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Dear Recipient Stakeholder:

Pursuant to Section 49 (7) of the Nova Scotia Provincial Subdivision Regulations, the Department of Public Works (DPW) wishes to advise that effective September 1, 2026, all Final Plan of Subdivision submissions to DPW must include Stopping Sight Distance (SSD) measurements and respective location(s) identified along the lot frontage for each proposed lot fronting a provincial highway per:

49 (7) For a proposed lot that will have access to a provincial public highway, the final plan of subdivision must be accompanied by or show stopping sight distances information in the form specified in Schedule "G" completed by a Nova Scotia Land Surveyor or by the authority having jurisdiction for the public streets abutting the lot.

This notification is further to meetings DPW attended in May 2026 with the Association of Nova Scotia Land Surveyors (ANSLS) and the Municipal Development Officers Association of Nova Scotia (MDOANS), to review these upcoming changes. This update aims to ensure uniform compliance and improve road safety. These SSD measurements are to be presented on the Final Plan of Subdivision in tabular format in accordance with Schedule "G" in the Regulations.

Please ensure that all future subdivision of land submissions to the Department of Public Works for review adhere to this new requirement. Thank you for your continued cooperation in this regard.

Yours truly,

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Executive Director, Highway Maintenance and Operations

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Schedule "G"

Schedule "G" - Stopping Sight Distances

STOPPING SIGHT DISTANCES								
LOT NO.	SPEED ZONE (Km/h)	DISTANCE FROM LOT CORNER LEFT/RIGHT (m)	LEFT		RIGHT		PASS OR FAIL*	COMMENT
			GRADE (%)	DISTANCE (m)	GRADE (%)	DISTANCE (m)		

*According to the Government of Nova Scotia Management Manual 23, Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal Management, Chapter 8, Construction and Maintenance.

Signed: _____
Nova Scotia Land Surveyor