**Sample Letter to CRD Directors (and MLAs, Ministers)**

**Regarding Massive Expansion Plans for Hartland Landfill**

**SAMPLE LETTER:**

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Date

Your name

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**RE: Proposed CRD Solid Waste Management Plan- Expanding Public Lands**

Recently, CRD proposed a new draft Solid Waste Management Plan that includes substantially expanding the Hartland Landfill by blasting more than 73 acres (30 hectares) of forest land in an area that serves not only as a regional natural recreation area but also home to 16 endangered species. I am opposed to this Plan for several reasons.

1. Landfills are significant producers of greenhouse gas emissions and compromise our ability to adequately address climate change. The CRD should be working towards the goal of carbon neutrality including up-to-date programs that encourage zero waste.
2. Landfills are a 19th century solution that degrade the surrounding air, water and earth. CRD should follow the model of many communities in Canada and across the globe that are using clean alternative technologies to create value out of waste.
3. The CRD must factor in the loss of local carbon sequestration and the impact to the surrounding ecosystem as a result of removing 73 acres (30 hectares) of forest and included in this consideration should be the increased methane produced by expanding the size of the landfill.

Given that the Hartland Landfill will not reach capacity for several decades, there is more than sufficient time for the CRD to implement alternatives to landfill. I am asking you, as our elected representative, to give clear direction to the CRD staff that we need a solid waste management plan that supports our environment, not degrades it.

Yours truly,

Name

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