

**Statement by Scott Beaver,
on behalf of the St. Mary's River Association**

My name is Scott Beaver. I am the president of non-profit group, St. Mary's River Association. I myself and members of our Association were present during the May 23rd Atlantic Gold Tailing Pond meetings in Sherbrooke. For some of our members this was the first interaction with Atlantic Gold and it was not well received to say the least. John Perkins was a guest in our community and the way he was treated by both the RCMP and Atlantic Gold that day certainly paints a negative picture. I and the St. Mary's River Association support John Perkins completely. Folks in any community should feel safe when engaging in the public process which stands to have such a huge effect on the communities we live in.