



June 17, 2026

The Honourable Minister Timothy Halman
Minister of Environment and Climate Change
Government of Nova Scotia
P.O. Box 442
Halifax, NS B3J 2P8

RE: Non-Program Tire Disposal in Nova Scotia

Dear Minister Halman,

On behalf of the Municipality of East Hants, and in support of our Northern Region Solid Waste Resource Committee partners, I am writing to communicate our serious concerns about changes to non-program tire disposal options in Nova Scotia. We are seeking your department's guidance and collaboration to ensure sustainable management of these materials.

The tires of concern fall outside of Nova Scotia's regulated tire program, managed by Divert NS. This includes off-road vehicle tires (i.e. ATVs dirt bikes), agricultural and heavy equipment tires, and tires exceeding 24.5-inch rim size.

At present, our facility is stockpiling tires while staff research alternatives to disposal at our contracted landfill processor. We transport waste to the GFL Landfill located in Cogmagun, West Hants. One alternative includes an increase cost of more than 230%, not including transportation.

With only seven landfills in Nova Scotia, and three owned and operated by one owner, any limitation to disposal options creates service gaps for both residents and businesses. When service gaps are created related to disposal of waste, we know that negative environmental impacts arise such as illegal dumping or stockpiling of materials.

As indicated in the Northern Region's letter we would welcome the opportunity to work with department staff to explore potential solutions. Expansion of the existing tire program to include these non-program tires would be the most impactful solution, as all communities benefit.

We are also copying the Minister of Municipal Affairs as this is a municipal-wide concern as well as our local MLA.

Alternatively, a provincial variance allowing C&D landfills, like ours in East Hants, approval to dispose of these tires would immediately remove the service gap for many. We do understand a variance is not likely a solution for those areas of the province, like municipalities within Cumberland County, that do not own facilities and private operators still disallow the material. The goal is to ensure safe and sustainable disposal options across all regions in the province.

Sincerely,



Warden Eleanor Roulston

cc: The Honourable John A. MacDonald, Minister of Municipal Affairs (MLA Hants East)
Nova Scotia Solid Waste-Resource Management Regional Chairs Committee
Northern Region Solid Waste-Resource Committee