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Dear Warden Roulston:

Thank you for your correspondence concerning Bill 236 – *Railways Act* amendments and the Windsor and Hantsport Railway Company.

New regulations under the *Railways Act*, which will allow for the proclamation of Bill 236, are under development. I am hopeful that work will be completed by the end of the year. The Department of Public Works (DPW) will be conducting consultations prior to finalizing the regulations to ensure that the issues identified by stakeholders are addressed.

Railway corridors are valuable transportation assets and ensuring that communities benefit from those assets is a priority for our government.

DPW continues to engage in legal proceedings with the Windsor and Hantsport Railway Company (WHRC). Hence, I cannot discuss matters related to WHRC at this time.

Thank you again for taking time to raise this important issue.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Kim D. Masland'.

Kim D. Masland
Minister of Public Works

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