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**Re: Request to Consider Camping Facilities at Sand Hills Beach Provincial Park**

Dear Minister,

Over the past few years, we've received numerous requests from fellow residents and visitors regarding the possibility of introducing camping facilities at Sand Hills Beach Provincial Park. We would like to bring this matter to your attention and advocate for a comprehensive evaluation of the potential benefits that such an initiative could bring to our community and the province at large.

Sand Hills Beach, with its breathtaking natural beauty and serene coastal environment, holds a special place in the hearts of many locals and tourists alike. Its unique features, including the impressive sand dunes and pristine shoreline, have made it a highly sought-after destination for outdoor enthusiasts, families, and nature lovers. However, the limited recreational options currently available to visitors have left many yearning for more immersive and prolonged experiences in this magnificent location. By introducing camping facilities at Sand Hills Beach Provincial Park, we believe there would be a range of tangible benefits:

**Extended Stay Opportunities:**

Camping facilities would allow visitors to immerse themselves in the natural wonders of the park for more than just a day trip. This extended stay would encourage longer visits to the area, boosting tourism revenue and stimulating the local economy.

**Ecotourism Promotion:**

Camping at Sand Hills Beach would provide an excellent opportunity for individuals to connect with nature on a deeper level, fostering a greater appreciation for environmental conservation. This aligns perfectly with Nova Scotia's commitment to promoting ecotourism and sustainable travel.



**Job Creation:**

The development of camping facilities would require additional staffing for maintenance, park management, and visitor services, creating job opportunities for local residents.

**Enhanced Park Amenities:**

Alongside camping grounds, it could be an opportunity to upgrade amenities such as washroom facilities, picnic areas, and nature trails, enhancing the overall experience for all visitors.

**Seasonal Tourism:**

With camping facilities available, Sand Hills Beach Provincial Park could become a year-round attraction, catering to travelers beyond the peak summer season and diversifying tourism in the region.

To ensure a responsible and sustainable approach, we understand that thorough research and planning would be necessary. An environmental impact assessment should be conducted to understand the potential effects on the local ecosystem, and measures should be put in place to preserve the delicate balance of the area's natural resources.

Moreover, community engagement is of utmost importance in this process. Local residents, businesses, and stakeholders should be involved in discussions to gain insight into their concerns, perspectives, and ideas to shape the development of camping facilities in a manner that best serves the community's interests.

In conclusion, we respectfully request your department to consider investigating the feasibility of introducing camping facilities at Sand Hills Beach Provincial Park. Such an initiative has the potential to create lasting positive impacts on tourism, the economy, and environmental awareness in the region. We believe that with careful planning and community involvement, this endeavor can be an exemplary model for sustainable tourism practices in our province.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We eagerly anticipate your response and look forward to supporting the exploration of this proposal further.

Sincerely,

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Warden

