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Attn: Pam Mood, President
Nova Scotia Federation of Municipalities (NSFM)
1809 Barrington Street, Suite 1304
Halifax, NS B3J 3K8

Sent via email: mayor.mood@townofyarmouth.ca
info@nsfm.ca

Re: Concerns Regarding Road Safety and Insufficient Funding

Dear President Mood,

On behalf of the Municipality of Digby, I am writing to express our growing concern regarding the deteriorating condition of roads in our region and across the province, due in large part to insufficient funding allocated to the Department of Public Works for improvements and year-round road maintenance.

As was discussed during our recent Council meeting, the lack of adequate and sustained investment in our roads is preventing the timely completion of road improvement priorities. There is also a lack of road maintenance funds which has led to difficult choices being made as funds used during the winter has led to a reduced amount being available for the summer. There are numerous staff vacancies in the Department of Public Works due in large part to inadequate compensation. These are all funding related issues and need to be addressed.

These issues are leading to worsening conditions of our roads and are increasing safety risks for residents, businesses, and visitors. We are deeply concerned that this issue is not isolated to our municipality, but rather is indicative of a larger, province-wide problem that requires immediate attention and collaborative advocacy.

We respectfully request that NSFM consider elevating this issue as a priority in its discussions with the Province of Nova Scotia and advocate for increased funding and strategic planning to support road improvements and consistent, year-round road maintenance across all regions.

This letter has been shared with the Honourable Jill Balser, MLA for Digby-Annapolis, and circulated to all municipal units in Nova Scotia to raise collective awareness and seek unified support on this important matter.

Thank you for your ongoing efforts to represent the interests of municipalities across the province. We appreciate your attention to this issue and look forward to further discussions on

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how we can work together to advocate for safer, better-maintained roadways for all Nova Scotians.

Sincerely,


Linda Gregory
Warden
Municipality of Digby

CC: Jill Balser, MLA Digby-Annapolis (hello@digbyannapolis.ca)
NSFM Membership