APPENDIX A

MANDATE LETTER

NOVA SCOTIA ROUND TABLE ON ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABLE PROSPERITY

2011 REVIEW OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL GOALS
AND SUSTAINABLE PROSPERITY ACT

What’s in Scope for the Review?

The Round Table will consider the following questions:

• EGSPA is based on the premise that environmental sustainability and economic prosperity are linked. How should EGSPA articulate and support the achievement of this vision? How should it align with current government priorities?

• How can existing EGSPA Goals advance current progress toward the objectives of both economic prosperity and environmental sustainability? How can the Goals remain current in evolving environmental and economic conditions?

• Building on successes, how best can opportunities and best practices that achieve both environmental and economic aims be identified and fostered? Of particular interest are opportunities that grow the economy through increasing innovation, competitiveness, or workforce skills using sustainable practices or technology.

• How can economic and environmental gains be strengthened through focusing on energy efficiency and renewable energy?

• How can other stakeholders contribute to achieving this vision? Some examples of key stakeholders include environmental groups, industry, municipalities, academic institutions, the Mi’kmaq of Nova Scotia, and the general public.

The Round Table will develop recommendations on the following:

• Improving and strengthening the linkages between the environment and economy in the context of current government priorities

What’s Beyond Scope for the Review?

• As the government conducts annual reports on EGSPA, the focus for the review is not on evaluation of past progress

Process for the Review:

• RT will review relevant information and research as needed to inform their review
• RT will conduct a workshop(s) or use other means to engage targeted stakeholders. Interested me

• RT will bring perspectives from their member organizations to the review process

• RT will engage the Mi’kmaq of Nova Scotia

• RT will prepare recommendations based on discussions with targeted stakeholders and Mi’kmaq

• Draft recommendations will be shared with the public by posting on Provincial website

• Recommendations will be provided to the Minister, along with a summary of public input from review process

Timing of the Review:

• Initiate review on September 26, 2011

• Round Table has 6 months to provide report with recommendations to Minister (March 31, 2012)