



Date: July 22, 2025
To: East Hants Council
cc: Kim Ramsay, CAO & Municipal Clerk
From: John Woodford, Director of Planning and Development
Re: Meeting with NSPW - K-Class Roads

On July 21, 2025, Planning staff met with Patrick Lemal, P.Eng., Area Manager, Hants County; Gary Rafuse, P.Eng., District Director Central; and Mark Peachey, P.Eng., Chief Engineer, from Nova Scotia Public Works to discuss a letter sent to NSPW on June 4, 2025, from East Hants Council, regarding the improvement of K-Class roads for emergency access. Two K-Class roads were provided as examples: the unmaintained section of Renfrew Road and the road connecting Uniacke Mines Road to Beamish Road. The Director of Planning and Development discussed the benefit of the potential improvement and how the roads could be used as an emergency access and to permit the addition of increased housing.

Engineers from NSPW reiterated their previous message, as outlined in the enclosed letter dated April 22, 2025, that NSPW would not be upgrading the K-Class roads. However, NSPW would permit the Municipality or an interested Developer to upgrade the identified roads to Provincial standards. NSPW indicated that they have been working with HRM and are issuing permits to allow HRM to create emergency access points from single-access neighbourhoods over NSPW lands. NSPW is not undertaking the work to build the emergency accesses.

NSPW staff further indicated that the Department may contribute up to \$5,000 towards the upgrade of an existing K-Class Road, and that East Hants would qualify for the funds if it decides to proceed with improvements.