



July 5, 2007

Mr. Kuli Malhotra
Project Manager
Antigonish Sustainable Development Project
188 Main Street, Suite 2-1
Antigonish, NS, B2G 2B9

RE: Framework for Antigonish as a Leading Sustainable Community

Dear Kuli:

I am writing to congratulate you on your framework to make Antigonish a sustainable community. You have set forth a comprehensive and ambitious plan which will make Antigonish a role model in community sustainability. Your early adopter model looks promising and the fact that you already have so many stakeholders from the community engaged, and that you have developed this framework in a collaborative and consultative manner is impressive. From what we have seen in other communities, these are key success factors. Other success factors include creating a shared vision and shared definition of success for the community, which everyone can work towards. This helps unite a wide variety of different actions under a common umbrella and gives different stakeholders a shared purpose. You are well on your way to doing this already.

The Natural Step looks forward to collaborating with you through the Atlantic Canada Sustainability Initiative over the next year and to sharing your success with other communities. Antigonish promises to be a role model for sustainable communities not only in Atlantic Canada but across Canada and internationally as well.

Congratulations again for this great initiative and thank you and your team for your tremendous leadership in this area.

Yours sincerely,

Kelly Hawke Baxter
Executive Director
The Natural Step Canada

