



November 23, 2023

Hon. Kim Masland
Department of Public Works
2nd Floor, Johnston Building
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Halifax, NS
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Dear Honourable Kim Masland,

The Municipality of East Hants is seeking increased communication and documented process with respect to highway closures after a last-minute highway closure in September 2023 that did not engage with emergency services to set up proper contingency routing in advance of what should have been planned maintenance work by Public Works.

The culvert being replaced along Highway 14 could have been completed in sections without a full road closure, however, Public Works made the choice to proceed, resulting in the closure of a busy trucking route that is also a critical route for timely emergency response. A balance is needed with respect to timely completion of work and keeping the public safe while work is being conducted by the Province. It is the opinion of Municipal Council that the approach needs to be adjusted for future road maintenance work along provincial route and trunk roads throughout East Hants.

Your attention to this topic would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Eleanor Roulston".

Warden Eleanor Roulston
Cc: John McDonald, MLA Hants East