



The Hon. Kim Masland
Minister of Public Works
P.O. Box 186
Halifax, Nova Scotia
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Feb. 22, 2022

Re: Provincial transportation infrastructure investment

Dear Minister Kim Masland,

The Truro & Colchester Chamber of Commerce has been the voice of business in Truro and Colchester since 1891. Serving 450 members, the Truro-based Chamber is the second largest chamber in the province, behind the Halifax Chamber of Commerce.

Our chamber has a policy on Transportation and Infrastructure for which we actively advocate for sustainable and targeted government investment. Your recent announcement of a nearly \$500M investment in roads and bridges in the province for the 2022/23 fiscal year is very encouraging.

We applaud your government's commitment towards the investment in trade-enabling infrastructure. These investments allow business to be productive and competitive while further supporting job growth in the region. Roads and bridges are the foundation of our economy, offering businesses the means to import and export goods. Creating efficiencies through expanding the network and replacing and or updating aging infrastructure allows our economy to prosper.

We recognize that there are competing interests for the limited tax dollars that government is able to disperse on the programs and services that Nova Scotians need and want. We further acknowledge that the demand for public works investments far exceeds the resources available and that projects need to be prioritized to make the best use of the limited capital. That said, there's an important piece of infrastructure along the border between Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, the isthmus of Chignecto, that is the critical corridor for road and rail transport to and from the province. With climate change, the sustainability of this important trade corridor is being threatened. We understand that discussions with New Brunswick and the federal

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government are ongoing over this issue. We ask that you advance these discussions by putting a high priority on finding solutions, sourcing capital and delivering outcomes.

We thank you and your government for seeing the value that investments in infrastructure have for the economy of Nova Scotia. We have many infrastructure projects in our own area that may open up opportunities for commercial and residential growth and would welcome the opportunity to share these visions with you and your senior staff.

Very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew Mossman". The signature is written in a cursive style with some flourishes.

Matthew Mossman
President
Truro & Colchester Chamber of Commerce

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