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October 9, 2026

Warden Eleanor Roulston
Municipality of East Hants
15 Commerce Court
Elmsdale, NS B2S 3K5

RE: Letter regarding Barney's Brook Flood Risk Study-Upgrade to CN Cross Culvert

Dear Eleanor,

Thank you for your letter dated August 26th, 2026, in relation to a CN culvert crossing in the Barney's Brook area of Lantz.

I appreciate the work the Municipality has undertaken in relation to the engagement with Dillon Consulting on the recommended expansion of the culvert near Robert Scott Drive. This follows initial work done by Perry Mitchelmore of MECO Engineering, provided to the Municipality, which highlighted similar concerns around the existing infrastructure capacity to manage storm water.

I have previously written to CN seeking their engagement on this matter and highlighting the initial report by MECO. CN has responded (see attached) that they took the report under advisement but were non-committal in terms of their willingness to invest in upgrades on their current culvert system.

My understanding is the Municipality has not formally engaged CN on this matter, particularly since the newest findings in the Dillon report. My recommendation is that the Municipality formally engage CN and seek direction on the company's willingness to work collaboratively to resolve the issue.

The Municipality has the option to apply to the Canadian Transportation Agency under section 101(3) of the Canada Transportation Act seeking a remedy if it is the position of the Municipality that CN has a legal responsibility to address its infrastructure in question.

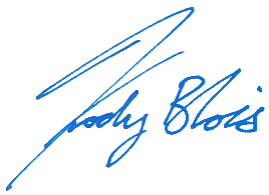
As it relates to federal funding to address the infrastructure deficit, I am happy to engage proactively on the options that may be available to invest in a solution. I believe it best to begin engagement with CN as we determine the best course of action. I do wish to highlight that in similar situations across the country, a Municipal contribution would be required to unlock senior levels of funding (e.g. provincial/federal).

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I am asking my team to coordinate with your officials on a time to meet this month, that meeting should include local councillor Walter Tingley who has worked on this issue closely.

Best Regards,



Hon. Kody Blois, M.P. P.C.

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