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Dear Mr. Forrest and Ms. Hamilton,

Please accept this letter as additional feedback following the PlanSJ open house that was held on December 8, 2010.

Generally, we are very pleased with the growth option that is being put forward and encouraged that both the Port and Airport are included as key infrastructure assets. Thank you for listening to our recommendations and concerns.

Needless to say, a revitalized urban core is a key component of the City's new Municipal Plan. We are excited about this. However, it is important for us to continue working together to ensure that all pieces fit. The recent controversy over the proposed use of port lands for a car crushing operation is a case in point and highlights the need for the municipality and the port to collaborate. Resolving this type of issue is critical to growing the urban core – a fundamental premise of the recommended growth option – and underscores the need to address strategic, long-term Inner Harbour land use requirements together. The same is true for the Airport. We believe that the new municipal plan should enable growth of the Airport which will greatly enhance the attractiveness of the City. Again, a win for all stakeholders.

Interestingly, both the Port and Airport are in the midst of revising their land use plans which are expected to be complete in the near term. While their timelines are not perfectly aligned with those of the PlanSJ process, we believe a unique opportunity is before the community to harmonize the 3 plans. It serves no one's interests to operate in silos. We encourage continued productive dialogue so that we're all moving the same direction and can capitalize on each others' strengths.

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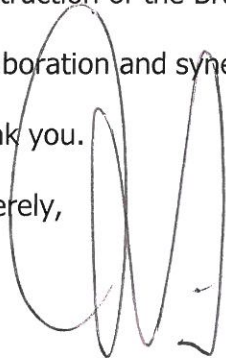
While we understand the limits of each other's jurisdictions, it is possible to produce a congruent result while respecting those limits. There are certainly no rules or regulations that prevent each land use plan from fitting with each other. It is incumbent upon all parties to work together to create a collaborative plan that is the envy of many communities.

We look forward to working with you as the draft Municipal Plan is created over the coming months. In particular, we hope that these detailed discussions will include well thought-out provisions for future multi-functional energy corridors, since the energy sector is very likely to remain a significant economic driver for the City. Incorporating these requirements into the Plan now will go a long way to avoiding a repeat of the public controversy associated with the construction of the Brunswick Pipeline.

Collaboration and synergy will be key enablers to improving the City's health and sustainability.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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