable for other communities across Canada. We recognize that a project of this scope requires collaboration to raise the level of success and achieve its objectives. We look forward to furthering this innovative initiative for the benefit of the community of Antigonish.

Sincerely,

George Lerikos
Chair, Board of Directors

on behalf of ARDA Board of Directors