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The Impact Assessment Agency of Canada
200-1801 Hollis St.
Halifax, NS B3J 3N4

RE: Project 89179 – Sussex Region Flood Diversion Project - Public Comments

To Whom It May Concern;

On behalf of the Rural Community of Butternut Valley I am writing to express our concerns regarding the Sussex Region Flood Diversion Project. We do not feel that the project accounts for the consequences of diverting water from the town of Sussex to the neighbouring community of Butternut Valley. While it may temporarily alleviate flooding in one location, it appears that the solution simply shifts the problem elsewhere, potentially exacerbating flooding in our community.

I am particularly troubled by the lack of stakeholder engagement throughout the process. Engaging local residents, environmental experts, and other relevant stakeholders is crucial when making decisions that will have a direct impact on our environment and the people living in these areas. The water that currently enter the Kennebecasis downstream will now be diverted and will enter the Kennebecasis upstream within Butternut Valley. The proposed plan involves raising two bridges and a road within the municipal boundaries of Butternut Valley, but without any notification or engagement. It has also come to our attention that the landowners and business owners and major stakeholders (CN Rail) were never consulted.

Major questions are left unanswered around what this means for our community and how this water diversion will impact us, as well as the potential risks and benefits to all stakeholders involved.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. I look forward to your response and hope that we can work together to find a more effective solution to the challenges we face.

Sincerely,
<Original signed by>

Mayor Alan Brown
Butternut Valley