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Eddie Nickerson, Warden
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Dear Eddie Nickerson:

I am responding to your letter of July 25, 2023, regarding the feasibility of camping facilities at Sand Hills Beach Provincial Park.

Currently, due to the existing requirements and responsibilities of Natural Resources and Renewables provincial parks, the introduction of camping facilities in day-use parks is not feasible. To ensure sustainability, accessibility, and high-quality visitor experiences for Nova Scotians and visitors, available resources are allocated towards the maintenance, renewal, and modernization of 111 day-use and 20 camping parks. Additionally, staff are focused on implementing the 2013 Parks and Protected Areas plan to achieve 20% land protection.

The department strives to provide each region with a camping park. The Islands Provincial Park would be the closest to Barrington and Sand Hills. I encourage the municipality to collaborate with department staff to examine the visitor experience at Sand Hills Provincial Park and linkages to the South Shore, Yarmouth and Acadian Shores camping and day-use parks.

I have requested department staff to contact you regarding Sand Hills and the regional parks system. For additional information on Nova Scotia Provincial Parks, please visit <https://parks.novascotia.ca/region/nova-scotia>.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tory Rushton'.

Tory Rushton
Minister of Natural Resources and Renewables

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