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Hon. Kim Masland
Minister of Public Works
Province of Nova Scotia

Re: Provincial Lands for Economic Development & Egress

Dear Honourable Minister Masland,

Thank you for speaking with me recently in Halifax about my idea to connect access between Highway 103 and Highway 101 along the provincial Pipeline Road corridor that currently exists through crown land (see map below).

As you know, construction of the proposed Highway 113 in HRM would not open developable lands since the terrain is mostly wetlands and water courses in the Blue Mountain Birch Cove Lakes Wilderness Area. In addition, the enormous financial and environmental costs of building the bypass Highway 113 over buildings, roads, and power lines in West Bedford far exceed the public benefit.

Since the Province of Nova Scotia is already maintaining and upgrading the Pipeline Road, and heavy equipment already travels on it to support Nova Scotia Power's operations, there is significant public benefit to consider with my proposal:

- > opens residential and commercial development for East Hants at a new interchange on Hwy 101 at Exit 3, Mount Uniacke;
- > new public corridor opens developable land in HRM and provides egress;
- > supports economic reconciliation with First Nations to move Indigenous goods faster out of the South Shore;
- > creates faster export/import connections for South Shore, Annapolis Valley, Airport, Dartmouth, Halifax, etc.

Thank you for your consideration of my proposal. I look forward to your positive response.

Sincerely,

Pam Lovelace
Councillor, Halifax Regional Municipality

cc:

Chief Deb Robinson, Acadia First Nation
Minister Brad Johns, MLA Sackville-Uniacke
Warden Eleanor Roulston, East Hants
Mayor Mike Savage, HRM
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Pipeline Road from Highway 103 to Hwy 101

