



June 4, 2025

Honourable Fred Tilley
Minister of Public Works Department of Public Works
P.O. Box 186
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Dear Minister Tilly:

Thank you for your letter dated April 22, 2025, responding to East Hants' request for the province to maintain certain K-Class roads.

In response to your letter, East Hants wishes to elaborate on the significance of establishing secondary road connections to single egress/ingress neighbourhoods, and the role that the Provincial Government could play in enhancing the safety of Nova Scotians.

As part of the Municipality's review of single egress/ingress neighbourhoods, local fire departments that service single access neighbourhoods, with over 100 lots, and the RCMP, have been asked for their feedback on the potential of allowing future development in these areas. The local fire departments and RCMP have expressed their concerns, and have identified potential issues that may arise in areas with one egress/ingress and with 100 lots or more.

East Hants Council aims to balance the safety of our current and future residents with the acknowledged desire of the current Government to remove barriers to growing the housing supply across the province. East Hants has land available and we have received interest from developers; however, that growth must not come at the expense of our residents' safety. For this reason, East Hants is requesting that the Province reconsider its stance on maintaining specific K-class roads. Reinvesting in these K-class roads allows current single-access neighbourhoods to continue growing and to provide housing for future residents.

One of the areas of greatest concern is Monte Vista/Renfrew Road and the adjoining road network; this area has a single 8 km-long egress/ingress into the neighbourhood. Currently, there are 172 dwellings and approximately 413 residents living in the area. A map and an information report have been enclosed for the review of NSPW.

East Hants would like the opportunity to discuss the issue of K-Class roads and single ingress/egress neighbourhoods in person, to provide a better understanding of the Municipality's safety and growth concerns. To arrange a meeting please contact John Woodford, Director of Planning and Development at jwoodford@easthants.ca or call 902-883-6120.

Sincerely



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