



HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY
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Dear Premier (Tony),

December 12, 2025, marks one year since the Churchill Falls MOU was announced. Much has changed since then, but the need for transparency and independent oversight has not. Since opposition MHAs have been excluded from the selection process for the new PC oversight panel, I am uncertain as to your party's commitment to a transparent review process. The most transparent way to resolve this uncertainty is to allow opposition parties and the independent member recommend people to sit on your review committee.

I respectfully request a meeting to discuss our or recommendation for an appointee to your proposed Churchill Falls MOU oversight panel. The Official Opposition and the independent member should be offered the opportunity to recommend their own representatives. Furthermore, I recommend that at least one member of the panel be a Labrador mining expert who understands the industrial and community need for electrical power for Labrador West.

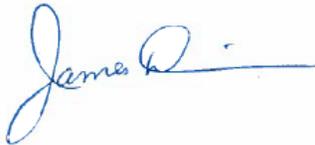
During our conversation at the swearing-in ceremony, I felt we had a positive conversation about the Churchill Falls MOU. I indicated my support of your commitment to an independent review process and the release of the unredacted version of Michael Wilson's letter of resignation. I indicated that our party would be interested in further conversations, and I appreciated the invitation to discuss what an independent review panel would look like. I followed up with two emails on November 5 and 10. I have included both emails as well as your response to the first email. Unfortunately, there was no commitment to or mention of the opportunity to meet and discuss the MOU, what the proposed oversight panel will look like, and if it will have the resources it needs to complete the task. We have called on your government to open the House of Assembly to inform MHAs and allow for public debate, but you have refused to do so.

In short, we have serious concerns about the transparency of the process and about the independence of your proposed three-person panel. The Churchill Falls MOU and any definitive agreements are too important to the future of the province to rush into without proper independent oversight. Pausing negotiations, as your party suggested at the time, would have had severe negative consequences for Labrador West. For that reason, the NL NDP and independent MHAs negotiated an independent oversight panel in January of this year. The Official Opposition had an opportunity to participate in shaping that independent panel but chose not to do so. Your decision to release the resignation letter and the letter from the Clerk of the Executive Council highlights concerns with the independence of the panel. However, the letters also offer a potential solution. This is something we would have liked to discuss.

Providing opposition MHAs the opportunity to recommend panel members would reassure us that your party is not engaged in a partisan exercise. It would bolster the independence and transparency of your new review committee and bring expertise and critical analysis to the team.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,



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