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Tracy Robinson  
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**Delivered Electronically**

Dear Ms. Robinson,

I am writing today in relation to railway infrastructure owned and maintained by CN Railway in the community of Lantz, within my federal riding of Kings-Hants. Specifically, the area is near Barney's Brook along Nova Scotia Trunk 2 (Highway #2), where the brook empties into the Shubenacadie River via a culvert under your rail line, included in this package is a further detailed overview of the infrastructure in question.

Climate change is increasing the frequency of severe weather, and over the past number of summers our communities have been experiencing a larger intensity of rainfall during major thunderstorms and rain fall events. This was evident last summer when our communities in the corridor of East Hants faced major flooding that caused significant damage to resident and commercial property. Following last summer's flood, I was contacted by a local resident Ryan Dunphy who lives on Robert Scott Drive within close proximity to Highway 2 and within the Barney's Brook area. Mr. Dunphy has identified that the existing culvert is inadequate to allow the flow of water to empty into the Shubenacadie River during higher amounts of precipitation.

In essence, the rail bed serves as an impediment for water to properly drain and the culverted area serves as a choke point where water is backed up into residential areas. I appreciated when I originally raised this concern in the Fall of 2023 your maintenance team examined the area and found the culvert to be functional and not blocked with any debris. However, it is the increased amount of water because of storms and further residential development which warrants a larger culvert and a focus on allowing additional area for water to properly drain into the Shubenacadie River.

I do not in any way fault CN Railway for any of what has transpired to date, but I have included with this letter a civil engineering report prepared that outlines the requirements to consider alternatives to avoid unnecessary flooding in the future. This has been signaled as a priority to me by the Municipality of East Hants and residents in Lantz. While the Federal government does not have direct purview over the operational decisions made by CN railway, I know and trust that given your longstanding relationship in the community you will evaluate what can be done to address the situation. I would ask that there is a



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follow up with engineers from CN and the Municipality of East Hants, and I would appreciate being kept informed of the actions taken moving forward.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to me directly.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kody Blois".

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Cc:

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