

December 15, 2025

Honourable Tim Houston
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RE: Declining Cell Service in Antigonish County

Dear Premier,

I am writing on behalf of the Municipality of the County of Antigonish to express our urgent and growing concern regarding the rapidly declining state of cellular service across our region.

Cell coverage in many areas of Antigonish County has become increasingly unreliable, with some communities now experiencing complete service loss. This situation presents a significant and immediate public safety risk. During medical emergencies, extreme weather events, or other crises, the inability to make a simple phone call can be life-threatening. For rural communities, reliable cellular service is not optional, it is a fundamental requirement for safety, communication, and economic stability.

Council continues to receive frequent reports from residents who are increasingly frustrated and alarmed by worsening coverage, particularly in areas that once had limited service but now have none. This downward trend is unacceptable and demands urgent action.

Given the seriousness of this issue, we are requesting an update on the status of the Cellular for Nova Scotia Program, including projected timelines and planned coverage areas for Antigonish County. Our residents deserve clarity, and our communities require dependable communication infrastructure without further delay.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. We look forward to your response and to continued collaboration to ensure all Nova Scotians have access to reliable cellular service.

Sincerely,



Nicholas MacInnis

Warden, The Municipality of the County of Antigonish

CC: All Municipalities in the Province of Nova Scotia
Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities