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Oct. 11th, 1977.

Mr. John Swaigen,
Canadian Environmental Law Assn.,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear John:

I was very pleased to have been able to attend the last Board meeting and to have met my fellow directors of CELA.

The Hart Commission will be in Timmins on Nov. 21st, 1977 for its preliminary hearings. As we had agreed, I will make a presentation to the Commission on procedural matters. In this regard, I would appreciate very much if one of the staff members would prepare the brief for me to present. Regarding the substantive issues in our brief, I would appreciate very much if you would provide me with a framework. I would like you to include in the framework the following points:

- 1) I liked your idea about land use planning for the north. I believe that we should recommend something analogous to an Official Plan to be implemented in the north. A regional strategy would not be enough since I believe that regional strategies could be rather vague. Therefore, we need something analogous to an Official Plan.
- 2) The 50th Parallel boundaries for the Commission's term of reference is unacceptable. The 47th Parallel would be a more appropriate starting point. The reason for this is that the area commencing at the 47th parallel is tied in quite closely to the area above the 50th parallel in terms of resources, communication, health care etc. We should recommend to the Commission that it apply to the Legislature to amend its terms of reference geographically.

Regarding the meeting on the 21st, 22nd, and 23rd in Barrie, I don't know whether it would be feasible for me to attend because I wouldn't be able to get away until the evening of the 21st and I would have to leave around noon on the 23rd (assuming that the Hart Commission would have funds available to finance my trip down). Therefore, I would suggest that Don, Ann, and you attend the meeting and provide me with a report on the meeting.

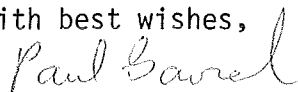
In preparation for the formal hearings next year, I would suggest that a CELA staff member be delegated to travel throughout the north talking with people in order to get a feeling for the north. I would be pleased to assist in setting up meetings with

Indian leaders, business people, teachers, policemen, clergymen, government employees etc. In my opinion, this would be an excellent way for CELA to present a comprehensive brief based on observations obtained from a "grass roots" level.

Assuming that the Board of Directors approves such a plan, I suggest that the first step would be for the appointed staff member to talk to the Minister for Cochrane North René Brunelle and Rev. William Ferrier. Rev. Ferrier was the NDP member for Cochrane South (representing Timmins) for the last 10 years and was appointed to the staff of the Hart Commission after his defeat in the last provincial election.

I am looking forward to hearing from you in the near future.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul Gavrel". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned between the phrase "With best wishes," and the printed name "Paul Gavrel".

Paul Gavrel