

*Town of Annapolis Royal*



November 27, 2023

Honourable Tim Houston, Premier  
Office of the Premier  
PO Box 726  
Halifax NS B3J 2T3

Dear Premier Houston:

The Town of Annapolis Royal is pleased to support the Save Our Old Forests (SOOF) Campaign. The Environmental Goals and Climate Change Reduction Act was passed by the Nova Scotia Legislature in October 2021. It includes a commitment "to conserve at least 20% of the total land and water mass of the Province by 2030 as protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures."

The SOOF has petitioned and called upon the Premier to pause all harvesting and roadbuilding activities in forests over 80 years old on Crown land in Annapolis County until such time as 20% of Nova Scotia's lands have been permanently protected.

Along with the clear cutting, bird species and wildlife are particularly impacted. The protection of the old forests must begin now.

To that end, the Town of Annapolis Royal is supportive of the SOOF petition to pause all harvesting and road building activities until such time as 20% of Nova Scotia's lands are permanently protected. The consideration of the support for this important and timely environmental issue is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

Mayor Amery Boyer  
On behalf of Town Council