

Standing Committee on Agriculture is anxious to pursue this matter further, and would like to meet with all parties involved shortly after the release of this report, to provide assistance in determining procedures for the establishment of the Kent County Development Association.

It is felt that the KCDA be composed of a board of directors of those individuals that have a stake in the development of Kent's resources-agriculture, forestry and fisheries. It will be the responsibility of the C.I.C. to work with the local producers association such as WAKE and FAFAM in agriculture to determine members of the KCDA to represent each of the resource sectors.

After establishment of the board of directors and election of officers, the C.I.C. must work with the board to establish in detail the priorities of the association. This can only be done after the establishment of the board if the people of Kent are to really be involved. Shortly thereafter, a president must be elected and appointed by the board who will be in charge of the everyday operation of the association.

The C.I.C. and the new board of directors must ensure the co-operation and involvement of the organizations presently active in Kent by establishing a KCDA advisory committee composed of one member from each of these organizations presently active in Kent.

After the firm establishment of the KCDA is ensured, the C.I.C. should turn over to the KCDA the responsibilities of its officers in Buctouche and Richibucto and rely upon the KCDA to recommend how the Kent County Pilot Project funds should be spent in Kent and deal directly with those requesting funds.

If in the future it was deemed that the association should become commercially active, the Kent County Development Corporation could be established.

Recommendations:

- a) *The establishment of the Kent County Development Association organized and run by the people to speak on behalf of the people and that governments recognized this body as the main spokesman for development in Kent County and that the activity of all government staff in Kent be in line with the development plan for the county.*
- b) *That the Kent County Development Association immediately undertake the preparation of a Kent County development plan, emphasizing priorities and specific strategies for development.*
- c) *That the Kent County Development Association immediately establish agricultural production incentives aimed at encouraging individual planning and strategies for development by farmers by offering low interest long-term loans with up to 20 percent, forgivable if the individual development plan is followed and the desired results achieved.*