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Eleanor Roulston, Warden  
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Dear Warden Roulston:

Thank you for your letter dated November 23, 2023, concerning K class roads maintenance in response to wildfires and flooding.

I empathize with you regarding the hardships caused by the recent floods and wildfires. Additionally, I understand your concerns about safe travel and area access during emergencies.

At the Department of Public Works (DPW), K class roads are defined as unmaintained roadways. Currently, K class roads are available for travel where conditions allow. These roads are sometimes upgraded or repaired by adjacent landowners seeking to access their land. In addition, K class roads are available to be permanently upgraded to allow for reclassification and residential development. This is typically completed by adjacent landowners or developers. Prior to any work on the roadway, a permit is required from the local DPW office.

DPW is willing to work collaboratively to develop solutions to add egress points within communities, however new roads, or the upgrading of K class roads for community use would be a municipal responsibility.

Thank you again for sharing your concerns. If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact Patrick Lemal, Area Manager for Hants, directly by phone at 902-798-6968 or by email at [Patrick.Lemal@novascotia.ca](mailto:Patrick.Lemal@novascotia.ca).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'K Masland'.

Kim D. Masland  
Minister

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Patrick Lemal, Area Manager, Hants