

February 26, 2019

Hon. Mike Holland, Minister of Energy and Resource Development Hugh John Flemming Forestry Centre P. O. Box 6000 Fredericton, NB E3B 5H1

Hon. Mike Holland, Minister of Energy and Resource Development,

RE: Nuisance Deer Management Assistance Program

As per resolution of Common Council of the City of Saint John on February 11, 2019, please accept this letter as an official request for Saint John to be considered for inclusion in the Nuisance Deer Management Assistance Program (NDMAP) administered by the Department of Energy and Resource Development. As per pre-conditions stipulated in a letter from your department dated September 14th, 2018, the City of Saint John has:

- 1. Enacted a bylaw prohibiting the feeding of deer,
- 2. Allowed private property owners to protect their properties from deer by means of approved fences (current City bylaws already satisfy this requirement),
- 3. Issued a public survey to which 73.5% of respondents indicated that they are in support of a NDMAP, and
- 4. Are prepared to act as a receiver of applications from residents interested in receiving NDMAP permits.

City staff has worked with your department's staff to target and delineate a specific focus area for the NDMAP in 2019 (Millidgeville area), which may expand to other areas of the City in future years. City staff looks forward to continuing to work with DERD management biologists to ensure a positive and efficient implementation of the program.

Thank you for your consideration,

Don Darling Mayor, the City of Saint John

