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Minister Bill Estabrooks
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Dear Mr. Minister:

Thank you for your letter of January 7, 2010 in response to my previous correspondence regarding Duncan's Cove and Chebucto Head Road.

I must disagree with your interpretation regarding the acceptance of new roads into the provincial inventory. You state that "The acceptance of new local roads has been a municipal responsibility since 1995". Although I agree that "new" roads would be HRM's responsibility, Chebucto Head Road is not a new road. It is an existing roadway that neither the province nor federal government will assume responsibility.

Given this information, would you please direct your staff to repair this road to a level that would ensure safe passage for residents and tourists alike.

In addition to Chebucto Head Road, Duncan's Cove Road is also in need of attention. You have a copy of previous correspondence from Michelle Raymond dated May 30, 2007.

In this she states "Duncan's Cove Road is of course an "H" Class road; the province will only undertake paving of such local roads on the recommendation of the municipality, and subject to cost sharing with the municipality".

Further, she states "...I would urge you once again, to consider the needs of these residents and to nominate the Duncan's Cove Road for cost-shared paving in the coming year".

With all due respect I have tried to have this road considered for paving; however, provincial Department of Transportation staff will not accept the request for consideration.

There is clearly a disconnect with regard to the criteria established. Could you please offer clarification with regard to your staff's position and on the position you have stated in your correspondence.

I appreciate your attention to both of these matters.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen Adams". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the typed name.

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cc: Mike Dunbar