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To: Nova Scotia Department of Public Works
Fr: Stephen Adams
Re: Beech Brook Road, Ardoise

I write at the request of Mr. Mark and Kelly Cameron. They have requested I assist in an issue about Beech Brook Road in Ardoise. This road comes off Rockwell Road, which in turn intersects with Highway 1.

To their knowledge, Beech Brook Road has had minimal maintenance, if any at all since it was repaired with reclaimed asphalt approximately 10 years ago. Since then, this road has been subjected to extreme rainfall, constant traffic and flooding. With each storm, the damage becomes worse. In fact, several residents have lost access to their driveways.

In winter, snowplows have exacerbated the issue, as the plow blades dig into an edge of the reclaimed asphalt and move it aside. With every snow event, the reclaimed asphalt is eroded.

There are 14 homes on Beech Brook Road. The following roads come off Beechwood: Harvey Road has 4 homes, Rockwell Road has 6 homes, and Ashwood Road has 6 homes. These residents are uncertain with their ability to leave their homes after any significant rainfall. This road is

In addition to the year-round residents, there are 140 seasonal campers who use this road, with an average on the weekend of 15-18. This area also hosted the Nova Scotia Bluegrass Festival from 1982 – 1998, before relocating to other areas of Nova Scotia. This festival returned in 2023 for their 50th anniversary and have signed a 5-year contract with Beech Brook Campground to host this event. The economic spinoffs are certainly welcomed by local businesses.

Please consider this a request to repair Beech Brook Road to a level whereby constant and extensive remediation and maintenance will not be required.

I appreciate your consideration to this important issue.



Stephen Adams

c. Mayor Abraham Zebian, MLA Melissa Sheehy-Richard, Councillor Jeff Hartt