



March 6, 2026

Municipality of East Hants  
Box 230, Unit 170  
15 Commerce Court  
Elmsdale, NS B2S 3K5

Dear Mr. Hulsman,

Thank you for your correspondence that we received on February 17 regarding student transportation and bus stop planning within the Municipality of East Hants. We appreciate the concerns raised related to student safety.

Chignecto Central Regional Centre for Education (CCRCE) provides student transportation in accordance with the [Nova Scotia School Transportation Policy](#), which establishes consistent, province-wide criteria for transportation eligibility, routing, and safety. This policy is designed to ensure fairness, transparency, and equity across all regions of the province.

As part of this provincial framework, the School Transportation Policy includes a Transportation Review Committee for policy review. This process allows parents/guardians who are not in agreement with the application of the policy to request a review by the Transportation Review Committee.

Transportation routes and bus stop locations are initially developed using provincial standards that take into account distance eligibility, catchment boundaries, road conditions, traffic patterns, and operational feasibility. When a concern is brought forward, a request for review may be submitted through the established process.

The Transportation Review Committee reviews each request using a consistent, evidence-based approach, considering alignment with provincial policy, student safety, equity, consistency across the region, and operational impacts. Decisions are made collectively and communicated clearly, including the rationale, to ensure transparency and consistency with provincial requirements.

CCRCE remains committed to implementing the Provincial Transportation Policy as intended, while working collaboratively with families, municipalities, and community partners. We value the dialogue with the Municipality of East Hants and appreciate the opportunity to continue working together to support student safety and access to education.

Sincerely,

Karyn Cooling, CCRCE Regional Executive Director