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Mayor

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Mr. Jonah R.K. Clements
Island Regulatory & Appeals Commission
PO Box 577
Charlottetown, PEI C1A7L1

Dear Mr. Clements:

This will acknowledge your letter of April 19, 2018, and convey that Town of Montague has serious concerns about the proposal to include the Town of Montague in the establishment of the Greater Three Rivers Area municipality.

At a duly held Council meeting on February 26, the Town of Montague rejected, by a vote of 3-2, a motion to participate in the application for amalgamation and annexation as proposed in the Three Rivers proposal. That was the statement by the Town that it did not intend any further involvement in the process.

Further, we are very concerned that Minister Richard Brown advised members of the Three Rivers steering committee, while the application to IRAC was being prepared, to include all the area covered by the three fire districts in the application. The careful messaging of the last number of years, that the proposal and application were a community-driven effort, was destroyed when the Minister not only told some community representatives to ignore the decisions of other communities, but also gave direction on the content of the resulting application.

It is our position that the Town of Montague should be eliminated from the subject area of the Three Rivers proposal. That was the decision made by our Council. It is a travesty and a betrayal that Montague is still included in the proposal after opting out.

Sincerely,

Mayor Richard A. Collins

Deputy Mayor David Mabon

Councillor Jim Bagnall

Councillor John MacFarlane

Councillor Debbie Johnston

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