



82 Main Street,
Rexton, New Brunswick, E4W 5N4

April 22, 2026,

Dear Premier Susan Holt, Minister Pat Finnigan, and MLA Benoit Bourque,

On behalf of the Council of Five Rivers, I am writing to express strong support for our local farmers and livestock owners, who are deeply concerned about your government's plan to transition provincial veterinary field services and lab services to the private sector.

These essential services protect the welfare of animals, safeguard our food supply, and support the growth and sustainability of our economy. They are nothing less than critical services that our farmers and livestock owners have depended on for decades. By transitioning these services to the private sector, you are putting their quality and availability at risk, especially in rural areas such as Five Rivers.

While we understand the financial challenges that the province is facing, and the hard choices that come with them, we cannot support this action, because it will threaten the short- and long-term viability of our local family farms, which form the heart of Five Rivers.

We respectfully ask you to reconsider the province's plan to transition these critical services to the private sector, in the interests of our community and the agricultural sector that is so central to it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tina B" with a long, sweeping underline.

Tina Beers
Mayor, Five Rivers