



**House of Assembly
Nova Scotia**

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Hon. Ron Russell
Minister of Transportation & Public Works
P O Box 186
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Dear Minister:

Re: Northwest Arm Drive

Your Department recently completed a traffic study for Northwest Arm Drive, which is the stretch of provincial highway running from Main Avenue to the Old Sambro Road in Halifax. I am writing to urge you to fund the changes recommended in the study, before there are any more collisions and injuries.

The study was undertaken as a result of concerns raised by residents of the Stoneridge subdivision. This new subdivision has only one vehicular entry/exit, and that is onto Northwest Arm Drive at the intersection with Albert Walker Drive and Walter Havill Drive. Stoneridge residents indicated their feeling that this intersection was, to put it simply, dangerous.

The study confirms the residents' feeling that the intersection is dangerous. The accident rate at this intersection is nearly double the provincial average. There are other problems elsewhere on Northwest Arm Drive, including one spot where there have been fatalities.

It is my understanding that DOTPW's Central District has submitted Northwest Arm Drive improvements as a budget priority for the 2005/06 fiscal year. I respectfully request that these very necessary safety improvements be approved in this year's budget.

Yours sincerely,

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