



Reference No: 2025-56a

December 17, 2025

The Honourable Susan Holt
Chancery Place
P.O. Box 6000
Fredericton, NB E4B 5H1
By Email: Susan.Holt@gnb.ca

Dear Premier Holt:

Re: Follow-Up on Council's position regarding the proposed gas plant project:

I am writing on behalf of Tantrammar Council as a follow-up to our correspondence of October 23, 2025, in which we advised your office that Council had passed a formal motion urging the provincial and federal governments, as well as PROENERGY, to take immediate and responsible action. This included ensuring open, transparent, and ongoing public engagement, and completing and publicly releasing a full and comprehensive Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA).

Council continues to have significant concerns regarding the potential impact of this project and has since passed the following motion:

#25-176 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR BRUCE PHINNEY THAT COUNCIL WRITE A LETTER TO THE PREMIER STATING WE ARE AGAINST THE GAS PLANT, ASKING FOR THE GAS PLANT PROJECT PROCESS TO BE SUSPENDED UNTIL TANTRAMMAR HAS A PUBLIC MEETING WITH NB POWER AND OUR CLIMATE CHANGE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND ASK THE PREMIER AND MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT TO MEET WITH COUNCIL TO DISCUSS OUR CONCERNS. AYE VOTES RECORDED BY COUNCILLORS JOSH GOGUEN, GREG MARTIN, BRUCE PHINNEY, MICHAEL TOWER AND DEBBIE WIGGINS-COLWELL. NAY VOTES RECORDED BY DEPUTY MAYOR MATT ESTABROOKS AND COUNCILLOR BARRY HICKS. MOTION CARRIED.

Council respectfully requests that the Province suspend all progress on the gas plant project until meaningful public engagement has occurred. Specifically, we ask that a public meeting be held involving NB Power and Tantrammar's Climate Change Advisory Committee, ensuring residents have the opportunity to receive clear information, ask questions, and fully understand the long-term implications of the proposal.

Furthermore, Council would welcome the opportunity to meet with you directly to discuss the project, convey the concerns raised by our residents, and explore alternative approaches that align with New Brunswick's climate commitments and community priorities. We would be pleased to arrange such a meeting at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andrew Black".

Andrew Black
Mayor

CC: The Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, M.P.
Minister Gilles LePage, Minister of Environment & Climate Change
Minister Aaron Kennedy, Minister of Local Government
Ms. Lori Clark, President & CEO, NB Power
Mr. John MacIsaac, President, ProEnergy Global
Jennifer Borne, Chief Administrative Officer, Tantrammar
Tantrammar Municipal Council