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Hon. John Ames
Minister of Tourism, Heritage and Culture
P.O. Box 6000
Fredericton, NB
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Dear Minister Ames:

I am writing to follow-up on our face-to-face discussion about what role you might play to ensure that the UNB pool remains open, until a new aquatic centre can be built in Fredericton.

In your role to strengthen the long-term development of athletes in sport - including swimming, diving and synchronized swimming - and given your mandate to increase sport, recreation and active living opportunities for New Brunswickers, I am asking you to work with UNB and the City of Fredericton to find a way forward to keep the UNB pool open beyond September 2018, until a replacement can be built.

If the UNB pool is closed down in September, it will be impossible to pursue the long-term development of athletes in swimming, diving and synchro in the greater Fredericton until a new aquatic facility is constructed. The loss of the UNB pool before a replacement be built will also eliminate recreation and active living opportunities for the seniors' population in the Greater Fredericton area.

I am confident that an acceptable solution to extending the life of the UNB pool can be found, if you and the Minister of Regional Development sit down with UNB and the City of Fredericton to resolve the current impasse. The new Canada-New Brunswick Bilateral Agreement on Infrastructure could be a source of financial support needed to secure the necessary collaboration between UNB and the City of Fredericton.

I look forward to your reply.

Yours truly

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Coon".

David Coon
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Cc: Minister Responsible for the Regional Development Corporation, Bill Fraser