

March 28, 2006

Hon. Angus MacIsaac  
Minister of Transportation & Public Works

Dear Minister:

**Re: Northwest Arm Drive, Halifax – Safety Improvements**

Thank you for your letter of February 28, 2006. First, let me congratulate you on your new Cabinet posting. I have had a number of discussions, inside and outside the Legislature, with your predecessor about Northwest Arm Drive, and I look forward to continuing those discussions with you.

My purpose in writing again is simply to point out that the safety improvements to Northwest Arm Drive (particularly the Walter Havill Drive intersection) are an acknowledged priority of your own Department. I would not want you to think that the desire for improvements is coming only from local residents. It is your staff who have deemed the collision rate at that intersection “unacceptably high”; and who have indicated to me that they can think of no intersection in the western part of the Central Region with a higher collision rate; and who have already designed the needed safety improvements. The only thing now lacking is the money to do the work.

I know that your Department gets many, many requests for funding – more than it can possibly fulfill. However, locals residents and I believe that the acknowledged, urgent safety problems at the Walter Havill intersection are enough to give some priority to this particular request.

Yours sincerely,

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