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Dear Warden Roulston:

Thank you for your email dated November 23, 2023, concerning the communication and documentation processes relating to highway closures.

I appreciate your feedback and appreciate the importance of enhanced communication regarding highway closures. Public safety and efficient emergency services are key priorities for the Department of Public Works (DPW). DPW is reviewing and adjusting the approach to better communicate with communities and emergency services during road construction.

Regarding the culvert replacement on Highway 14, I acknowledge the impact of the road closure for those in the community. Unfortunately, it was not feasible to maintain a safe travel way for the public while completing the work. I assure you DPW's aim is to balance timely completion of work, while ensuring public safety and minimal disruption to critical travel routes.

If you have any further concerns, please contact Matt Clarke, Construction Manager, directly at 902-424-2218 or by email at Matt.Clarke@novascotia.ca.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kim D. Masland".

Kim D. Masland
Minister

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